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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 an energy pilot program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1619) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to an energy pilot program. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to an energy pilot program.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (d) of section 19 of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as inserted by section 5 of chapter 209 of the acts of 2012, is hereby amended by striking the section in its entirely and inserting in place thereof the following:-

(d) There shall be a voluntary accelerated rebate pilot program which shall be made available to up to 10 eligible ccommercial or industrial electric users and 10 commercial or industrial gas users in each utility service territory. Multiple locations of the same customer shall not be aggregated for purposes of meeting this threshold

Eligible customers electing to participate in the accelerated pilot program shall notify the appropriate electric distribution company, gas company or municipal aggregator, hereafter known as the program administrator, on or before January 31 of each calendar year during the pilot program.

After initial notice, the utilities may, alone or in coordination with other program administrators, determine the best candidates for the pilot program using the following criteria: (i) the scope and completeness of the customer's proposed programs; (ii) the likelihood of energy, environmental or related savings from said program; (iii) the customer's capacity to implement such measures; and (iv) the ability to use measures in other facilities owned by similar industries. Should more than 10 customers indicate their desire to participate in said pilot the utilities shall alone or in coordination with other program administrators determine the best customers using the criteria above.

Customers electing to participate shall be eligible for financial support of up to 100 per cent of the cost for qualified energy efficiency measures, as determined by the program

22 administrator, using criteria included in the efficiency investment plans established by section
23 21. Total rebate levels for participating customers in any year of the pilot program shall not
24 exceed 90 per cent of the amount the customer was charged for energy efficiency programs
25 during calendar year 2012.

26 A participating customer shall not aggregate a rebate from any year in which the
27 customer does not participate in the pilot program. Qualified energy efficiency measures shall
28 include cost-effective energy efficiency program measures approved by the applicable program
29 administrator recognized by the department using criteria under said section 21; provided,
30 however, that up to 15 per cent of any accelerated rebate may be used for other improvements
31 that support energy efficiency improvements made under a program approved by the department
32 or emission reductions, including, but not limited to, infrastructure improvements, metering,
33 circuit level technology and software. Customers opting to receive an accelerated rebate shall be
34 ineligible for other energy efficiency program rebates under said section 21 during the period in
35 which they participate in the pilot program. All qualified installations shall be substantially
36 completed by the end of the program, and shall be subject to verification and review by the
37 department. Electric and gas distribution companies shall recalibrate their energy efficiency
38 goals, as reviewed by the energy efficiency advisory council under subsection (c) of said section
39 21, to reflect the rebates provided to any customer electing to participate in this pilot program.
40 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to cause a decrease in the funding of the low-
41 income residential demand-side management and education programs funded under this section.