

## Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) Resolution In Consideration of Underserved Communities

The Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company and its Member municipal light plants (MLPs) are committed to providing all customers, including those in underserved communities, with reliable, high-quality services at the lowest cost, consistent with the not-for-profit public power business model.

The MMWEC MLPs have a strong record of environmental stewardship, including the development and purchase of clean energy resources that are valuable in achieving the carbon-reduction goals of the Municipal Light Plant Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standard and the Commonwealth's 2050 Decarbonization Roadmap.

MMWEC recognizes that underserved communities and Environmental Justice communities, including minorities, English language learners, low income residents and renters, have traditionally been affected by environmental burdens at a higher rate, and have been less able to participate in energy efficiency and decarbonization programs. MMWEC and its Members strive to address these concerns as part of its overall decarbonization strategy aimed at reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

MMWEC has increased its focus on Environmental Justice and underserved communities over the past several years, in alignment with Environmental Justice policies in the Commonwealth's 2021 comprehensive climate law and siting and permitting reforms in climate legislation signed in November 2024. As of 2025, eight of MMWEC's 19 members have state-designated Environmental Justice communities in their service territories. MMWEC is working with its Members to address environmental justice concerns in their communities, including increased engagement, programs and incentives. As part of this effort, MMWEC has developed environmental justice plan templates for each of its Members. In alignment with state priorities, the MLPs are committed to engaging and being transparent with customers and other stakeholders regarding any future planned projects in the community.

The lower rates offered by the not-for-profit MLPs have, for many years, resulted in a reduced economic impact and energy burden for underserved communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that MMWEC and its Member MLPs are concerned about environmental impacts on underserved and Environmental Justice communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MMWEC and its Member MLPs are committed to exploring ways to address concerns related to underserved and Environmental Justice communities, including through increased engagement and participation in programs and initiatives to electrify and decarbonize; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MMWEC and its Member MLPs consider potential impacts on underserved and Environmental Justice communities as they continue to provide the safe reliable, superior, low-cost service customers have come to expect from their community-owned light department.

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