

SENATE No. 2171

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

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 removing barriers for municipal power communities to become green communities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>9/1/2021</i>

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2171) of James B. Eldridge, Joanne M. Comerford and Michael O. Moore for legislation to remove barriers for municipal power communities to become green communities. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act removing barriers for municipal power communities to become green communities.

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. Subsection (b) of Section 20 of Chapter 25 of the of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “(1) a
3 municipal light plant” the following words:- or a municipality within a municipal light plant
4 followed by the municipal light plant of the municipality

5 SECTION 2. Said subsection (b) of said section 20 of said chapter 25, as so appearing, is
6 further amended by inserting after the word “plant”, in line 17, the following words:- or a
7 municipality within a municipal light plant followed by the municipal light plant of the
8 municipality

9 SECTION 3. Said subsection (b) of said section 20 of said chapter 25, as so appearing, is
10 further amended by inserting after the word “territory”, in line 28, the following words:- or all
11 consumers residing in the municipality within a municipal light plant’s distribution service
12 territory

13 SECTION 4. Said subsection (b) of said section 20 of said chapter 25, as so appearing, is
14 further amended by inserting after the word “territories”, in line 35, the following words:- or
15 municipality within a distribution service territory

16 SECTION 5. Said subsection (b) of said section 20 of said chapter 25, as so appearing, is
17 further amended by inserting after the word, “territory”, in line 38, the following words:- or
18 municipality

19 SECTION 6. Section 10 of chapter 25A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting
20 the following subsection:--

21 (e ½) The division shall, not later than 1 year after the passage of this act, issue
22 regulations enabling those communities served by municipal light plants to participate in the
23 green communities program established under section 10 of chapter 25A. The regulations shall
24 include the delivery of the charge of 0.5 mil per kilowatt-hour from municipal light plant to the
25 Renewable Energy Trust Fund on behalf of the served community in their service territory as
26 described in section 20 chapter 25. A single community within a municipal light plant served
27 region shall be allowed to participate in the program without agreement from the other served
28 municipalities. A majority vote of a municipality's legislative body shall be required to adopt the
29 measure. Following the municipality's adoption of the measure, a majority vote of the municipal
30 light plant board shall be required to adopt the measure.