

HOUSE No. 4405

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 10, 2020.

The committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 255) of Steven S. Howitt and Paul A. Schmid, III relative to further regulating natural gas pipelines, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2802) of Ruth B. Balser and others for legislation to to secure a clean energy future and provide comprehensive solutions to the climate crisis, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2803) of Ruth B. Balser and others relative to Department of Public Utilities commissioners, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2805) of Ruth B. Balser and others for legislation to establish a beneficial electrification commission to study the economic, energy, and environmental benefits of market transformation to accelerate beneficial electrification of space heating, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2806) of Jennifer E. Benson and others for legislation to establish rate options to reduce utility customer costs and lower peak demand, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2807) of Jennifer E. Benson and others relative to base rate proceeding conducted by the Department of Public Utilities, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2808) of Jennifer E. Benson and others relative to grid modernization and the promotion of local energy investment, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2811) of Natalie M. Blais, Michelle L. Ciccolo and others relative to utility poles, wires or attachments and municipal authority in public rights of ways, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2812) of Natalie M. Blais and others relative to clarifying authority and responsibilities of the Department of Public Utilities, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2813) of Nicholas A. Boldyga 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. 2816) of Antonio F. D. Cabral and others relative to offshore wind development, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2817) of Daniel Cahill relative to renewable power, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2820) 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. 2821) of Tackey Chan and Bruce J. Ayers relative to the use of double utility poles of

distribution or telephone companies, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2822) 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. 2824) of Michelle L. Ciccolo and others relative to establishing a residential sustainable energy program, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2828) of Edward F. Coppinger and others relative to natural gas leaks, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2829) of Edward F. Coppinger and others for legislation to further regulate the Energy Facilities Siting Board, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2831) of Mark J. Cusack and others relative to clean energy at certain commercial properties, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2833) of Michael S. Day and others relative to the Energy Facilities Siting Board, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2834) 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. 2835) of Michael S. Day and Jason M. Lewis that retailers of home heating oil provide notices to customers of the availability of liability insurance coverage for certain claims arising out of releases of oil into the environment, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2837) of Marjorie C. Decker and others for legislation to require deposits on certain non-carbonated beverage containers, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2838) of Paul J. Donato relative to the timing of contractual reimbursements for the federal manufacturer's excise tax on petroleum products, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2840) of Patricia Burke, Michael J. Soter and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to establish a special commission to investigate the results of a certain smart meter pilot program conducted by National Grid Worcester, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2841) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others that the Division of Energy Resources be directed to expand the green communities program to mitigate climate change, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2844) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others relative to fair and equitable transactions between propane distributors and propane consumers, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2846) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others relative to requiring wireless service providers to offer "safe driving" apps that disable texting while driving, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2847) of Lori A. Ehrlich, Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to the use of contractors for repairing or performing work on public utility infrastructure, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2848) of Lori A. Ehrlich, Christine P. Barber and others relative to natural gas leaks, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2850) of Lori A. Ehrlich, Frank A. Moran and others relative to natural gas safety and responsibility, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2851) of Nika C. Elugardo, Mike Connolly and others relative to the renewable energy portfolio standard, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2852) of Dylan A. Fernandes and others relative to offshore

