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MMWEC, State MLP Solar Rebate Program Extended

Ludlow, MA – December 22, 2020 – The state’s Municipal Light Plant (MLP) Solar Rebate Program administered by the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC), the joint action agency for municipal utilities in Massachusetts, and the state Department of Energy Resources (DOER), has been extended.

The application deadline for the program had been set to expire on December 30, 2020. Under the extension, applicants now have until June 30, 2021 to submit applications and until June 30, 2022 to complete their projects, assuming funds have not been exhausted.

MMWEC assisted the Municipal Electric Association of Massachusetts (MEAM) in creating the MLP Solar Rebate Program, which originally launched in May 2019. Through the program, the DOER and participating MLPs offer rebates of \$1.20 per watt (split evenly between the two), up to 50 percent of the total project costs on solar installations of 25 kilowatts or less. Individual MLPs also have the option to include additional project criteria.

In total, MMWEC has been awarded \$1,144,200 over two rounds of funding from the DOER. The funding has been allocated to MMWEC’s participating MLPs to fund the rebate program. MMWEC Member MLPs that are participating in the MLP Solar Rebate Program include utilities in Ashburnham, Boylston, Chicopee, Groton, Holden, Ipswich, Mansfield, Marblehead, Paxton, Princeton, Shrewsbury, Sterling, South Hadley, Templeton, Wakefield, and West Boylston.

To date, 152 solar installation project applications have been approved in MMWEC Member MLP communities since program inception. Those projects will generate more than 1,158 kilowatts of clean, renewable solar capacity for the Commonwealth.

“This extension will allow MMWEC’s members to continue to offer this important rebate program to their customers,” said MMWEC CEO Ronald C. DeCurzio. “We are pleased to work with the DOER to help the Commonwealth reach its renewable goals, while assisting residents with installing solar on their homes,” said MMWEC CEO Ronald C. DeCurzio.

Once approved, eligible projects must be completed within one calendar year. Interested customers first need approval from their participating MLP and once granted, can visit www.munihelps.org to fill out an application.

MMWEC is a non-profit, public corporation and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, created by an Act of the General Assembly in 1975 and authorized to issue debt to finance a wide range of energy facilities. MMWEC provides a variety of power supply, financial, risk management and other services to the state’s consumer-owned municipal utilities. It has 20 municipal utility members and 28 project participants. As one of 83 public power joint action agencies in the United States, MMWEC uses the strengths of working together, greater efficiency and economies of scale to help its members provide superior service at a low cost.

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