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VIA Email

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RE: City of Revere, D.P.U. 24-189

Dear Attorney Gromer:

On November 20, 2024, the City of Revere ("Revere" or "City"), through its agent MassPowerChoice, LLC, filed with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") a petition for approval of a municipal aggregation plan ("Plan") pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134(a). The City filed a revised Plan on January 22, 2025.¹ The Department conducted a public hearing on January 22, 2025, pursuant to a December 2, 2024 notice of filing, public hearing, and request for comments.²

General Laws c. 164, § 134(a) authorizes any municipality or group of municipalities to aggregate the electrical load of interested customers within its boundaries, provided that the load is not served by a municipal light plant. The Municipal Aggregation Guidelines

¹ The City's revised Plan included § IV.B.7.c, which had been omitted when the Plan was originally filed.

² The Department did not receive any comments.

("Guidelines") for municipal aggregation plan filings establish the specific requirements for all Plans. <u>Municipal Aggregation Guidelines</u>, D.P.U. 23-67-A (2024). A plan filing that complies with the Guidelines satisfies the requirements set forth in G.L. c. 164, § 134(a). D.P.U. 23-67-A at 20.

The Department reviews a filed plan to determine whether it includes the information required by the Guidelines (including supplemental information provided by the City at the request of the Department). Guidelines, Section V.B. If, upon review, the Department finds that a filed plan includes all such information, the Department will approve a plan as filed. Conversely, if upon review, the Department finds that a filed plan does not include all the information required by the Guidelines, the Department will not approve such plan and will identify the information such plan must include to warrant Department approval.

Table 1, below, identifies the information required by each section of the Guidelines and the section(s) of the City's Plan that includes the necessary information.

| Guidelines | Plan |
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| III. Procedural Requirements | |
| A. Initiation of Process | Petition, Attachment III.A |
| B. Consultation with DOER | Petition, Attachment III.B |
| C. Public Review | Section III.C |
| IV. Plan Elements | |
| A. Organizational Structure | Section IV.A |
| B. Program Operations | |
| 1. Statutory Requirements | |
| a. Universal Access | Section IV.B.1.a |
| b. Reliability | Section IV.B.1.b |
| c. Equitable Treatment of Customer Classes | Section IV.B.1.c |
| 2. Procurement of Supply | Section IV.B.2 |
| 3. Product Information | Section IV.B.3 |
| a. Rate Setting | |
| b. Renewable Energy Content | |
| c. Other Energy-Related Products and Services | |
| 4. Other Funding/Costs | Section IV.B.4 |
| 5. Customer Enrollment | |
| a. Initial Enrollment | Section IV.B.5.a |
| b. Ongoing Enrollment | Section IV.B.5.b |
| c. Opt-In Products | Section IV.B.5.c |
| 6. Customer Notifications | |

Table 1

| a. Opt-Out Notice | | Section IV.B.6.a; Attachment |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | IV.B.6.a |
| b. Notification of Product Change | | Section IV.B.6.b |
| c. Other Notifications | | |
| i. Gen | neral Program Information | Section IV.B.6.c.i |
| | gram Supplier nmunication | Section IV.B.6.c.ii |
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| 7. Ongoing Program Information | | Section IV.B.7 |
| a. Updated Product | | Section IV.B.7.a |
| b. Previous Year Program Information | | Section IV.B.7.b |
| i. Pro | duct Information | |
| ii. Rate | e Component Information | |
| iii. Ren | newable Content Information | |
| c. General Product I | Information | Section IV.B.7.c |
| 8. Termination of the Program | | Section IV.B.8 |
| C. Rights and Responsibilities of Programs Participants | | Section IV.C |
| V. Department Review | | Section V |
| VI. Annual Reports | | Section VI |
| VII. Application of Restructuring Rules | | Section VII |
| VIII. Notification to EDCs | | |
| A. Plan Filing | | Section VIII.A |
| B. Electric Supply Agreement | | Section VIII.B |
| IX. Plan and Program Changes | | |
| A. Plan Modifications | | Section IX.A |
| B. Program Consultant | | Section IX.B |
| X. Implementation of Guidelines | | NA |
| XI. Waiver | | NA |

Based on its review of the City's Plan, the Department finds that the information included in the sections identified in Table 1 complies with the information requirements set forth in the applicable section of the Guidelines and, therefore, satisfies all requirements in G.L. c. 164, § 134(a).³ Accordingly, the Municipal Aggregation Plan filed by the City of Revere, is approved.

By Order of the Department,

James M. Van Nostrand, Chair

Cecile M. Fraser, Commissioner

Staci Rubin, Commissioner

³ The Department notes that the City must comply with all of the requirements set forth in the Guidelines, even if the Plan did not specifically address a particular requirement.