

;;;BOSTON CITY COUNCIL  
;;;TUES 10/3/2017

>> WE'RE IN A SMALLER ROOM.  
WE WILL GET THE PROCEEDINGS  
STARTED.  
I WILL BE HERE TILL MID NIGHT TO  
NODE BE EVERYONE THAT WANTS TO  
TESTIFY CAN DO SO.  
WE WILL GET STARTED IN JUST A  
MINUTE.  
APOLOGIES TO THOSE WHO HAVEN'T  
ENTERED THE ROOM.  
THERE IS AN OVER FLOW ROOM TO  
THE RIGHT WITH NO TELL  
DESCRIPTION.  
WE APOLOGIZE.  
THE CHAMBERS ARE UNDER  
RENOVATION.  
WHICH IS WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON.  
WELCOME TO THE WINTER CHAMBER AT  
26 COURT STREET.  
MY NAME IS MAT O'MALLEY.  
I'M PROUD, THANK YOU, TO BE THE  
DISTRICT SIX CITY COUNCILOR AND  
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAIN ABILITY.  
WE ARE HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS  
DOCKET #1 063.  
AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF  
BOSTON TOE ADOPT CONSUMER CHOICE  
ENERGY.  
THIS IS SOMETHING WE HAVE  
BEEN -- FOR THE TIMELINE THE  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND I HAVE  
INITIALLY FILED THIS ON JANUARY  
THE 25th.  
ON MARCH 30th WE MET WITH  
EXECUTIVES.  
APRIL 4th WE MET WITH THE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE.  
APRIL 20th WE HELD WITH  
SPECIALIST.  
THE 25th WE HELD A WORKING  
SESSION.  
AND TWO MONTHS AGO WE FILED THIS  
AUTHORIZATION ORDER WHICH BRINGS  
US TO THE HEARING BEFORE US  
TODAY.  
AS MENTIONED THIS IS AN ISSUE  
THAT HAS A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF

INTEREST AND JUST SO YOU KNOW  
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TWO PANELS.  
FIRST HAVE OUR PANEL OF EXPERTS.  
I WILL INTRODUCE THEM SHORTLY.  
A PANEL FROM THE ADMINISTRATION,  
THE CHIEF OF ENVIRONMENT AND  
OPEN SPACE.  
THEN WE WILL OPEN IT UP FOR  
PUBLIC, PUBLIC TESTIMONY  
AFTERWARDS.  
WE WILL ASK EVERY MEMBER OF THE  
PUBLIC TO LIMIT COMMENTS TO TWO  
MINUTES.  
WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT  
WHICH TO SPEAK.  
I AM DELIGHTED TO BE JOINED BY  
MICHELLE WU AND ORDER OF THEIR  
THEIR -- I KNOW COUNCIL  
PRESIDENT, COUNCILOR FLAHERTY  
WAS HERE AND HAD TO LEAVE.  
WANTED TO SHOW HIS SUPPORT.  
I WILL GIVE A BRIEF OPENING  
STATEMENT BEFORE I TURN IT OVER  
TO THE CO SPONSOR, SIMPLY TO SAY  
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED  
US GET TO THIS POINT.  
I LOCK AROUND THIS CHAMBER.  
I HAVE ONLY BEEN TO THE OTHER  
SIDE.  
I HAVE NEVER SEEN SUCH A  
INCREDIBLE GROUP.  
I APOLOGIZE TO USING THIS ROOM  
OPPOSED TO OUR CHAMBER.  
WE'RE MAKING IT MORE USABLE FOR  
EVERYONE.  
THERE HAVE BEEN DELAYED  
RENOVATIONS HAPPENING THERE.  
NEVER THE LESS TO SEE THE  
INCREDIBLE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE  
SIT OWE COMING OUT TO SUPPORT  
COMMUNITY CHOICE AND WHAT IT CAN  
MEAN.  
THERE IS AN UTTER LACK OF  
LEADERSHIP HAPPENING IN  
WASHINGTON DC AS IT RELATES TO  
CLOY MAT CHANGE AND WHAT WE NEED  
TO DO?  
IT'S UP TO CITIES AND TOWNS TO  
LEAD THE WAY.  
I'M PROUD TO BE AN  
ENVIRONMENTALIST AMONG ALL OF  
YOU.  
THIS IS A KEY PIECE.  
WE HAVE SEEN THIS WORK IN 150 OF

