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MMWEC Receives Additional Funding for MLP Solar Rebate Program

Ludlow, MA – May 29, 2020 – The partnership between the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC), the joint action agency for municipal utilities in Massachusetts, and the state Department of Energy Resources (DOER) will continue with round two of funding for the Municipal Light Plant (MLP) Solar Rebate Program.

The MLP Solar Rebate Program, created by MMWEC and the Municipal Electric Association of Massachusetts (MEAM) originally launched in May 2019. Through the program, the DOER and participating MLPs offer rebates of \$1.20 per watt (split evenly between the two), up to 50 percent of the total project costs on solar installations of 25 kilowatts or less. Individual MLPs also have the option to include additional project criteria.

In total, MMWEC has been awarded \$372,200 from the DOER as part of the second round of funding, which will be allocated to its participating MLPs to fund the rebate program. Applications for solar project rebates will be accepted through December 30, 2020 or until funds are exhausted.

Phase one of the MLP Solar Rebate Program was a success. The DOER awarded MMWEC \$772,000 to disperse among its MLPs. In total, 93 solar installation project applications were approved in MMWEC Member MLP communities in the first year. Those projects will generate more than 700 kilowatts of clean, renewable solar capacity for the Commonwealth.

MMWEC Member MLPs that are participating in the MLP Solar Rebate Program include utilities in Ashburnham, Boylston, Chicopee, Groton, Holden, Ipswich, Mansfield, Marblehead, Paxton, Peabody, Princeton, Shrewsbury, Sterling, South Hadley, Templeton, Wakefield, and West Boylston.

“MMWEC is pleased to continue its momentum with phase two of the rebate program and work with the DOER to help the Commonwealth reach its renewable goals, while assisting residents with installing solar on their homes,” said MMWEC CEO Ronald C. DeCurzio.

Once approved, eligible projects must be completed within one calendar year. Interested customers first need approval from their participating MLP and once granted, can visit www.munihelps.org to fill out an application.

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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