drilling, expansion, exploration, development, or production in state waters, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2854) of Dylan A. Fernandes and others relative to the delivery of electricity by generation companies or suppliers through service lines or distribution systems to residential ratepayers who use private lines, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2855) of Ann-Margaret Ferrante relative to providing closed captioning options for the deaf and narration services for the blind, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2856) of Paul K. Frost 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. 2857) 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. 2859) 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. 2860) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile relative to the placement of new overhead transmission lines, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2864) of Kenneth I. Gordon and others for legislation to prohibit companies from charging ratepayers for the construction or expansion of interstate gas infrastructure, the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2865) of Tami L. Gouveia, Joanne M. Comerford and others for legislation to establish a net zero stretch energy code, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2868) 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. 2869) of Jonathan Hecht and others relative to promoting zero-emission vehicles, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2870) of Jonathan Hecht and others for legislation to allow equal access to solar net metering projects, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2871) of Jonathan Hecht and others relative to net metering for low income and other small facilities, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2872) of Jonathan Hecht, Christine P. Barber and others relative to the transition to a clean, sustainable, and equitable transportation system, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2873) of Jonathan Hecht and others relative to promoting zero-emission vehicles, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2874) of Natalie M. Higgins, Andres X. Vargas and others for legislation to study incentives for certain low income homeowners and renters to reduce their energy consumption and greenhouse gas pollution, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2875) of Bradford Hill and Michael J. Soter that the Commissioner of the Department of Energy Resources establish a program providing rebates to consumers who purchase or lease qualifying plug-in electric vehicles, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2876) of Russell E. Holmes and Bud L. Williams 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. 2877) of Russell E. Holmes and others

relative to solar power equity in low-income and environmental justice communities, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2878) of Steven S. Howitt and Paul A. Schmid, III relative to redefining the term natural gas compressor station, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2879) of Steven S. Howitt and Paul A. Schmid, III relative to regulating the location of fossil fuel transmission pipelines, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2880) of Steven S. Howitt relative to towing rates for commercially registered vehicle not requiring a CDL license, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2881) of Randy Hunt and others for legislation to further define miniature beverage containers under the "bottle bill", so-called, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2882) of Randy Hunt and others for legislation to promote truth in advertising relative to the speed of Internet access plans, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2883) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for an investigation by a special commission relative to deficiencies of emergency response plans for electric and gas utility providers, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2884) of John J. Lawn, Jr., and Brian W. Murray relative to energy storage, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2885) of Jack Patrick Lewis and others for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the environmental and health effects of evolving 5G technology, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2886) of Marc T. Lombardo and Timothy R. Whelan 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. 2887) of Adrian C. Madaro and others relative to an energy assessment and a residential energy performance label system for use by sellers of residential dwellings, the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 2888) of Pamela Steinberg for an investigation by a special commission to investigate the National Grid Worcester smart meter pilot program, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2890) of Paul W. Mark and José F. Tosado relative to rate increases or other changes in rates by electric companies, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2891) of Paul W. Mark and Michelle M. DuBois for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to reducing heating costs and greenhouse gas emissions, and promoting energy efficient heating systems in certain residential buildings, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2892) of Paul W. Mark and others relative to the establishment of a special commission to examine the state of the advanced telecommunications broadband industry in the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2893) of Paul W. Mark and José F. Tosado relative to municipal energy use disclosure and reporting, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2894) of Paul W. Mark and others relative to creating a green bank to evaluate and coordinate financing for energy improvements and energy technologies throughout the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2896) of Paul W. Mark and others for legislation to establish a solar program to

encourage the development of solar photovoltaic technology, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2897) of Paul W. Mark and others relative to the articles of incorporation of gas and electric companies and the promotion of residential solar energy, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2898) of Paul W. Mark and Joanne M. Comerford relative to the appointment of a manager of municipal lighting for municipalities acquiring gas or electric plants, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2899) of Joan Meschino and others relative to conservation and natural gas infrastructure, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2900) of Joan Meschino and others relative to municipal ratepayers, low-income ratepayers, community solar ratepayers, and owners of small-scale solar projects, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2902) of David K. Muradian, Jr., and Mathew J. Muratore relative to directory assistance charges for handicapped or elderly persons, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2903) of Mathew J. Muratore and others relative to water sub-metering in manufactured housing communities, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2904) of Mathew J. Muratore and others relative to the financial responsibility for nuclear power plant decommissioning, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2905) of James M. Murphy and Bruce J. Ayers relative to participation in utility company regulatory proceedings, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2906) of James M. Murphy and Mark J. Cusack relative to executive agency liability in the construction of, or events involving, natural gas pipelines or natural gas compressor stations, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2910) of David M. Nangle and others relative to payments for cable services, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2914) of Tram T. Nguyen and others relative to the use of local or district energy services, the energy microgrid, or public rights of way for the purposes of energy generation or resiliency, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2915) of Tram T. Nguyen and others relative to municipal authority in relation to gas and electric companies, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2916) of Denise Provost and others relative to prohibiting electric customer support for gas pipeline expansions, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2918) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., and others relative to solar energy generation facilities, the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2919) of Maria Duaine Robinson, Rebecca L. Rausch and others for legislation to establish building energy performance standards, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2920) of David M. Rogers and others that the Department of Energy Resources be directed to determine the feasibility of creating multi-state offshore wind energy generation solicitation and procurement agreements, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2921) of David M. Rogers, Andres X. Vargas and others for legislation to provide for net neutrality and consumer protection, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2922) of David M. Rogers and others relative to large-scale clean energy procurements, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2923) of Jeffrey N. Roy and

