Creating a Clean, Affordable and Resilient Energy Future for the Commonwealth



Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

SMART Guideline on Alternative CSS and LICSS Programs

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Agenda

- Overview of Guideline
- Purpose of policy and new updates
- Open to Questions/ Comments
- Recording this presentation and will post it to SMART Emergency Rulemaking webpage
- Written comments due June 18, 2020 to DOER.SMART@mass.gov



Purpose of Guideline

- Provide the basic eligibility criteria for utilizing alternative models to reach customers through Community Shared Solar and Low Income Community Shared solar
- Guideline outlines eligible only for the SMART Program, does not provide guidance on any other approvals or review that may be required
- Working to streamline administration of LICSS/CSS by utilizing these models



Community Choice Aggregation

Generation Units can use the structure of Community Choice Aggregation to deliver the benefits of CSS/ LICSS to residents

Qualification Process

Predetermination Letter from DOER approving process established to meet following criteria:

1. Enrollment of Customers

- > Opt-out
- Disclosure statement sent to customers
- Clear statement and explanation of value and/ or savings delivered
- Clear statement on terms of participation in CSS/ LICSS regarding environmental claims



Community Choice Aggregation

Qualification Process (cont'd)

- 2. Off-taker Requirements
 - > Must meet all eligibility criteria for CSS/LICSS
 - Number of off-takers
 - Amount allocated to each off-taker
 - Eligibility of off-takers as legal entities
 - Low Income eligibility, if applicable



Community Choice Aggregation

Qualification Process (cont'd)

- 3. Generation Unit Eligibility
- Documentation demonstrating how energy payments to the Generation Units => participation/ savings for customers



 Documentation demonstrating compliance for tariff term, or have plan in place for updates



EDC Run Program

Generation Units can use the structure of programs run by EDCs to deliver the benefits of CSS/ LICSS to residents

Qualification Process

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 - Clear statement on terms of participation in CSS/ LICSS regarding environmental claims



EDC Run Program

Qualification Process (cont'd)

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EDC Run Program

Qualification Process (cont'd)

3. Generation Unit Eligibility

Documentation demonstrating STGU is enrolled in LICSS/CSS program





Questions and Comments

- Please use the "raise your hand" function in the webinar sidebar
- Submit written comments to <u>DOER.SMART@mass.gov</u> by June 18, 2020

