MASSACHUSETTS' 2023-24 STATE GOVERNMENT AND KEY ENERGY ISSUES



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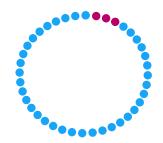
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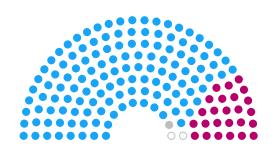
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STATE SENATE



- 37 Senate Democrats
- 3 Senate Republicans

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- 132 House Democrats
- 25 House Republicans
- 1 House Independent
- 2 Vacant

THE LEGISLATURE'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES, AND ENERGY LEADERSHIP

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KEY ENERGY ISSUES BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE IN 2023

ENERGY RATE INCREASES

• Two of the state's largest energy suppliers – National Grid and Eversource – have announced significant increases to the cost of their basic service winter electric rates.



- Consumers need to know NRG is providing competitive alternative pricing that allows savings and acknowledges the value competitive suppliers have in Massachusetts.
- NRG will offer itself as a resource to Massachusetts lawmakers and their constituents who may be concerned about these increases on their electric bills.
- Massachusetts customers have the ability to plan ahead and save by shopping for electric supply products on Energy Switch Massachusetts, which is managed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities.

COMPETITIVE ENERGY SUPPLY

• The legislation designed to end the retail supply market has been refiled and is being considered during the 2023-2024 legislative session.



- Retail competitive supply is a net benefit to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' decarbonization and renewable energy goals.
- NRG, with support from stakeholders and different consumer groups, is focused on reinforcing consumer protection, achieving market enhancement reforms, and continuing to build the political relationship with Governor Maura Healey as she begins her first term as governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

FORWARD CLEAN ENERGY MARKET (FCEM)

- In January 2023, the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) released a FCEM
 design proposal to begin the next step in achieving a market with New England partners and power
 sector stakeholders.
- The authorization to engage in a regional FCEM was signed by Governor Baker this legislative session.



- The adoption of a FCEM would significantly help Massachusetts meet its 2030 and 2050 clean energy and decarbonization goals.
- FCEM could be designed to work alongside the state's investment in its offshore wind industry. By competitively procuring clean energy, FCEM also helps to ensure the most cost-effective outcome for ratepayers.
- NESCOE and ISO-NE, through Analysis Group Inc., are investigating potential market designs and NRG encourages Massachusetts to continue to be a leader in regional renewable energy.