351 TOWNS AND CITIES YOU THIS  
THE COMMONWEALTH.  
WE KNOW THERE ARE TOOLS AND  
MECHANISMS IN PLACE TO PROTECT  
RATE PAYERS AND GROW OUR  
RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES WHICH  
5% WHICH WILL HAVE A INCREDIBLE  
IMPACT.

WE ARE LUCKY IN THIS CITY THAT  
BY SHEAR LUCK THE LAST SEVERAL  
WEATHER EVENTS MAKING THEIR WAY  
UP HERE OCCURRED WHEN THEY DID.  
SUPER STORM SANDY, IF IT  
OCCURRED DURING HOY TIED.  
THROW OR FOUR HOURS EARLIER OR  
LATER WE WOULD HAVE SEEN  
DEVASTATION.

BEFORE THIS YEAR TWO CATEGORY  
FOUR HURRICANES DIDN'T HIT THE  
UNITED STATES IN THE SAME  
CALENDAR YEAR.

WE HAVE HAD THROW IN A MONTH.  
DESPITE ONE'S TAKE ON CLOY MAT  
CHANGE AND THE EFFECT NO ONE CAN  
DISPUTE THE FACT THAT CLIMATE  
CHANGE HAS A DIRECT CORRELATION  
WITH THE WEATHER EVENTS.

THERE ARE THINGS WE NEED TO DO.  
I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING MORE  
THAN COMMUNITY CHOICE AGO  
REGAUGES AND ENERGY.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR  
THIS.

IT'S THE BEST THING FOR THE  
CITY.

BEST THING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.  
BEST FOR THE RATE PAYERS AS  
WELL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, FOR  
BEING HERE.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, FOR THE CLAPS.

[ APPLAUSE ]

>> IN THE -- IN THE EXPEDIENTCY  
LET'S DO THE SILENT FINGERS  
PLEASE.

I WANT COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND CO  
SPONSOR TO SPEAK WITH HER  
OPENING THOUGHTS.

>> THANK YOU --

>> UNFORTUNATELY NO.

WE THOUGHT IT WAS.  
IT TURNS OUT IT WILL NOT.  
I APOLOGIZE FOR.  
THAT I AM SORRY.

>> IF ANYONE HAD A LAP TOP TO  
THE INTERNET OR WiFi WE  
COULD SET THAT UP.  
I'M THROWING THAT OUT THERE.  
I'M SURE WE HAVE WORKED THROUGH  
ALL POSSIBILITIES.  
IT IS STREAMING LIVE ON THE  
INTERNET EVEN IF THE TV ISN'T  
PLUGGED NO THE FEED.  
THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN AND  
EVERYONE FOR TAKING THE TIME TO  
BE HERE.  
I THINK THE LINE IS STILL OUT  
THE DOOR AS PEOPLE SIGN IN TO  
TESTIFY AND COME AND  
PARTICIPATE.  
I AM REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THIS.  
AS MATT LAID OUT IT'S BEEN A  
LOCK PROCESS.  
WE HAVE HAD MANY, MANY MEETINGS  
BACKED UP BY A GREAT RESEARCH OF  
ADVOCATES IN THIS ROOM AND SOME  
OF THE REGULATORS IN OTHER  
LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT.  
FROM INDUSTRY AND ALL AROUND.  
I FEEL CONFIDENT THIS IS A WELL  
RESEARCHED PROPOSAL BEFORE THE  
CITY COUNCIL AND BEFORE THE CITY  
OF BOSTON.  
YOU KNOW, I DON'T NODE TO GET NO  
WHY CLOY MAT CHANGE IS REAL AND  
WHY IT MATTERS THAT WE DO WHAT  
WE CAN NOW.  
YOU JUST HAVE TO TUSH ON THE TV.  
FOLKS IN BOSTON WHO ARE REELING  
AND WATCHING WHAT IS HAPPENING  
IN PUERTO RICO AND OTHER PARTS  
OF THE COUNTRY.  
BOSTON IS A COASTAL CITY.  
THE IMPACTS ARE HERE.  
THEY WILL CONTINUE TO COME.  
THE NEIGHBORHOODS, THE PEOPLE,  
THE COMMUNITIES MOST AFFECTED  
ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY LOW ERINN  
COME RESIDENTS, PEOPLE OF COLOR,  
MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS WHO  
CAN'T A FOR TO FLY OUT OF THE  
AREA WHEN THE STORM COMES OR  
RETREAT TO A SECOND HOME, OR YOU

