

HOUSE No. 4651

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 25, 2018.

The committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1725) of Jennifer E. Benson and others relative to local energy investment and infrastructure modernization; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1726) of Jennifer E. Benson and others relative to the establishment of certain funds for the promotion of green infrastructure, so-called, and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1727) of Richard A. Cohen and Donald F. Humason, Jr., relative to host communities in the Commonwealth receiving a percentage of the fines awarded when a power plant is required to pay fines to a state agency; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1728) of James M. Cantwell and Josh S. Cutler for legislation to further regulate propane sales and usage fees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1729) of James M. Cantwell and others relative to green energy generation; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1730) of Tackey Chan and James R. Miceli relative to the use of double utility poles of distribution or telephone companies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1731) of Tackey Chan for legislation to increase fines levied against utility companies for failing to meet service quality standards; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1732) of Tackey Chan for legislation to establish a program within the Department of Public Utilities to educate commercial building managers and operators relative to energy efficiency; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1734) of Edward F. Coppinger relative to installation of electrical sub-meters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1735) of Claire D. Cronin for legislation to increase energy efficiency of courthouses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1736) of Michael S. Day and others relative to the Energy Facilities Siting Board; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1737) of Michael S. Day and others that the Energy Facilities Siting Board consider requests of municipalities for reimbursement of application expenses; the petition (accompanied by bill,

House, No. 1738) of Daniel M. Donahue and others relative to the use of residential energy audits by certain homeowners; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1740) of James J. Dwyer for legislation to authorize the Department of Telecommunications and Cable to establish a program to require persons providing telephone services to verify the commercial nature of the service and to regulate the installation of multiple lines; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1741) of Paul K. Frost and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., for legislation to authorize cities and towns to borrow from the Commonwealth without interest for green energy programs for such municipalities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1742) of William C. Galvin for legislation to provide access to fuel for private and emergency vehicles during emergencies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1743) of Colleen M. Garry and Kay Khan relative to the disclosure of call location information to law enforcement agencies by telephone companies or wireless carriers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1744) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to impose a recycling fee on beverages sold in beverage containers in the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1745) of Patricia A. Haddad and others relative to participation of customers in community empowerment contracts; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1749) of Jonathan Hecht and others for legislation to establish a double pole advisory council to recommend rules and regulations to reduce the use of double utility poles; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1750) of Jonathan Hecht and others for legislation to allow equal access to solar net metering projects; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1752) of Steven S. Howitt and others relative to further regulating natural gas pipelines; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1753) of Steven S. Howitt and others regulating the location of fossil fuel transmission pipelines; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1754) of Steven S. Howitt and others relative to redefining the term natural gas compressor station; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1755) of Randy Hunt and others relative to multimunicipal aggregator governing boards purchasing combined electrical loads; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1756) of Robert M. Koczera and others relative to abandoned beverage container recycling grants for municipalities and state parks; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1757) of Stephen Kulik and others relative to renewable energy certificates; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1758) of Marc T. Lombardo and others for legislation to authorize cities and towns to prohibit the use of double poles by utility

companies for longer than ninety days; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1759) of Paul W. Mark and others for the establishment of a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the promotion of a Massachusetts broadband competitive marketplace; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1760) of Paul W. Mark and Carlos Gonzalez for legislation to establish a home heating commission; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1761) of Paul W. Mark and Carlos Gonzalez relative to transparency within the natural gas and electric distribution sectors; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1762) of Paul W. Mark and Carlos Gonzalez for legislation to require the approval by the Department of Public Utilities of proposed rate increases by electric companies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1763) of Paul W. Mark and others for legislation to promote clean energy; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1764) of David K. Muradian, Jr., and others relative to directory assistance charges for handicapped or elderly persons; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1765) of Mathew Muratore and others relative to the decommissioning of nuclear power stations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1766) of Mathew Muratore and Angelo L. D'Emilia relative to water sub-metering in manufactured housing communities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1767) of James M. Murphy relative to adjudicatory proceedings involving gas and electric companies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1768) of David M. Nangle relative to payments for cable services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1769) of Denise Provost and others relative to prohibiting electric customer support for gas pipeline expansions; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1770) of Todd M. Smola and others relative to accountability of public funds used for wind turbines; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1771) of Todd M. Smola, David T. Vieira and James M. Cantwell for legislation to require certain wind turbine projects to report production statistics; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1772) of Thomas M. Stanley for legislation to require deposits on certain non-carbonated beverage containers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1774) of Aaron Vega and others for legislation to establish a deadline for the Department of Public Utilities to respond for requests for adjustments of maximum towing charges; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1775) of Aaron Vega and others that certain green energy projects be made exclusively with domestic products; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1777) of David T. Vieira relative to establishing energy relief funds to provide relief for

detrimental health effects and property losses caused by wind energy generation; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1778) 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; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1779) 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; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1780) of Chris Walsh and others for legislation to ensure safe maintenance of utility poles and wires; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2682) of Ruth B. Balsler, Antonio F. D. Cabral and others for legislation to require cable television operators to provide public, educational, and governmental access channels; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2683) of Christine P. Barber and others relative to the payment by ratepayers for gas and electricity use of lost and unaccounted for gas; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2684) of Brendan P. Crighton relative to certain federally regulated renewable energy facilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2685) of Claire D. Cronin and Michelle M. DuBois relative to natural gas pipeline contracts filed by electric companies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2687) of Mark J. Cusack and others relative to authorizing resiliency measures under commercial property assessed clean energy; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2688) of Paul J. Donato and David M. Rogers relative to the timing of contractual reimbursements for the federal manufacturer's excise tax on petroleum products; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2689) of Michelle M. DuBois and others relative to the locating of generation facilities within one mile of certain public areas and areas of critical environmental concern; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2690) of Carolyn C. Dykema, James M. Cantwell and Chris Walsh relative to requiring wireless service providers to provide applications for the promotion of safe driving by teenagers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2691) of Ann-Margaret Ferrante and Kate Hogan relative to providing closed captioning options for the deaf and narration services for the blind; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2692) of Sean Garballey and others relative to outdoor lighting fixtures intended to illuminate exterior surfaces of buildings or structures; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2693) of Carmine L. Gentile, James B. Eldridge and others relative to the placement of new overhead transmission lines; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2696) of

