

SENATE No. 2043

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John F. Keenan

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a consumer compensation fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Ronald Mariano</i>	<i>3rd Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2043) of John F. Keenan, Bruce J. Ayers, Tackey Chan and Ronald Mariano (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to establish a consumer compensation fund. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act establishing a consumer compensation fund.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of any Massachusetts General Law or special law to the
2 contrary, the City Council of the City of Quincy hereby petitions the Great and General Court of
3 the Commonwealth:

- 4 1) To establish a Consumer Compensation Fund for the benefit of Massachusetts Electric
5 Company d/b/a National Grid’s customers served by said utility as ratepayers residing in or
6 conducting business in the City of Quincy. Said Consumer’s Compensation Fund shall be
7 established for the purpose of reimbursement of those ratepayers for whom expenses and
8 monetary losses were incurred as a result of the impacts of Hurricane Irene which are directly
9 related to the extended loss of electrical service provided by Massachusetts Electric d/b/a
10 National Grid. Monies to establish this fund shall be those that are obtained through any penalty
11 assessed against Massachusetts Electric d/b/a National Grid by the Department of Public Utilities
12 pursuant to G. L. Chapter 164 1J, provided that any penalty assessed or settlement agreement

13 reached in any regulatory or enforcement action undertaken, the proceeds of which are employed
14 to establish the Consumer Compensation Fund and carry out the intent of this act, shall not be
15 borne by the ratepayers.

16 2) To direct the Department of Public Utilities to promulgate procedures for the
17 management of, application for and disbursement of proceeds from said fund.