KNOW EVEN DRIVE AWAY IN SOME  
CASES.

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A SOCIAL  
JUSTICE ISSUE AND PUBLIC HEALTH  
ISSUE AND ECONOMIC ISSUE.

I'M EXCITED THAT PROPOSAL PUTS  
THE TRIPLE WOULD THE ONLY LINE  
AS MATT CALLS T BEFORE THE CITY.  
THIS IS SOMETHING TO HELP THE  
ENVIRONMENT, HELP PUBLIC HEALTH,  
HELP US TAP INTO THE FASTEST  
GROWING AREAS OF JOB GROWTH IN  
THE COUNTRY IN INDUSTRIES OF  
CLEAN INJURY.

IT HITS TO THE LOWEST LEVEL FOR  
THE MOST NNOUNCE.

I'M EXCITED TO HAVE THE  
ADVOCATES HERE, THANK YOU TO THE  
ADMINISTRATION, THE DO YOU  
DILIGENT BACK AND FORTH.

I MAYBE STANDING UP AND WALKING  
AROUND AT CASS WILL DETERMINE.  
HE'S JUST A FEW WEEKS SHY TO BE  
OLD ENOUGH FOR DAY CARE.

I SEE ANOTHER BABY IN THE ROOM  
AS WELL AND YOUNG FOLKS.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS ROOM BECAUSE  
WE KNOW THIS IS WHAT IT'S ABOUT.

I SEE MOTHERS, FATHERS,  
GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS AND UFRPBGS  
-LZ, CARETAKERS.

WE'RE HERE FOR THE NEXT  
GENERATION AND TO PASS ON A  
BETTER BOSTON FOR THEM.  
THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.

[ APPLAUSE ]

>> THANK YOU, COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
WU.

IF I MAY WE HAVE BEEN JOINED BY  
AT LARGE CITY COUNCILOR AYANNA  
PRESSLEY.

MR. ZAKIM.

>> I WANT TO BE BRIEF AND SAY  
THANK YOU FOR SPONSORING THIS.  
IF WE CAN MAKE A SIGNIFICANT  
IMPACT ON, AGAINST CLOY MAT  
CHANGE IT'S HIGH TIME WE DO IT.  
I LOOK FORWARD TO SPOEURTING THE  
MESSAGE AS WE MOVE FORWARD.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON  
THIS.

>> THANK YOU.  
COUNCILOR SAL LAMATTINA.

>> THANK YOU.  
I'M HERE TO LISTEN AND LEARN.  
THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR LA MA LA MA  
TINA.

>> COUNCILOR A NOSE A  
ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR  
ESSAIBI-GEORGE.  
COUNCILOR MARK CIOMMO.

>> THANK YOU.  
I WAN TO COMMEND THE AUTHORS OF  
THIS AND LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORT  
IT WHEN WE BRING IT TO THE  
FLOOR.  
UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE TO LEAVE IN  
ABOUT 20 MINUTES.  
I'M HERE TO PARTICIPATE UNTIL  
THEN.  
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR CIOMMO.  
COUNCILOR AYANNA PRESSLEY.

>> THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN.  
I WILL LEND MY VOICE TO THE  
CHORUS HERE THANKING YOU BOTH TO  
YOUR LEADERSHIP AND HARD WORK TO  
EDUCATE.  
YOU BOTH CONTINUE TO LEAD IN  
THIS SPACE.  
SOMEONE ASKED ME HOW ARE THINGS  
GOING.  
I SAID WE'RE TRYING TO RESIST  
WHILE PROGRESSING.  
THAT'S ACTUALLY WHAT IS  
HAPPENING HERE.  
STAVING OFF AND ADDRESSING THE  
LACK OF LEADERSHIP ON THE  
FEDERAL LEVEL AND CONTINUE TO  
ADVANCE AND PROGRESS FORWARD.  
THANK YOU BOTH FOR YOUR  
LEADERSHIP.

PROUD TO BE AN EARLY SUPPORTER  
OF THIS AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE  
HEARING.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR  
PRESSLEY.  
[ APPLAUSE ]

>> ONCE AGAIN THERE ARE TWO  
PANELS.  
THE FIRST ARE SOME EXPERTS AND  
INCREDIBLE LEADERS GETTING TO  
THIS POINT.  
THERE ARE 127 OF 351 TOWNS YOU  
THIS OUT THE COMMONWEALTH TO  
PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY CHOICE.  
WE HAVE LETTERS OF SUPPORT TO  
ADD TO THE SUPPORT OF  
INITIATIVE.  
HARBOR WAY COLLISION, BOSTON  
WARD FORTH, DEMOCRATIC  
COMMITTEE -- BACK BAY, CLAM  
POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION,  
350.ORG -- BOSTON SCREEN ENERGY  
COLLISION, BOSTON STUDENT  
ADVISORY COUNCIL, LABOR  
UNITED, MOTHERS OUT FRONT --  
SIERRA CLUB OF MASSACHUSETTS, AND  
WEST ROXBURY SAVES ENERGY.  
OUR FIRST PANEL OF EXPERTS.  
WE HAVE MARIA MORELI A PLANNER  
FOR THE TOWN OF BROOKLINE.  
MIKE -- BOSTON CLOY MAT ACTION  
NETWORK.

>> --

>> AND DR. LIZ.  
IF YOU WANT TO BEGIN A QUICK  
OPENING STATEMENT AND INTRODUCE  
YOURSELF WE WILL GET INTO IT.  
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT WU AND OTHER  
MEMBERS THANK YOU FOR BEING  
HERE.  
I'M SENIOR PLANNER FOR THE TOWN  
OF BROOKLINE.  
I MANAGE CLIMATE ACTION  
INITIATIVES FOR THE TOWN.  
I WAS INVOLVED WITH GOOD ENERGY  
AND CITIZEN COMMITTEE.  
I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN EVERY

ASPECT OF THE BIDDING PROCESS,  
ADMINISTERING THE PLAN,  
OUTREACH.

MR. CHAIRMAN STATED I'M A JP  
RESIDENT.

COUNCILOR O'MALLEY IS MY  
DISTRICT REP.

I'M A TEN YEAR BOARD MEMBER OF  
THE NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP.

HERE HERE SPEAKING IN MY  
PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY FOR ANY  
CONCERNS YOU MAY.

HAVE I COMMEND YOU FOR BRINGING  
THIS BEFORE THE CITIZENS AND  
BUSINESS OWNERS IN BOSTON.

I ADMIRE THE WORK THE CITY IS  
DOING.

I WORK CLOSELY WITH MY  
COUNTERPARTS.

WE HAVE A GREAT PARTNERSHIP I  
WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO AND  
RESIP OWE KATE IN ANYWAY I CAN.

