

HOUSE No. 5042

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 29, 2022.

The committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3256) of John Barrett, III and others relative to municipal access to utility poles located in municipal rights-of-way; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3258) of Natalie M. Blais, Michelle L. Ciccolo and Adam J. Scanlon relative to utility poles, wires or attachments and municipal authority in public rights of ways; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3259) of Natalie M. Blais and others relative to the determination of allowed return on equity for certain utility ratepayers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3266) of Antonio F. D. Cabral, Christopher Hendricks and Elizabeth A. Malia relative to the offshore wind proposal bidding process; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3270) of Tackey Chan and Michelle M. DuBois relative to the use of double utility poles of distribution or telephone companies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3272) 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. 3278) of Mike Connolly, Jack Patrick Lewis and others relative to establishing solar neighborhoods; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3282) of Mark J. Cusack that the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications and Cable be authorized to review and investigate the current laws and regulations pertaining to the depth of burial for cable and similar utilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3291) of Shawn Dooley for legislation to establish a commission (including members of the General Court) to investigate the advertising practices of the solar energy industry; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3301) of Dylan A. Fernandes relative to offshore wind energy for homes located in cities and towns within Barnstable, Dukes or Nantucket counties; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3303) of Carole A. Fiola, Alan Silvia and Paul A. Schmid, III relative to the use of the New Bedford State Pier and the Fall River State Pier for offshore energy exploration or development; the

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3305) 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. 3307) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile relative to the placement of new overhead transmission lines; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3308) of Jessica Ann Giannino 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. 3311) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., relative to Class I renewable energy generating sources; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3314) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and Steven S. Howitt relative to the reliability of renewable resources in the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3315) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., relative to clean energy resources; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3316) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., relative to participating in regional or multi-state competitive market mechanisms or structures to facilitate the financing of clean energy generation resources; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3321) of Bradford Hill 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. 3322) of Russell E. Holmes for legislation to require notification to owners of real estate in areas scheduled; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3323) of Vanna Howard, James B. Eldridge and others relative to natural gas leaks; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3324) of Steven S. Howitt relative to towing rates for commercially registered vehicle not requiring a CDL license; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3325) of Steven S. Howitt relative to regulating the location of fossil fuel transmission pipelines; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3326) of Steven S. Howitt relative to redefining the term natural gas compressor station; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3329) of Patrick Joseph Kearney and Tami L. Gouveia relative to promoting zero-emission vehicles; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3330) of James M. Kelcourse and Lenny Mirra relative to the installation of solar energy systems; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3348) 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. 3351) of Frank A. Moran, 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. 3354) of Frank A. Moran, Christina A. Minicucci and others relative to eliminating gas leaks; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3355) of David K. Muradian, Jr., and others relative to directory assistance charges for handicapped or elderly persons; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3356) 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. 3357) of James M. Murphy relative to participation in utility company regulatory proceedings; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3359) of Steven C. Owens 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. 3363) 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. 3364) of Maria Duaine Robinson and others that the Department of Energy Resources and the Department of Revenue conduct a study for the creation of financial incentive programs for the purchase and installation of passenger electric vehicles; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3368) of Jeffrey N. Roy and Edward R. Philips 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. 3369) of Danillo A. Sena and others relative to the participation of communities served by municipal light plants in the green communities program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3370) of Todd M. Smola relative to accountability of public funds used for wind turbines; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3371) of Todd M. Smola for legislation to require certain wind turbine projects to report production statistics; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3372) of Erika Uytterhoeven and others relative to transitioning to 100 percent renewable electricity and net zero carbon emissions across all sectors of the Commonwealth by the year 2030; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3373) of David T. Vieira, Patrick Joseph Kearney and Patrick M. O'Connor 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. 3850) of Tami L. Gouveia, Kate Lipper-Garabedian and Michelle L. Ciccolo relative to providing a net zero pathway for both residential and commercial new construction and major renovations to be designed to ensure that buildings

are highly energy efficient; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3964) of Mike Connolly and Marcos A. Devers relative to the minimum percentage of kilowatt-hours sales to end-use customers by retail electricity suppliers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4025) of Mike Connolly, Michelle M. DuBois and Nika C. Elugardo for legislation to establish a task force (including members of the General Court) to study and make actionable recommendations regarding public ownership of public utilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4045) of Erika Uytterhoeven, Mike Connolly and Lindsay N. Sabadosa for legislation to provide universal arrearage relief to the ratepayers of the Commonwealth to address utility debts as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic emergency; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4134) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., relative to extending rebates for electric and zero emission vehicles, reports the accompanying order (House, No. 5042) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

JEFFREY N. ROY.

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House of Representatives,

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 3256, 3258, 3259, 3266, 3270, 3272, 3278, 3282, 3291, 3301, 3303, 3305,
4 3307, 3308, 3311, 3314, 3315, 3316, 3321, 3322, 3323, 3324, 3325, 3326, 3329, 3330, 3348,
5 3351, 3354, 3355, 3356, 3357, 3359, 3363, 3364, 3368, 3369, 3370, 3371, 3372, 3373, 3850,
6 3964, 4025, 4045 and 4134, relative to telecommunications, utilities and energy.

7 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
8 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
9 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
10 on or before December 31, 2022.