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MMWEC, Municipal Utilities to Participate in New MLP Solar Incentive Program

Ludlow, MA – May 13, 2019 – The Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC), the joint action agency for municipal utilities in Massachusetts, is partnering with the state Department of Energy Resources (DOER) in offering a new solar incentive program for customers of municipal utilities.

MMWEC staff assisted the Municipal Electric Association of Massachusetts (MEAM) in development of the program, which succeeds the state's now closed SREC II solar incentive program. The municipal light plant (MLP) solar incentive program is exclusively for municipal utility customers, while the customers of investor-owned utilities are eligible for the state's new SMART solar incentive program.

MMWEC was awarded \$772,200 by DOER on behalf of its participating members to administer the program. Participating utilities have varying levels of funds available for rebates. Seventeen MMWEC members have signed on to participate, which will run through April 30, 2021 or until funds are exhausted. Applications will be accepted for the program beginning on May 20, 2019.

The incentive program includes a solar rebate of up to \$1.20/watt, capped at 50% of total costs. Municipal light plants will contribute 60 cents per watt or 50%, and DOER will contribute 60 cents per watt, or 50%. Eligible solar installations must be 25 kilowatts or less, however, individual participating municipal utilities may have stricter eligibility criteria.

Municipal utilities participating in the program will retire all renewable energy credits associated with the projects' output.

"MMWEC is pleased to have worked with municipal utilities and the DOER in developing this program," said Ronald C. DeCurzio. "Through this program, participating MLPs are responding to increasing customer requests for incentives to go green, while also supporting the state's mission to reduce carbon emissions."

Participating MMWEC Members include utilities in Ashburnham, Boylston, Chicopee, Groton, Holden, Ipswich, Mansfield, Marblehead, Paxton, Peabody, Princeton, Shrewsbury, South Hadley, Sterling, Templeton, Wakefield and West Boylston.

Customers interested in applying for rebates can find the application and more information on www.mmwec.org. Applications can be submitted through March 30, 2020.

MMWEC is a non-profit, public corporation and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, created by an Act of the General Assembly in 1975 and authorized to issue debt to finance a wide range of energy facilities. MMWEC provides a variety of power supply, financial, risk management and other services to the state's consumer-owned municipal utilities.

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