

Dear Energy Efficiency Advisory Council:

I submit these comments, as a private citizen from Orleans (Cape Cod), to assist in planning the next Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan for the Mass Save® energy efficiency programs. Our household has been a periodic participant of the programs administered by the Cape Light Compact and we cannot be more pleased with the energy savings (and rebates, too) for upgrades to our home through the energy assessment, refrigerator recycling program and LED lighting just to name the most recent activities we have taken advantage of.

First, please do continue the existing programs and benefits as they are well recognized, professionally managed and responsive to customer needs. In fact, the refrigerator recycling can all be done online with no contact needed with the haul-away personnel that is a very good thing during this covid-19 pandemic emergency.

Second, this is a suggested area to enhance the residential new construction program, specifically to target and enroll participants who build excessively large new homes solely for the purpose of short-term rental occupancy. The growth in this AirBnB and Vrbo type business, particularly in seasonal resort communities here on Cape Cod and I suspect in other similar parts of the Commonwealth, I believe, is contributing to significant growth of peak energy demand. Just by way of example, in our neighborhood a relatively modest historic home and barn situated on a 2+ acre lot was sold, demolished and replaced with an 8-bedroom vacation rental that is advertised to sleep 22 people, is over 7,600 sq. ft. of conditioned space (both heating and cooling), with 7 full and 2 half bathrooms, multiple refrigerators and laundry rooms. When short-term visitors rent this property we witness lights are left on through all hours of the night and day. The visitors pay over \$2,500 per night to have fun and have no desire to save energy. Further, there is no owner manager visiting the property between rentals other than cleaning/disinfecting staff who clearly have no focus on saving energy either. This is one of those unique situations applicable to certain program administrator territories worth exploring for sure that I have also shared with my contacts at the Cape Light Compact in their community outreach efforts to inform the next Three-Year 2022-2024 EEP.

I trust that the good work going on now to plan the next program cycle can consider addressing this and other program enhancements.

With many thanks to the staff at the Cape Light Compact, the EEAC for your guidance and hard work, to keep Massachusetts leading the way for a better energy future.

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