

Amendment ID: S2372-82**Amendment 82****DPU Regulatory Requirements**

Ms. O'Connor Ives moves to amend the bill in section 12, by striking lines 153 through 170, inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “(d) The department of public utilities shall promulgate regulations consistent with this section. The regulations shall: (i) allow offshore wind developers of offshore wind energy generation to submit proposals that are consistent with this section for long-term contracts; (ii) require that a proposed long-term contract executed by the distribution companies under a proposal be filed with and approved by the department of public utilities before becoming effective; (iii) require transmission costs to be incorporated into a proposal, whether the costs are a part of the bid price or related to the delivery of the assigned energy via a federally-regulated transmission tariff; provided, however, that the department of public utilities may authorize or require the relevant parties to seek recovery of the transmission costs of the project through federal transmission rates, consistent with policies and tariffs of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, to the extent the department of public utilities finds that recovery is in the public interest; (iv) after the approval by the department of public utilities of a long-term contract, require an offshore wind developer to proceed with reasonable promptness and diligence to provide offshore wind energy resources; (v) allow offshore wind energy generation resources to be paired with energy storage systems as defined in section 1 of chapter 164; and (vi) require that offshore wind energy generating resources to be used by a developer under the proposal: (A) provide enhanced electricity reliability; (B) are cost effective to electric ratepayers over the term of the contract by providing reliability and economic and environmental benefits to Massachusetts ratepayers, to the extent that they are quantifiable, that outweigh any costs; (C) avoid line loss and mitigate transmission costs to the extent possible and ensure that transmission cost overruns, if any, are not borne by ratepayers; (D) moderate system peak load requirements; (E) adequately demonstrate project viability in a commercially reasonable timeframe; (F) mitigate environmental impacts; and (G) promote additional employment and economic development.”;

and further in said section, in line 285, by inserting after the words “ independent evaluator.” the following words:- “The department shall give preference to proposals that include both hydroelectric generation and new Class 1 eligible resources and give preference to proposals that include firm service.”;

and further in said section, in lines 303 through 326, inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following words:-

“(d) The department of public utilities shall promulgate regulations consistent with this section. The regulations shall: (i) allow developers of clean energy generation resources to submit proposals that are consistent with this section for long-term contracts; (ii) require that contracts executed by the distribution companies under the proposals are filed with, and approved by, the department of public utilities before they become effective; (iii) require transmission costs to be incorporated into a proposal, whether the costs are a part of the bid price or related to the delivery of the assigned energy via a federally-regulated transmission tariff; provided, however, that the department of public utilities may authorize or require the relevant parties to seek recovery of the transmission costs of the project through federal transmission rates, consistent with policies and tariffs of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, to the extent the department of public utilities finds that recovery is in the public interest; (iv) allow long-term contracts for clean energy generation resources to be paired with energy storage systems as defined in section 1 of chapter 164; (v) after the approval by the department of public utilities of a long-term contract, require a developer to proceed with reasonable promptness and diligence to provide clean energy generation resources; and (vi) require that the clean energy resources to be used by a developer under the proposal: (A) provide enhanced electricity reliability; (B) include moderate system peak load requirements; (C) are cost effective to electric ratepayers over the term of the contract by providing reliability and economic and environmental benefits to Massachusetts ratepayers, to the extent that they are quantifiable, that outweigh any costs; (D) avoid line loss and mitigate transmission costs to the extent possible and ensure that transmission cost overruns, if any, are not borne by ratepayers; (E) adequately demonstrate project viability in a commercially reasonable timeframe; (F) mitigate environmental impacts; and (G) promote additional employment and economic development.”.