

HOUSE No. 4396

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 11, 2014.

The committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2910) of Denise Andrews and others relative to transparency within the natural gas and electric distribution sectors; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2912) of John J. Binienda and Michael O. Moore for legislation to require retailers to retain certain records relative to the purchase by consumers of prepaid cell phones; joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2913) of Garrett J. Bradley, Robert L. Hedlund and others for legislation relative to water company infrastructure projects; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2918) of James M. Cantwell relative to regulating retail access to sellers of renewable energy generation attributes; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2926) of Thomas P. Conroy and James B. Eldridge relative to utility meters and the rights of utility ratepayers; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2927) of Stephen L. DiNatale and others for legislation to regulate the establishment of municipal lighting plants; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2931) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others that the clean energy technology center utilize state funds to develop and execute a program to pilot test innovative water technologies; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2932) of Lori A. Ehrlich and others relative to modifying the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2937) of Michael J. Finn for legislation to extend the required gas meter replacement time from every seven years to every fifteen years; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2939) of William C. Galvin for legislation to require gasoline stations to be equipped with emergency back up power systems; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2940) of Sean Garballey and others relative to the reporting of hydraulic fracturing processes employed in the

extraction of natural gas; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2948) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for legislation to establish a voluntary accelerated energy efficiency rebate pilot program within the Department of Public Utilities; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2954) of Stephen Kulik relative to renewable energy certificates; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2955) of Stephen Kulik that the Department of Energy Resources treat renewable generation equally when creating, developing and administering programs; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2957) of Timothy R. Madden and others for legislation to authorize coastal cities and towns to designate certain coastal areas as exclusion zones for wind turbine development; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2959) of Brian R. Mannal for legislation to prohibit the development of wind electric generation facilities detrimental to the operation of structures used for the transmission of radio or telecommunications; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2960) of Brian R. Mannal and Sarah K. Peake for legislation to prohibit the siting of wind turbines within 3,000 feet of a residence or residentially zoned property; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2963) of Aaron Michlewitz and others relative to installation of electrical sub-meters; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2965) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to regulating the leasing of telephone equipment; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2967) of George N. Peterson, Jr. relative to water sub-metering in manufactured housing communities; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2969) of George N. Peterson, Jr., Paul K. Frost and Richard T. Moore for legislation to establish a fund to be used to decommission certain wind turbines; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2970) of George N. Peterson, Jr. and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the health effects of wind turbines and to make certain other changes in law; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2975) of Paul A. Schmid, III, David B. Sullivan and Chris Walsh for legislation to further regulate the costs imposed on tenants for heating and air conditioning; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2980) of Frank I. Smizik and others relative to comprehensive siting reform for certain land based wind projects; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2983) of Theodore C. Speliotis relative to allowing line workers to work on certain high voltage live wires, electrical equipment or other energized conductors; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2985) of Walter F. Timilty prohibiting deceptive practices by providers of cellular telephone services; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2987) of David T. Vieira and others relative to establishing energy relief funds to provide relief for detrimental health effects and property losses caused by wind energy generation; petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2988) of Chris Walsh and others for legislation to authorize the Department of Public Utilities to promulgate rules and regulations relative to landscape management by transmission companies; petition (accompanied by bill,

House, No. 2989) of Chris Walsh and others for legislation to direct the Department of Public Utilities to promulgate rules and regulations relative to the development of underground utility infrastructure; petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Josh S. Cutler for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to vegetation removal by public utility companies; reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4396) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

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1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy be authorized
2 to sit during a recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of House
3 documents numbered 2910, 2912, 2913, 2918, 2926, 2927, 2931, 2932, 2937, 2939, 2940, 2948,
4 2954, 2955, 2957, 2959, 2960, 2963, 2965, 2967, 2969, 2970, 2975, 2980, 2983, 2985, 2987,
5 2988, 2989, and 3754, relative to telecommunications, utilities, energy and and other related
6 matters.

7 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
8 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
9 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
10 on or before December 31, 2014.