

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES**

**CLEAN PEAK ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD  
NEAR-TERM RESOURCE MULTIPLIER GUIDELINE  
for Clean Peak Energy Portfolio Standard Participants**

*Pursuant to the Clean Peak Energy Standard Regulations at 225 CMR 21.00*

**Effective Date: May 9, 2025**

This Guideline clarifies the method by which the Department of Energy Resources (“Department”) determines the Near-Term Resource Multiplier eligibility.

**1. Eligibility**

All of the following four criteria must be met for a Clean Peak Resource to qualify for the Near-Term Resource Multiplier:

- (1) The Clean Peak Resource must be a standalone, front-of-the-meter, Qualified Energy Storage System (QESS) that is interconnected to the Distribution System. A standalone, front-of-the-meter, QESS is a QESS that serves no associated on-site load other than parasitic load or station load utilized to operate the QESS.
- (2) The Clean Peak Resource must not have received a Statement of Qualification on or before January 1, 2025, and must have a Commercial Operation Date before January 1, 2027.
- (3) The Clean Peak Resource must not be receiving nor will receive the Distribution Circuit Multiplier. No Clean Peak Resource shall receive both the Distribution Circuit Multiplier and the Near-Term Resource Multiplier.
- (4) Qualification of the Clean Peak Resource for the Near-Term Resource multiplier shall not cause the affiliated Owner, Operator, or Authorized Agent to qualify for greater than 50% of the total capacity designated by the Department in the Near-Term Resource Multiplier program.

The Department shall set an initial eligibility cap for the Near-Term Resource Multiplier of 50 MW of cumulative Qualified Energy Storage System capacity. After notice and opportunity for public comment, the Department may increase this cap in the future.

**2. Near-Term Resource Multiplier Values**

Beginning with the Clean Peak Resource’s effective date, all Clean Peak Resources eligible for the Near-Term Resource Multiplier shall be assigned a Near-Term Resource Multiplier value of 2 for years 1 through 10. The multiplier will be applied to the Clean Peak Resource’s CPEC

production in accordance with multiplier methodology as identified on the Department's [webpage](#).

### **3. Applying for the Near-Term Resource Multiplier**

Clean Peak Resources that meet the eligibility criteria for the Near-Term Resource Multiplier shall submit an application, found on the Department's website, providing preliminary Clean Peak Resource information, including but not limited to:

- Clean Peak Resource owner and contact information;
- An executed Interconnection Service Agreement ("ISA");
- Right to construct documentation; and
- Non-ministerial permits.

Clean Peak Resources do not need to have submitted a CPS Statement of Qualification ("SQA") in order to reserve Near-Term Resource Multiplier capacity. However, applicants must submit a final CPS SQA the earlier of 18 months after their Near-Term Resource Multiplier reservation is approved or before January 31, 2027 or their reservation shall be revoked. Applicants may request a reservation extension for Good Cause. The Department shall review these requests on a case-by-case basis.

The Department shall publish on its website the total capacity of Near-Term Resource Multiplier reservations. The Department shall maintain a waitlist for capacity as necessary.

Near-Term Resource Multiplier reservations will begin to be accepted by the Department upon the Effective Date of this Guideline. All Near-Term Resource Multiplier reservations received within the first ten business days after the Effective Date will be sequenced by ISA execution date to determine the allocation of Near-Term Resource Multiplier reservations. Following this sequencing, Near-Term Resource reservations will be approved on a first come, first served basis.