



# Accelerated Rebate Pilot: Selecting Eligible Customers

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# Statutory Background

- An Act Relative to Competitively Priced Electricity in the Commonwealth (“2012 Energy Act”), St. 2012, c.209, was approved August 3, 2012
- Sections 5 and 54 of the 2012 Energy Act require the PAs to implement a pilot program for their five largest gas and electric customers based upon specific customer locations in their respective service territories



# Pilot Overview

- Customers are eligible for financial support up to 100% of the cost for qualified energy efficiency measures as determined by each PA.
- Customers' total rebates may not exceed 90% of their contribution to the energy efficiency fund during calendar year 2012.
- Customers may use up to 15% of the rebate for other improvements that support energy efficiency or emission reductions, including infrastructure improvements, metering, circuit level technology, or software.
- For additional information, please see 2013-2015 Energy Efficiency Plan, at 206-207.



# Selecting the 5 largest customers

- Eligible customers based on the following criteria:
  - Kwh or therm usage, based upon previous 12 months of usage data from the date of the legislation, August 2012
  - An account is defined as a meter
  - Meters cannot be aggregated to determine eligibility
  - 5 accounts must be five unique customers
- If a customer elects to participate in 2013, the customer must choose which years to aggregate:
  - One year, 2013, 90% of 2012 contributions
  - Two years, 2013 & 2014, 180% of 2012 contributions
  - Three years, 2013, 2014, 2015, 270% of 2012 contributions



## Notifying 5 largest eligible customers

- The C&I Management Committee developed a model form notice letter. See PA Three-Year Plan Filings, D.P.U. 12-100 through D.P.U. 12-111, Exh. AG-Comm-2-7, Att.
- In late 2012 or early January 2013, each PA provided its 5 largest eligible customers with both verbal and written communication of the pilot and invited the customers' participation.
- Customers who elected to participate were required to provide a written response using a form supplied by the PA.
- The 2012 Energy Act required customer responses prior to January 31, 2013, in order to be eligible to participate in program year 2013.



# Participation of 5 Largest Customers as of March 2013

Companies	2013	2014	2015
National Grid Electric	1	1	1
National Grid Gas	1	1	1
NSTAR Electric	0	0	0
NSTAR Gas	1	1	1
Unitil Electric	4	4	4
Unitil Gas	4	4	4
WMECO	1	0	0
Columbia Gas	3	3	3
New England Gas	0	0	0
Berkshire Gas	0	0	0

NOTE: The Cape Light Compact (“Compact”), as a municipal aggregator, is not subject to the statutory obligations under the Accelerated Rebate Program. Currently, Blackstone does not implement custom C&I installations, but will be contacting other PAs as directed by the Department of Public Utilities (“DPU”) in its Three-Year Plan Order, D.P.U.12-100 through D.P.U. 12-111 (2013), in an effort to implement this pilot.