



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

MEMORANDUM

TO: D.P.U. 14-140 Distribution List

FROM: Jeffrey M. Leupold, Hearing Officer

RE: Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion into Initiatives to Improve the Retail Electric Competitive Supply Market, D.P.U. 14-140 -- Technical Session Regarding: (1) Shopping for Competitive Supply Website; and (2) Information Disclosure Label

DATE: July 8, 2015

CC: Mark D. Marini, Secretary

On December 11, 2014, the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) issued its Order in Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion into Initiatives to Improve the Retail Electric Competitive Supply Market, D.P.U. 14-140 (2014). One of the initiatives proposed by the Department was to develop a “shopping for competitive supply” website (“Website”). D.P.U. 14-140, at 1, 3-5. The Department conducted technical sessions regarding the Website on January 7, 2015, February 4, 2015, and March 24, 2015. See D.P.U. 14-140, Hearing Officer Memoranda, December 19, 2014, January 9, 2015, and February 24, 2015. In addition, the Department convened working group meetings via teleconference on March 5, 2015, and April 6, 2015. On May 4, 2015, the Department distributed to stakeholders proposed rules that will apply to the Website. See D.P.U. 14-140, Hearing Officer Memorandum, May 4, 2015. Written comments on the proposed rules were submitted on May 15, 2015.

A second initiative proposed by the Department was to revise the existing information disclosure label. D.P.U. 14-140, at 1, 5-7. Department staff presented proposed revisions to the label during technical sessions held on January 7, 2015, and May 27, 2015. See D.P.U. 14-140, Hearing Officer Memoranda, December 19, 2014, and May 22, 2015. At the May 27, 2015 technical session, the Department invited stakeholders to submit written comments on staff’s proposal. Written comments on the proposal were submitted on June 26, 2015.

The Department will hold a fifth technical session in this proceeding on **August 5, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.** to discuss the written comments related to the website and revisions to the information disclosure label. The Hearing Officer will distribute an agenda for the technical session in advance. The technical session will be held at the Department's Office, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jeffrey Leupold at jeffrey.leupold@state.ma.us or at 617-305-3684.