



November 29, 2018

Sarah Smegal, Hearing Officer
Department of Public Utilities

Andrew Gottlieb
Executive Director

RE: D.P.U. 18-116 Public Comment

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On behalf of the Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC), the Cape's leading regional nonprofit environmental advocacy and education organization, I am writing in support of the Cape Light Compact's (Compact) 2019-2021 Energy Efficiency Plan (Plan). I believe the Compact's proposed enhancements, specifically their Cape and Vineyard Electrification offering, is exactly what was intended by the recent amendments to the Massachusetts Green Communities Act. As was noted in a November 27, 2018 *Boston Globe* editorial, Massachusetts moving towards strategic electrification is an expensive endeavor for electric ratepayers. This is why the Compact's proposal to pair cold climate heat pumps with solar PV and battery storage makes good economic sense and is the right thing to do for Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard ratepayers.

The Compact has been successfully administering energy efficiency programs on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard since 2001. Reinvesting millions of dollars of ratepayer funds back into the local economy and running successful cost-effective energy efficiency programs has been the hallmark of the Compact's efforts to date. It is the responsibility of Massachusetts Program Administrators to administer cost effective energy efficiency and demand reduction programs. It is my understanding that the Compact's 2019-2021 Energy Efficiency Plan (Plan) is cost effective, including all their proposed enhancements, and complies with the amendments to the Green Communities Act. The Compact has also vetted the elements of the Plan as well as the cost of the Plan with the twenty-one Cape and Vineyard towns.

If everything the Compact is proposing in the 2019-2021 is cost effective and the bill impacts are known and supported by the Cape and Vineyard community, the Department of Public Utilities should approve the Compact's Plan as submitted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Gottlieb', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Gottlieb
Executive Director

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