HOUSE No. 2964

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alice Hanlon Peisch

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 relative to energy efficiency funds generated by municipal light plants.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Alice Hanlon Peisch	14th Norfolk	1/17/2013
Cynthia S. Creem	First Middlesex and Norfolk	1/30/2013
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex	1/31/2013
F. Jay Barrows	1st Bristol	1/30/2013
Matthew A. Beaton	11th Worcester	1/31/2013
Garrett J. Bradley	3rd Plymouth	1/31/2013
Paul Brodeur	32nd Middlesex	1/31/2013
Mark J. Cusack	5th Norfolk	
Lori A. Ehrlich	8th Essex	1/22/2013
Kimberly N. Ferguson	1st Worcester	
Patricia A. Haddad	5th Bristol	2/1/2013
Bradford Hill	4th Essex	
Kate Hogan	3rd Middlesex	1/30/2013
Donald Humason		
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex	1/28/2013
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk	1/28/2013
Michael R. Knapik	Second Hampden and Hampshire	***************************************
Harold P. Naughton, Jr.	12th Worcester	1/31/2013

Shaunna O'Connell	3rd Bristol	
James J. O'Day	14th Worcester	1/28/2013
Keiko M. Orrall	12th Bristol	1/30/2013
Elizabeth A. Poirier	14th Bristol	1/31/2013
John H. Rogers	12th Norfolk	1/31/2013
Michael F. Rush	Norfolk and Suffolk	
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire	2/1/2013
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex	
James E. Timilty	Bristol and Norfolk	
Aaron Vega	5th Hampden	1/29/2013
Joseph F. Wagner	8th Hampden	2/1/2013
David M. Rogers	24th Middlesex	2/1/2013

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By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2964) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and others relative to energy efficiency funds generated by municipal light plants. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

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

Chapter 25 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-

Section 19 ½. In addition to any other amounts derived from sources internal or external to Municipal Lighting Plants, costs associated with energy efficiency programs including but not limited to, demand side management programs established by such Municipal Lighting Plants, shall be funded, without further appropriation, from those amounts generated from cap and trade pollution control programs, including, but not limited to, and subject to section 22 of chapter 21A, amounts generated by the carbon dioxide allowance trading mechanism established under the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Memorandum of Understanding, as defined in subsection (a) of section 22 of chapter 21A. Such amounts shall be allocated based on the percentage of each municipal lighting plants' electricity sales relative to total electricity sales statewide as determined by the Department of Energy Resources and not less than 80 per cent of such allocated amounts shall be returned to such Municipal Lighting Plants for implementation of such aforementioned programs.

Such municipal lighting plants' programs funded by those additional amounts pursuant to this section shall be administered by each municipal lighting plant through either the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company or Energy New England LLC or their successors as determined by each municipal lighting plant.

Each municipal lighting plant shall include an itemization of expenditures of those funds received under this section in its annual return filed pursuant to section 63 of chapter 164.

Provided however that a municipal light plant may annually at its option elect not to participate in those additional amounts available under this section. In the event of such election such municipal lighting plant would not be subject to the energy efficiency and demand side management programs requirements established under this section.

Any amounts distributed pursuant to and received by municipal lighting plants under this section shall not subject municipal lighting plants to any other general or special law.