

To: All Councilors on the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council
From: Jennifer Luebke, PhD, Resident and Ratepayer of Brookline, MA

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Dear Members of the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council,

I am writing to you with regard to your review of the 3-year energy plan for 2016-2018. It is my strong opinion that this is the time to ensure that energy efficiency goals are improved further for our state! This plan should ensure that Massachusetts maintains its first-in-the-nation status with regard to energy efficiency and that it should go as far as possible to capture ALL energy sources that are less expensive than new supply.

As you undoubtedly recognize, increasing efficiency reduces demand and consumption and that reduces the need for alternative, often dirty sources of energy such as, for example additional pipeline capacity. As a Massachusetts ratepayer (I am an NStar customer), whose dollars support these energy efficiency programs and as a resident of Massachusetts, a state at the end of the energy pipeline, I value efficiency as our first and least cost resource.

Massachusetts has a statutory obligation to capture all cost-effective energy efficiency, required by Green Communities Act (GCA) and the Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA). It is unacceptable that the current Three-Year Plan goals are lower than what is called for in the Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2020 (a plan required under the GWSA). Lagging behind the Three-Year Plan goals makes it that much more difficult to meet the 2020 GWSA targets, and increases what will need to be reduced between 2020 and 2050.

I urge you to increase the savings goals in the next Three Year Plan, in line with what is outlined in the Clean Energy and Climate Plan and required by MA's nation-leading climate policies.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Luebke