

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2900**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Paul W. Mark*

*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 municipal energy use disclosure and reporting.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Paul W. Mark*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*2nd Berkshire*

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By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2900) of Paul W. Mark relative to transparency within the natural gas and electric distribution sectors. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2910 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to municipal energy use disclosure and reporting.

*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. Chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 94H the following section:-

3 Section 94I. Gas and electric companies shall file annually with the department of public  
4 utilities schedules, in such form as the department shall from time to time prescribe, showing  
5 total energy use and number of residential customers in each municipality; average energy use  
6 per residential customer of each municipality; total energy use and number of commercial  
7 customers in each municipality; and average climate change emissions express as carbon dioxide  
8 equivalents per kilowatt hour (kwh) and per BTU. Electric companies shall publish the  
9 percentage of each type of fuel used to generate electricity. Said schedules shall be printed in  
10 such form and distributed and published in such manner as the department may require.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after section  
12 1J the following section:-

13 Section 1K. To promote transparency within the natural gas and electric distribution  
14 sector for the commonwealth, the department of public utilities shall provide and make publicly  
15 available on the internet, on an annual basis, all data involving energy use of residential and  
16 commercial customers in each municipality in the commonwealth.

17 Said data shall include, but not be limited to the following: total energy use and number  
18 of residential customers in each municipality; average energy use per residential customer of  
19 each municipality; total energy use and number of commercial customers in each municipality;  
20 and the average climate change emissions expressed as carbon dioxide equivalents per kilowatt  
21 hour (kwh) and per BTU. Electric companies shall also publish the percentage of each type of  
22 fuel used to generate electricity in the form of a pie chart.

23 The department shall update on its website postings to comply with this section within  
24 seven business days of any change and post the date on which the information was updated. The  
25 department shall publish aggregate data for each municipality in a manner allowing for the  
26 comparison of data from year to year, and for comparison of the average fuel use per household  
27 from municipality to municipality. Website postings shall include both numerical data and  
28 graphs. A public utility may also post the information required but is not required to do so.

29 All website postings required by this Act must be sufficiently prominent as to be readily  
30 accessible.

31 SECTION 3. Section 11G of said chapter 25A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
32 inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraphs:-

33 Gas and electric companies shall file annually with the department of public utilities  
34 schedules, in such form as the department shall from time to time prescribe, the following: the  
35 number of households in each municipality that request about an energy assessment; the number  
36 of households in each municipality that sign a contract to have energy efficiency upgrades; the  
37 number of households in each municipality that complete contracted energy efficiency upgrades;  
38 the average dollars spent on each household; and the average energy reductions per household.

39 So much of said schedules shall be printed in such form and distributed and published in  
40 such manner that the data is readily understandable and available, and that the department may  
41 require.

42 The department shall update on its website postings to comply with this section within  
43 seven business days of any change and post the date on which the information was updated. The  
44 department shall publish aggregate data for each municipality in a manner allowing for the  
45 comparison of data from year to year. Website postings shall include both numerical data and  
46 graphs. A public utility may also post the information required, but is not required to do so.

47 All website postings required by this Act must be sufficiently prominent as to be readily  
48 accessible.