

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3556**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jeffrey N. Roy*

*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 current and future electric rates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2025</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/23/2025</i>
<i>Mark D. Sylvia</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>3/4/2025</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>3/19/2025</i>
<i>Kenneth P. Sweezey</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>4/14/2025</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>10/14/2025</i>

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By Representative Roy of Franklin, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3556) of Jeffrey N. Roy and others for an investigation by a task force (including members of the General Court) relative to the current and future cost of electricity. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to current and future electric rates.

*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. There shall be established a Task Force on electric rates to advise the  
2 Legislature, the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy and the  
3 Administration on the current and future cost of electricity in Massachusetts.

4 SECTION 2. The Task Force shall be chaired by the Attorney General and shall include  
5 the following members: the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs or a designee; the  
6 Commissioner of the Department of Energy Resources or a designee; one representative from  
7 each investor-owned electric utility with a combined service territory of more than 100,000 retail  
8 and commercial customers; one representative from ISO – New England: one representative  
9 from the Department of Public Utilities: the House and Senate chairs of the Joint Committee on  
10 Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy: two individuals knowledgeable about electric rates  
11 appointed by the Speaker of the House and two individuals knowledgeable about electricity rates

12 appointed by the Senate President: The Attorney General shall assign such staff and resources  
13 necessary for the work of the task force.

14 All meetings of the Task Force shall be public and have an opportunity for public  
15 comment.

16 SECTION 3. The Task Force shall convene within 30 days of the adoption of this Act.  
17 and produce a report which shall 1) identify each cost component that comprises the electric bill  
18 of residential and commercial customers of each investor owned Electric Distribution Company  
19 in Massachusetts with a combined service territory of more than 100,000 retail and commercial  
20 customers; 2) include the total revenue raised statewide from each cost component separated by  
21 utility and customer class; 3) the current total cost to each customer class on a kWh basis and  
22 monthly basis for typical user in each rate class; 4) the annual rate increase for each cost  
23 component for the previous 10 years and the projected annual rate increases or range of rate  
24 increases expected over the next five years. Said report shall compare such individual rate  
25 components to current and projected rate components of all other New England states and at  
26 least three other states considered to be economic competitors of the Commonwealth.

27 As part of the identification under Item 1 in this section, the report shall include the date  
28 of origin and purpose of each cost component and whether said cost components are related to  
29 electric utility distribution costs, regional transmission costs or energy supply costs and if the  
30 cost components were added as a result of compliance with meeting greenhouse gas reduction  
31 goals as specified in Chapter 21N Section 3, of Mass General laws. Item 1 shall also include and  
32 identify any cost components that are expected to be added to ratepayer bills over the next ten  
33 years.

34 For purposes of Items 2, 3, and 4 cost components may be combined if they serve a  
35 similar purpose provided they are not currently listed separately on a customer bill or necessary  
36 to meeting greenhouse gas reduction goals as specified in Chapter 21N Section 3, of Mass  
37 General laws.

38 SECTION 4. Said report of the Task Force shall be made available for public comment  
39 for 30 days not later than 9 months from the convening of the Task Force. Changes shall be  
40 made to the report based on public comment, if applicable, as determined by the Task Force. A  
41 final report shall be conveyed to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House, President of  
42 the Senate, Clerks of the House and Senate and the Members of the Joint Committee on  
43 Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy within 30 days of the closing of public comment  
44 closing.