

SENATE No. 1835

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Julian Cyr

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 renewable energy generation and market efficiency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	
<i>Dylan Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>

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By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1835) of Julian Cyr and Dylan Fernandes for legislation relative to renewable energy generation and market efficiency. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to renewable energy generation and market efficiency.

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. Section 139 of chapter 164 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 75
2 of the Acts of 2016, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “require” in the last line of
3 paragraphs (a)(1) and (b)(1/2)(1) and the penultimate line of paragraph (b)(1) the following:-

4 Such written notice of the identities of the recipients so designated and the amounts of the
5 credits to be attributed to such recipients, and any changes to these designations so requested by
6 the customer, shall be accepted and implemented by the distribution company no less frequently
7 than once per calendar month.

8 SECTION 2. Said section 139 of said chapter 164 as so appearing, is hereby amended by
9 inserting after the word “subsection” in the last line of paragraph (b)(1) a comma followed by the
10 words:-“if the customer consents in writing prior to the distribution company’s purchase”

11 SECTION 3.

12 Said section 139, as so appearing, is further amended by inserting after subsection (k) the
13 following subsections:

14 (l) Upon the request of a customer in writing either by mail or electronically, a
15 distribution company shall provide written electronic confirmation of the value of all net
16 metering credits allocated to each designated recipient of the customer and the dates and
17 associated billing periods of all such allocations.

18 (m) For a Class I Net Metering Facility, Class II Net Metering Facility, or Class III Net
19 Metering Facility, including a facility generating market net metering credits, no more than sixty
20 days after net metering credits are generated, the distribution company shall allocate said net
21 metering credits, as designated by the customer, to the designated recipients of those net
22 metering credits who are in the distribution company's service territory and are located within
23 the same ISO-NE load zone. Each distribution company shall correct any error in allocation of
24 net metering credits to the recipient designated by the customer within thirty days of either the
25 distribution company's discovery of the error, or the customer's provision of notice of the error
26 to the distribution company, whichever is earlier. Distribution companies shall be responsible
27 for requesting timely approval from the department for amendments to any existing tariffs that
28 may be affected by this subsection.

29 SECTION 4. Section 1 of this act shall be effective January 1, 2018.