

December 14, 2017

Dear House Clerk,

I am writing in regard to Section 131 of Chapter 47 of the Acts of 2017 (2018 budget) which requires MassCEC to conduct an energy efficiency study for an aviation manufacturing facility in Massachusetts. Specifically, the legislation reads as follows:

Section 131. The Massachusetts clean energy technology center established in section 2 of chapter 23J of the General Laws shall conduct a feasibility study of an energy efficiency project to assist an aviation manufacturing facility whose company headquarters are located within the commonwealth and in which the property tax receipts to a gateway city from said facility may be reduced due to a potential closure of said facility; provided, however, that the study shall include impacts on carbon dioxide and nitrogen emissions; provided, further, that the project will satisfy economic and environmental criteria, including, but not limited to: (i) enhanced electricity reliability; (ii) contribute to reducing winter electricity price spikes; (iii) where possible, mitigate any environmental impacts; and (iv) where feasible, create and foster employment and economic development in the commonwealth; and provided further, that the study shall include an analysis of potential funding sources and economic and environmental effects and shall be filed with the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities, and energy and the clerks of the house of representatives and senate on or before December 31, 2017.

MassCEC has identified one aviation manufacturing facility that meets all of the criteria outlined in the legislation. That facility is the GE facility in Lynn. MassCEC contacted representatives of GE who indicated an interest in potentially upgrading older steam boilers. MassCEC also identified The Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (CEERE) at UMass Amherst as the appropriate entity to conduct this type of study. MassCEC and CEERE offered to conduct the study for GE but have recently been informed by GE that they are not interested in such a study at this time. They have indicated that they may be interested in pursuing a study like this or

exploring other opportunities for assistance at some point in the future and we have assured them that we are happy to help with any such proposal when GE is ready to do so.

Based on the above, we have concluded that we have fulfilled our obligations under Section 131 to the best of our ability. We have also communicated this to the State Senator and State Representative for the City of Lynn.

If you have any questions or if we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Bob Fitzpatrick - Director of Government Affairs or me.

Sincerely,

Steve Pike

CEO