

HOUSE No. 2176

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

An Act improving net-metering in the commonwealth.

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

1 SECTION 1: Subsection (f) of section 139 of chapter 164 of the general laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out “1 per cent” in the first sentence and inserting in place thereof “3 per
3 cent”.

4 SECTION 2: Subsection (f) of section 139 of chapter 164 is hereby further amended by
5 striking out “2 per cent” in the second sentence and inserting in place thereof “3 per cent”.

6 SECTION 3: Section 139 of chapter 164 of the general laws is hereby amended by
7 adding after subsection (g) the following section:-

8 (h) Subsection (f) shall not apply to a Class I net metering facility if:

9 1) the design generating capacity of the facility is equal to or less than 10
10 kilowatts on a single-phase circuit, or 25 kilowatts on a three-phase circuit, or;

11 2) the facility supplies no more than 100% of the customer’s average monthly
12 kilowatt-hour usage over the course of a calendar year.

13 Facilities defined under this subsection shall apply for interconnection approval through a
14 statewide standard agreement. The department shall develop such a standard interconnection
15 agreement for projects qualifying under this subsection by January 1, 2013.

16 SECTION 4: Subsection (g) of section 139 of chapter 164 of the general laws is hereby
17 amended by adding at the end of the first paragraph the following sentence:- The department
18 shall adopt rules and regulations regarding the assurance of net metering eligibility by January 1,
19 2013.