## The Utilities of the Future - What will They Look Like? Eversource's \$496 Million Grid Modification Plan for the Cape & Islands Local Challenges & the National Discussion

On behalf of the Cape Cod Technology Council and the Cape Light Compact, I would like to invite you - *or a representative from your organization* - to attend our upcoming event to inform and discuss the Cape and Vineyard \$496 million Grid Modification Plan being proposed by Eversource. The Breakfast meeting will take place June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 7:30-9:30am at the Media Center in Dennis, 17 Shad Hole Rd, Dennis Port, MA 02639. This will be a significant opportunity to hear from local and national experts on key issues, and to inform dialog amongst key regional stakeholders. Our Breakfast meeting will inaugurate the start of a broader public information campaign to take place over the summer. Development of Smart Grid infrastructure is happening all across the country. The Eversource plan is the first step to creating our region's "Smart Grid" -- transforming how we will use, generate, and store electricity in our region. It will affect <u>everyone</u> -- therefore as a community stakeholder in the region your organization's attendance and participation is critical.

Our keynote speaker will be Karl Ragabo. Karl is a nationally-known energy expert and is the Executive Director of the Pace Energy and Climate Center at the Pace Law School, amongst other esteemed experiences <u>http://energy.pace.edu/experts/karl-r-rábago</u>. Karl will present on the national discussion, "*What Utilities Might Look Like in the Future and the Opportunities and Challenges We Face*." The Compact's Power Supply Planner, Austin Brandt, will analyze and discuss Eversource's Grid Modernization Plan. Austin will focus on key questions concerning the Eversource plan related to cost, local electric infrastructure reliability, and opportunities for consumers to generate, store, and use electricity efficiently. Please remember that Eversource has stated, "*customers are at the center of our plan*." Our speakers will give us the tools and information we need as Community Stakeholders to ensure that statement is fulfilled. As I said above, this meeting will commence before the start of a broader public information campaign over the summer – therefore as a community stakeholder in the region your organization's attendance and participation is vital.

## Commit to the Discussion Now and Kindly RSVP to Maggie

We look forward to seeing you on June 29<sup>th</sup> to explore Eversource's \$496 million dollar Grid Modification Plan for the future of the Cape and Vineyard's electrical grid and its potential impact on all our communities.