Thomas A. Golden, Jr., relative to service quality standards for public utilities and predictability in utility connections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2698) of Kenneth I. Gordon and others for legislation to prohibit companies from charging ratepayers for the construction or expansion of interstate gas infrastructure; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2699) of Jonathan Hecht and others relative to promotion and regulation of zero-emission vehicles; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2701) of Stephen Kulik and others relative to public utilities that operate in public rights of way; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2702) of Stephen Kulik and Adam G. Hinds relative to the purchase of utility poles by municipalities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2703) of Stephen Kulik relative to bioenergy gasification net metering and renewable energy production; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2704) of Stephen Kulik and others for legislation to establish a residential sustainable energy program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2707) of Ian Jackson relative to natural gas pipeline eminent domain takings; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2708) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and others relative to energy efficiency funds generated by municipal light plants; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2710) of Frank I. Smizik and others relative to comprehensive siting reform for certain land based wind projects; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2711) of Frank I. Smizik and others for legislation to establish oil heat energy efficiency programs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2713) of Frank I. Smizik and others for legislation to establish oil heat energy efficiency programs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3386) of Paul Brodeur and others relative to municipal access to energy consumption data; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3387) of Paul Brodeur and others that the Attorney General be authorized to intervene on behalf of groups of consumers in matters involving certain utility companies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3389) of Daniel Cahill and Brendan P. Crighton for legislation to establish a fund to offer zero-interest loans to municipalities for the conversion of some or all street lighting to light-emitting diode lighting; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3390) of Mike Connolly and others relative to promoting solar-ready construction; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3391) of Edward F. Coppinger and others for legislation to further regulate the Energy Facilities Siting Board; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3392) of Mark J. Cusack relative to enforceable standard interconnection timelines for the interconnection of distributed generation

facilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3393) of Mark J. Cusack for legislation to exempt municipal lighting plants from certain competitive choice of generation supply requirements; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3394) of Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to the diversion rate and the redemption rate of certain beverage containers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3395) of Sean Garballey, Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to the use of renewable energy in the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3397) of Russell E. Holmes and Carlos Gonzalez for legislation to require notification to owners of real estate in areas scheduled for certain public utility construction; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3398) of Peter V. Kocot and others that the Renewable Energy Trust Fund be authorized to award grants for the development of farm-based renewable energy; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3399) of Peter V. Kocot and others relative to manufactured biomass fuel; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3400) of Stephen Kulik and others relative to the authority and responsibilities of the Department of Public Utilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3401) of John J. Lawn, Jr., and Leonard Mirra relative to the replacement of gas meters; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3402) of John J. Mahoney and Daniel M. Donahue relative to reimbursable expenses for the towing of commercial and non-commercial vehicles; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3403) of Frank I. Smizik, Jonathan Hecht and others relative to solar net metering credits for publicly-assisted housing or its residents and exempting low-income ratepayers from monthly minimum reliability contributions; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3529) of John J. Mahoney and Daniel M. Donahue relative to towing away and storage of motor vehicles; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3635) of Stephan Hay that the Department of Housing and Community Development be authorized to contract with Montachusett Opportunity Council, Inc. for administration and provision of the low-income home energy program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3636) of Paul W. Mark and others for legislation to establish the Massachusetts energy efficiency authority; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3637) of Joan Meschino and others relative to conservation and natural gas infrastructure; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3698) of Patricia A. Haddad and others relative to the disclosure of customer proprietary information by internet service providers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3766) of Jennifer E. Benson and others for legislation to prohibit certain

telecommunications or internet service providers from collecting personal information from customers without express written approval; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3948) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to further regulate solar net metering projects; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4096) of Ruth B. Balser and others for legislation to increase power plant safety preparedness by the Department of Public Health to a of radius fifty miles, reports recommending the accompanying order (House, No. 4651) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

THOMAS A. GOLDEN, JR.

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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 1725, 1726, 1727, 1728, 1729, 1730, 1731, 1732, 1734, 1735, 1736, 1737,
4 1738, 1740, 1741, 1742, 1743, 1744, 1745, 1749, 1750, 1752, 1753, 1754, 1755, 1756, 1757,
5 1758, 1759, 1760, 1761, 1762, 1763, 1764, 1765, 1766, 1767, 1768, 1769, 1770, 1771, 1772,
6 1774, 1775, 1777, 1778, 1779, 1780, 2682, 2683, 2684, 2685, 2687, 2688, 2689, 2690, 2691,
7 2692, 2693, 2696, 2698, 2699, 2701, 2702, 2703, 2704, 2707, 2708, 2710, 2711, 2713, 3386,
8 3387, 3389, 3390, 3391, 3392, 3393, 3394, 3395, 3397, 3398, 3399, 3400, 3401, 3402, 3403,
9 3529, 3635, 3636, 3637, 3698, 3766, 3948 and 4096, relative to telecommunications, utilities and
10 energy.

11 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
12 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
13 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
14 on or before December 31, 2018.