others relative to the electric vehicle consumer rebate program, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2924) of Todd M. Smola relative to accountability of public funds used for wind turbines, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2925) of Todd M. Smola and Mathew J. Muratore for legislation to require certain wind turbine projects to report production statistics, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2926) of Theodore C. Speliotis for legislation to promote the use of bio-diesel, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2927) of Andres X. Vargas, David Allen Robertson and others relative to protecting consumers by prohibiting blocking, throttling, or paid prioritization in the provision of internet service, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2928) of David T. Vieira for legislation to provide compensation to certain citizens, businesses, and municipalities adversely affected by the operation of wind turbines, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2929) of RoseLee Vincent relative to requiring gas or electric companies to notify residential customers prior to discontinuing gas or electric service, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2930) of Tommy Vitolo and others relative to conversion of fossil fuel heating customers to heat pumps, solar thermal, or other renewable or low greenhouse gas emissions heating technologies, the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 3666) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the implementation of energy neutral building designs and standards, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3791) of Maria Duaine Robinson and others for legislation to establish a natural gas demand response pilot program within the Department of Public Utilities, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3893) of Mike Connolly and others for an investigation and study by a task force (including members of the General Court) relative to public ownership of public utilities, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3894) of Tram T. Nguyen and others relative to property damages caused by public utility companies, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4045) of Paul McMurtry and others for legislation to establish a comprehensive statewide policy concerning streaming entertainment services and the recovery of municipal costs for the management and maintenance of digital infrastructure, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4148) of John Barrett, III and others relative to municipal access to utility poles located in municipal rights-of-way, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4261) of Sarah K. Peake for legislation to enhance certified municipal energy plans, reports recommending the accompanying order (House, No. 4405) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

THOMAS A. GOLDEN, JR.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



House of Representatives, February 10, 2020.

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 255, 2802, 2803, 2805, 2806, 2807, 2808, 2811, 2812, 2813, 2816, 2817,
4 2820, 2821, 2822, 2824, 2828, 2829, 2831, 2833, 2834, 2835, 2837, 2838, 2840, 2841, 2844,
5 2846, 2847, 2848, 2850, 2851, 2852, 2854, 2855, 2856, 2857, 2859, 2860, 2864, 2865, 2868,
6 2869, 2870, 2871, 2872, 2873, 2874, 2875, 2876, 2877, 2878, 2879, 2880, 2881, 2882, 2883,
7 2884, 2885, 2886, 2887, 2888, 2890, 2891, 2892, 2893, 2894, 2896, 2897, 2898, 2899, 2900,
8 2902, 2903, 2904, 2905, 2906, 2910, 2914, 2915, 2916, 2918, 2919, 2920, 2921, 2922, 2923,
9 2924, 2925, 2926, 2927, 2928, 2929, 2930, 3666, 3791, 3893, 3894, 4045, 4148 and 4261,
10 relative to telecommunications, utilities and 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, 2020.