

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs

## Department of Environmental Protection

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## **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

This Public Hearing Notice is available in alternative languages (Español -- Tiếng Việt -- Chinese -- Kreyòl Ayisyen -- Português -- Khmer) on MassDEP's website at: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-public-hearings-comment-opportunities">https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-public-hearings-comment-opportunities</a>.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), under the authority of M.G.L. c. 21A, M.G.L. c. 21N and M.G.L. c. 111, §§ 142A – E, will hold a public hearing in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A on proposed amendments to 310 CMR 7.75 *Clean Energy Standard*. The proposed amendments would provide additional certainty to regulated entities regarding the need to accelerate the schedule for decarbonizing the electricity supply and Alternative Compliance Payment (ACP) rates. The accelerated schedule is consistent with Massachusetts' Net Zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions goal for 2050, announced in January 2020, the 2050 Decarbonization Roadmap, and the goals set out for 2030 and 2050 in the Interim CECP and Chapter 8 of the Acts of 2021 – *An Act Creating a Next Generation Roadmap for Massachusetts Climate Policy*.

The proposed regulation and a background document are available on MassDEP's website at: www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/news/comment/. Pursuant to the provisions for adequate alternative public access to agency hearings, set forth in Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 and Governor Charles D. Baker's COVID Executive Order No. 1 Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, s. 20, dated March 12, 2020, which was extended by COVID Executive Order No. 69, public hearings will be conducted online and via telephone.

The dates and call-in information for the public hearings are as follows:

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 10:00 am via Zoom Webinar

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86144197857

Meeting ID: 861 4419 7857 USA 713 353 7024 US Toll USA 888 330 1716 US Toll-free

Conference code: 427228

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 6:00p via Zoom Webinar

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Testimony may be presented orally at the public hearing. MassDEP will accept written comments until 5:00 PM on Friday, June 3, 2022. Written comments must be submitted by email to <u>climate.strategies@mass.gov</u> or by mail to: Joshua Cook, MassDEP, One Winter Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02108.

For special accommodations for these hearings, please call the MassDEP Diversity Office at 617-292-5751. TTY# MassRelay Service 1-800-439-2370. This information is available in alternate format upon request. MassDEP provides language access interpreter/translation services to limited English proficient individuals free of charge. If you need an interpreter to participate in this hearing, translation services can be found at the following link: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massdep-language-translation-assistance">https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massdep-language-translation-assistance</a>.

By Order of the Department Martin Suuberg Commissioner