



Don't miss this local meeting about your future.

Dear Electric Consumer:

There hasn't been much in the news about it, but Eversource has a \$496 million plan before the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) that will affect each of us. Remember how much things have changed with the advent of smartphones? A similar revolution in our electric grid is before us now; the Eversource Grid Modernization Plan marks the largest change in electric infrastructure in more than a century. The question is whether the plan is of greater benefit to Eversource, or moves the Cape and Vineyard toward an electric future known as the "Smart Grid" now being created in other states.

What the DPU decides will affect what we pay and opportunities for development of energy efficiency, renewable energy generation, energy storage, and greater reliability and stability. It will affect us individually, as well as our economy, our security, and the environment.

Bert Jackson, president of the Cape Cod Technology Council, has said, "The impact of what we're talking about is generational. This is something that is going to affect what's happening in our community, not just for the next five or ten years, but for our children and grandchildren." Cape Light Compact Administrator Maggie Downey has noted, "We will all be paying for Grid Modernization, and it is important to have the community actively engaged in identifying what we want to see, and how much we want to pay."

This is an issue of basic local control and the choices we will face. The Cape Cod Technology Council and the Cape Light Compact would like to invite you to attend one of four regional public meetings to learn more and take part in the discussion. The purpose of these meetings is to gather your input on how you would like to see a Smart Grid develop on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. We will be preparing a survey to solicit your input that will help shape the Cape Light Compact's involvement in the regulatory review of the Eversource Grid Modernization Plan, currently before the DPU, (docket DPU 15-122).

Mid-Cape

Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 pm
Dennis-Yarmouth High School, Room 114

Upper Cape

Thursday, September 22 at 7:00 pm
Mashpee Public Library, Event Room

Lower Cape

Saturday, September 24 at 2:00 pm
Wellfleet Public Library, Lower Level

Martha's Vineyard

Monday, October 3 at 3:00 pm
West Tisbury Public Library

To see a brief video and additional information, please visit the Cape Light Compact webpage at: www.capelightcompact.org/smartgrid.

We hope you can join us.

Maggie Downey, Administrator, Cape Light Compact
Bert Jackson, President, Cape Cod Technology Council