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Re: Cape Light Compact JPE 2022-2024 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan (D.P.U. 21-126)

On behalf of the Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative (Climate Collaborative), we are writing to endorse the Cape Light Compact's (Compact) 2022-2024 Energy Efficiency Plan (Plan) with enhancements.

The Climate Collaborative is a non-profit organization whose mission is to reach carbon neutrality—or net zero—on the Cape and Islands of Massachusetts by enhancing collaboration, communication, and activism among organizations, institutions and individuals committed to mitigating the climate crisis. Our membership of nearly 3,000 individuals includes leaders from energy efficiency, business, transportation, building, education, science, faith, clean energy, public policy, environmental protection, and activist communities across the region.

The Climate Collaborative has cooperatively engaged with the Compact since our organization's inception in 2016 as we work to educate and inform Cape Cod businesses, residents, municipalities, and other organizations about energy efficiency in buildings and operations on Cape Cod. Many of our members have utilized the Compact's programs for energy efficiency improvements, appliance exchanges, etc. and we respect the Compact's exemplary program management. Despite these successes, however, the Compact must be empowered to adequately address significant economic obstacles to adoption of the newer energy technologies.

As a result, we are particularly enthusiastic about supporting the Plan's "Cape and Vineyard Electrification Offering (CVEO) which would enhance the Compact's proven energy efficiency programs with air source heat pumps, battery storage and PV. This program would reduce regional dependence on fossil fuels while addressing economic equity by targeting low- and moderate-income customers. We also endorse enhanced incentives for eligible and moderate income residential multi-family new construction projects. Finally, we support the continuance of up to 100% incentives for Commercial and Industrial customers to increase the participation in the Compact's Cape and Islands energy efficiency programs.

We urge the D.P.U to approve the Plan so the Cape and Islands will continue to increase penetration of technologies reducing the region's dependence on fossil fuels and do so in an equitable manner.

Sincerely,

Richard Delaney

Richard F. Delaney President, Board of Directors

and

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