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220 CMR 7.00: RESIDENTIAL ENERGY CONSERVATION SERVICE PROGRAM COST RECOVERY

Section

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7.01: Definitions

Under 220 CMR 7.00, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings, unless the context requires otherwise:

Department. The Department of Public Utilities.

Energy Efficiency Guidelines. Energy Efficiency Guidelines promulgated by the Department that set forth the requirements applicable to Program Administrators in the filing of their Three-year Plans and the standards by which the Department will review energy efficiency plans and reports.

Program Administrator. Any electric or gas company, as defined in M.G.L. c. 164, § 1, or any municipal aggregator with a certified energy efficiency plan pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, § 134(b).

RCS. The Massachusetts residential conservation service program as established by M.G.L. c. 164, *Appendix*, §§ 2-1 through 2-10.

Three-year Plan. An efficiency investment plan prepared by a Program Administrator and submitted to the Department pursuant to M.G.L. c. 25, § 21.

7.02: Three-year Plan Filing

A Program Administrator shall satisfy the requirements of M.G.L. c. 164, *Appendix*, § 2-7(b) by including its RCS program and budget as a part of its Three-year Plan. The Program Administrator shall make such filing in the following manner.

(1) In accordance with M.G.L. c. 25, § 21(d)(1), every three years on or before October 31st, each Program Administrator shall file with the Department a Three-year Plan that includes a description of the Program Administrator's proposed RCS program and operating budget for the three-year term beginning on January 1st of the subsequent year. Said operating budget shall include the funding and expenses that the Program Administrator will need to carry out the RCS portion of the Three-year Plan during the forthcoming three-year term.

(2) Program Administrators shall provide the following information:
(a) RCS as a separate line item in all budget tables;

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- (b) A comparison between the actual RCS spending and the proposed RCS budget for the previous three-year term; and
 - (c) Any additional information the Department may require during the Three-year Plan review process.
- (3) The Department shall review the Program Administrator's proposed RCS program and budget pursuant to M.G.L. c. 25, § 21.
- (4) A Program Administrator shall file any amendments to its RCS budget as approved in its Three-year Plan in accordance with the Department's Energy Efficiency Guidelines.

A Program Administrator shall recover its RCS operating budget through the fully reconciling funding mechanism set forth in M.G.L. c. 25, § 21(b)(2)(vii). Each Program Administrator shall take into account deficiencies or surpluses of revenues for such RCS expenses produced from the previous three-year term when submitting its proposed operating budget for the next three-year term. This shall be considered the reconciliation period required for each Program Administrator.

- (5) The Department may, where appropriate, grant an exception to any provision of 220 CMR 7.00.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

220 CMR 7.00: M.G.L. c. 164, *Appendix*, §§ 2-1 through 2-10; St. 2012, c. 209, § 32.