

HOUSE No. 3525

PRESENTED BY:

James Arciero

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 electric supplier aggregation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>

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By Mr. Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3525) of James Arciero relative to voluntary participation by retail electric customers in a municipal or group aggregation program. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to municipal electric supplier aggregation.

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

1 Subsection (a) of section 134 of chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out the fifth and sixth paragraphs and inserting in place thereof the following 2
3 paragraphs:-

4 Participation by any retail customer in a municipal or group aggregation program shall be
5 voluntary. No ratepayer shall be automatically enrolled and shall continue to receive basic
6 service unless affirmatively electing to opt into the aggregated program. Within 30 days of the
7 date the aggregated entity is fully operational, ratepayers who opt-in shall be transferred to the
8 aggregated entity. Following adoption of aggregation through the votes specified above, such
9 program shall allow any retail customer to opt-in. Once opting in to the aggregated entity, any
10 ratepayer may choose to opt-out within 180 days and shall do so without penalty and shall be
11 entitled to receive basic service as if he was originally enrolled therein. Nothing in this section
12 shall be construed as authorizing any city or town or any municipal retail load aggregator to

13 restrict the ability of retail electric customers to obtain or receive service from any authorized
14 provider thereof.

15 It shall be the duty of the aggregated entity to fully inform participating ratepayers in
16 advance of the required enrollment date that they may opt-in and be automatically enrolled and
17 that if they choose not to opt-in to the aggregated entity there shall be no penalty and they shall
18 continue to receive basic service as previously provided. In addition, such disclosure shall
19 prominently state all charges associated with opting into the aggregated entity. The department
20 of energy resources shall furnish, without charge, to any citizen a list of all other supply options
21 available to them in a meaningful format that shall enable comparison of price and product.