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Mark D. Marini, Secretary
Department of Public Utilities
One South Station, 5th Floor
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RE: Cape Light Compact CVEO - DPU 22-137

Dear Secretary Marini:

The Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) submits the following comments in support of the Cape Light Compact's proposed Cape & Vineyard Electrification Offering (CVEO).

Founded in 1968, APCC is the leading nonprofit environmental advocacy and education organization for the Cape Cod region, working for the adoption of laws, policies and programs that protect, preserve and restore Cape Cod's natural resources.

APCC strongly supports CVEO for the following reasons:

- CVEO is consistent with recently adopted state climate legislation and will advance the goals and objectives of the Commonwealth's net zero targets by reducing greenhouse gas emissions while also providing cost-effective energy savings.
- CVEO serves low- and moderate-income members of the Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard community, a population that faces economic barriers to installing the three technologies proposed under CVEO.
- CVEO is a local community-designed response to regional energy needs that is intended to reduce the energy burden for low- and moderate-income residents. It will help address the economic barriers to ownership of the CVEO technologies, such as the high up-front costs and the inability to qualify for a loan.
- Through the installation of air source heat pumps, CVEO advances the Commonwealth's goals of beneficial strategic electrification and the greening of the building sector.



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- Over the past four years, CVEO has garnered wide support among residents, businesses and local elected officials within the Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard community.

CVEO is a valuable regional program that will provide substantial benefits to the community. APCC respectfully urges the DPU to move swiftly in approving CVEO.

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

cc: Audrey Eidelman Kiernan, Esq.