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### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER), acting under the statutory authority of G.L. c. 25A, §§ 6 and 13, G.L. c. 21A, §22, and in conformance with G.L. c. 30A, is holding public hearings on proposed amendments to 225 CMR 13.00, the DOER CO<sub>2</sub> Budget Trading Program Auction Regulation. DOER is proposing these amendments concurrent with MassDEP's proposed revisions to 310 CMR 7.70: CO<sub>2</sub> Budget Trading Program. Together these proposed amendments would implement program changes agreed to by the Regional Green House Initiative (RGGI) participating states after completing the Third Program Review. The overall changes to the RGGI program will cause real reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and, in accordance with the Green Communities Act, the economic proceeds will be invested in programs to promote energy efficiency, conservation and demand response.

#### **Public hearings will be held:**

Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Register in advance for this hearing:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ujznRL9oRjavLSGFa85Odg>

Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/6CCbT\\_cjSgmbmPj2r0xgQg](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/6CCbT_cjSgmbmPj2r0xgQg)

DOER requests that written comments be submitted electronically to:

[mike.giovanniello@mass.gov](mailto:mike.giovanniello@mass.gov). Alternatively, comments may be mailed to: Mike Giovanniello, DOER, 100 Cambridge St, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02114. Copies of the proposed regulations may be obtained from the DOER website [www.mass.gov/energy/rggi](http://www.mass.gov/energy/rggi). Written comments must be received by 5:00 pm on August 7, 2026.

Language interpretation services are available upon request. To request this service, please email [mike.giovanniello@mass.gov](mailto:mike.giovanniello@mass.gov) at least four (4) business days prior to the July 28, 2026 hearing.

Please include your name, the event name and date, the language requested, and your phone number should we have any questions.

BY ORDER OF: Elizabeth Mahony, Commissioner  
Department of Energy Resources

## Small Business Impact Statement

(As required by M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 2, 3 & 5)

CMR No: 225 CMR 13.00

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: 0

- Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?  
No.
- Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?  
No.
- Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?  
No.
- Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?  
No.
- Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?  
No.
- Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?  
No.
- Are performance standards more appropriate than design/operational standards to accomplish the regulatory objective?  
(Performance standards express requirements in terms of outcomes, giving the regulated party flexibility to achieve regulatory objectives and design/operational standards specify exactly what actions regulated parties must take.)  
No.
- Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation?  
No.
- Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities?  
No.
- Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?  
No.
- Is the regulation likely to *deter* the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?  
No.
- Is the regulation likely to *encourage* the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?  
No.
- Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?  
No.
- Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?  
No.
- Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?  
No.
- Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective?  
No.

- Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?  
No.