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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Pursuant to Regulation 310 CMR 7.02(3)(h), notice is given of the following Non-Major Plan Application and MassDEP's proposed decision on a Non-Major Plan Application the following Facility:

City/Town:	Peabody
Facility Name	Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC)
Applicant	Mr. Jason Viadero
Location	327 Moody Street, Ludlow, MA 01056
ePLACE Application No.:	24-AQ02-0007-APP
Proposed Action	Non-major Comprehensive Plan Application
Purpose:	

On September 30, 2020, MassDEP issued Approval No.: NE-17-001 & Transmittal No.: X273353 to the facility that stipulated in Table 2, Note 15 of Plan Approval NE-17-001: *“Start-up and shutdown emission limits and duration are subject to revision by MassDEP based upon review of initial compliance testing (stack testing) and operational data.”*

Further, Table 3, Condition 16 of Plan Approval NE-17-001 stipulated: *“The Permittee shall ensure that initial compliance tests of the Facility are conducted for start-up and shutdown periods. These compliance tests shall represent periods of operation below the MECL. Emission data generated from this testing shall be made available for review by MassDEP prior to determining and approving the maximum allowable emission limits for all*

pollutants listed in Table 2 (lb per event) and opacity limits, for these periods of time. MassDEP will incorporate these emission limits into this Plan Approval for the as-built Facility upon issuance and such limits shall be considered enforceable,”

This Non-major Comprehensive Plan Approval (“Plan Approval” or “permit”) addresses the start-up and shutdown emission limits and defines Minimum Emission Compliance Limit (MECL). It leads to the following changes:

1. Definition of MECL as 22 MW.
2. Modification of start-up and shutdown limits for primary fuel, i.e., natural gas and backup fuel, i.e., Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel.
3. Inclusion of on-going compliance or emission testing every 2500 hours of operation on natural gas and 500 hours of operation on ULSD since commencement of commercial operation.

This Plan Approval also:

4. Rescinds all permit language, terms and conditions regarding the use of aqueous ammonia since the facility has decided to not use it in the air pollution control device.
5. Equations in footnotes of Table 2 are being corrected to eliminate double counting of emissions during start-up and shutdown time.

Other non-technical change categories include:

- a. Elimination of one-time conditions applicable to construction of facility or commencement of operation that have been met.
- b. Correction or renumbering of endnotes in tables.
- c. Minor improvements to semantics of approval’s conditions.

In its review of submitted written public comments, please note that MassDEP will only consider written public comments on the 2025 Application and Proposed Decision (Plan Approval). In reviewing the Proposed Decision (Plan Approval), the MassDEP modifications to the September 30, 2020 Plan Approval are shown in **RED COLORED FONT**. Pursuant to 310 CMR 7.02(3)(h), all public comments are therefore limited to the MassDEP proposed changes to the September 30, 2020 Plan Approval which are shown in **RED COLORED FONT**. Comments submitted addressing the September 30, 2020 Plan Approval are outside the scope of this Application and Proposed Decision. While the previously approved September 30, 2020 Plan Approval allowed for the construction and operation of the Facility, this Proposed Decision (Plan Approval) addresses the start-up and shutdown emission limits and defines the MECL. Specifically, the public comments that will be considered in MassDEP’s review will be limited to the comments on the start-up and shutdown emission limits. The application materials also include a line-by-line comparison of NE-17-001 and proposed approval.

The Application and MassDEP's proposed decision (Plan Approval) are available on the EEA ePLACE Public Access Portal at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/>.^{*} The Application, MassDEP's proposed decision, and the administrative record also are available for inspection at MassDEP's Office at the above letterhead address. Comments on the proposed decision must be submitted in writing by March 26, 2026. Comments may be submitted via the Public Access Portal, via electronic mail to edward.braczyk@mass.gov, or via mail to the letterhead address above.

Failure of a person or group of ten persons to provide written comments on MassDEP's proposed decision shall result in the waiver of any right to request an adjudicatory hearing on MassDEP's decision pursuant to 310 CMR 7.51(1), Rules to Request an Adjudicatory Hearing.

Any person, or group of ten persons, who wants to receive a copy of MassDEP's final decision on the date MassDEP issues the decision to the applicant, must submit a written request via electronic mail or regular mail to:

Edward J. Braczyk

Permit Chief, Bureau of Air and Waste

Email: edward.braczyk@mass.gov

Mail: 150 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA 01801

^{*} On the Main page, click on the orange "Search and/ or Comment" button and click on the application you wish to review or comment on. Search this application by *Site Name* "MMWEC" or *Record ID* "25-AQ02F-0002-APP".