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Mr. Mark Marini, Secretary
Department of Public Utilities
One South Station, Fifth Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

**Re: Resolution of the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council Concerning the
Statewide Database Request to the Department of Public Utilities dated May 13, 2014.**

Dear Secretary Marini:

Enclosed please find the Resolution of the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council (“EEAC”, “Council”) with respect to certain capabilities and access requirements that a Statewide Energy Efficiency Database may have upon implementation. Pursuant to the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) Order approving each of the Program Administrator’s Three-Year Energy Efficiency Investment Plans for 2013 through 2015, D.P.U. 12-100 through D.P.U. 12-111, the Department ruled that the development of a statewide database is consistent with, and complementary to, the revised reporting protocols previously established in D.P.U. 11-120-A, Phase II. The Department further stated that it would participate in the development of the statewide database process. In that Order, the Department also acknowledged that the Department of Energy Resources (“DOER”) would assume a leadership role in the development of the database. See Order, p.60.

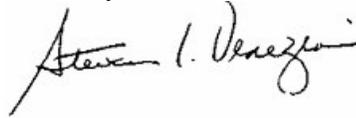
In its capacity as Chair of the Council, the DOER obtained the consent of the Council to establish a Database Subcommittee. The Database Subcommittee, in turn, created a Database Working Group. Working in tandem, these two bodies have advanced the goal of developing a Statewide Energy Efficiency Database. Their good work has resulted in a clarification of certain issues upon which there is not currently a consensus.

The enclosed Resolution of the Council passed on May 13, 2014 represents a request for guidance from the Department by the Council. As Chair of the Council, the Massachusetts

Department of Energy Resources (“DOER”) submits this Resolution of the EEAC to the Department of Public Utilities. The Voting Councilors of the EEAC approved the enclosed Resolution by a vote of thirteen in favor and zero against. Two Voting Councilors were not present for the vote.

On behalf of the Council, the DOER requests that the Department consider the enclosed Council Resolution and take the steps it deems appropriate to make a determination in response to the Council’s request for guidance. The DOER thanks the Department for its participation in this process. We stand ready to assist the Department in our shared objective of realizing the Statewide Energy Efficiency Database.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven I. Venezia". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "S".

Steven I. Venezia
Deputy General Counsel

Enclosure

Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council Resolution on Statewide Database Request to the Department of Public Utilities

The Energy Efficiency Advisory Council (“EEAC”) has determined that designing, building, and implementing a statewide energy efficiency database (“Statewide Database”) is a chief priority.

Accordingly, the EEAC created a database subcommittee to provide oversight on behalf of the EEAC for activities regarding the design, development, and implementation of a Statewide Database.

The Department of Public Utilities (“DPU”) recognized that the Department of Energy Resources (“DOER”) would assume a leadership role in developing a Statewide Database through a stakeholder process. Further, the DPU agreed to participate in the stakeholder process to ensure consistency between the development of the Statewide Database and future energy efficiency performance reports.

A Massachusetts Statewide Energy Efficiency Database System Specification and a Massachusetts Statewide Energy Efficiency Database System Cost and Schedule Estimate were completed pursuant to the EEAC Database Subcommittee process where there was not full consensus. see Appendix A).

At this time, to continue the development of the Statewide Database, the EEAC is requesting guidance from the DPU on two matters:

1. The EEAC hereby requests that the DPU with all deliberate speed identify the data inputs, required to inform the EEAC and the DPU in their respective mandates to oversee the pursuit of all cost-effective energy efficiency on a statewide basis, which include site, project, measure, and participant and non participant usage that shall be included in the Statewide Database.

If, in answering 1. above, the DPU identifies customer data to be included in the Statewide Database that the DPU deems subject to Massachusetts data privacy laws then:

2. The EEAC hereby requests that the DPU with all deliberate speed decide on the reporting schedules and recommended data privacy controls for:
 - (a) Confidential, granular statewide energy efficiency and ratepayer usage data;
 - (b) Publicly viewable datasets, which will be derived from the data stored in the Statewide Database; and
 - c) Responsibility for funding and hosting a Statewide Database containing confidential data.