I RESPECT ANY RESERVATION OR  
CONCERN THE ADMINISTRATION OR  
MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MAY  
HAVE ABOUT A PROGRAM LIKE THIS.  
IT IS A BIG DEAL.

BUT I DO WANT TO EMPHASIZE AS  
SOMEONE INVOLVED IN EVERY ASPECT  
OF ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM  
THAT LAUNCHING A COMMUNITY  
CHOICE AGGREGATION PROGRAM IS  
NOT A MATTER OF EITHER OR.

IT'S NOT AN EITHER OR  
PROPOSITIONS IF YOU ARE FOR OR  
AGAINST.

WHAT I MEAN BY THAT IS ANYTHING  
THAT IS WORTH WHILE ASK HAS A  
WORTHWHILE IMPACT WILL INVOLVE  
CHALLENGES THAT CAN BE  
MITIGATED.

UNLESS THE CITY IS AUTHORIZED TO  
LAUNCH THE PROGRAM YOU'RE NOT  
ABLE TO STUDY WHAT THE  
CHALLENGES ARE.

YOU AREN'T ABLE TO UNDERSTAND  
THERE ARE WAYS, REAL WAYS TO  
MITIGATE THE CHALLENGES.

YOU ALSO WON'T KNOW WHAT  
CONSUMER NEEDS ARE.

IF YOU THICKER CONSUMERS ARE  
CONCERN ABOUT COST, I CAN TELL  
YOU PERSONALLY MY WORK BRING  
HE'S IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE



MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND  
THEY'RE MUCH MORE CONCERNED WITH  
NOT JUST COST BUT THE QUALITY OF  
THEIR AIR.

AIR QUALITY.

ALSO THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE  
ACCESS TO CLEAN CHOICE.

IT SHOULDN'T BE JUST A LUXURY  
THAT ELITE CLASSES HAVE.

ALSO, LOSING OUT.

THERE ARE BENEFITS TO THIS  
PROGRAM.

LOSING OUT ON THE BENEFIT IS  
REALLY THE BIGGEST RISK OF ALL.  
IN ADDITION ON A MORE PRACTICAL  
NOTE IT TAKES TIME TO DEVELOP AN  
AGGREGATION PLAN.

THERE ARE CONSUMERS LEARNING  
MORE ABOUT THIS.

THEY HAVE BEEN BOMBARDED DAILY  
WITH SOLICITATION FROM THIRD  
PARTY SUPPLIERS.

RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPANIES.

THERE ARE MORE CONSTITUENCY  
GROUPS LEARNING AND MORE  
COMMUNITIES COMING ON-LINE.

SAYING NO IS REALLY, IT'S  
SOMETHING THAT HAS TO BE  
JUSTIFIED.

IT'S GETTING HARD TORE JUSTIFY  
WHEN YOU HAVE PEOPLE COMING  
BEFORE YOU ASKING WHY.

IF YOU DECIDE TO LAUNCH IT TAKES  
AT LEAST A YEAR AND A HALF TO  
EXECUTE THAT PLAN.

IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT CAN BE  
DONE OVER NIGHT.

AS WE KNOW THE ENERGY MARKET  
DOESN'T STAND STILL.

YOU WANT TO BE PREPARED TO TAKE  
ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES.

>> BOSTON ISN'T JUST A REGIONAL  
LEADER BUT A LEADER  
INTERNATIONALLY.  
HE'S A MEMBER OF THE -- FOR MEGA  
CITIES.

ANYTHING THAT BOSTON DECIDES TO  
SUPPORT OR DECIDES TO REJECT IS  
GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF  
ATTENTION.

IT'S GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF  
INFLUENCE.

IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT, NO,

IT'S BE GOING AWAY.  
IT DOES NEED TO BE SPOKEN TOO.  
SO CLOSER TO HOME WHY DID  
BROOKLIE DO THIS?  
YOU MAY KNOW WE HAVE A TOWN  
MEETING FORM OF GOVERNMENT.  
AGGREGATION, AGGREGATION PLUS  
WAS ACTUALLY BROUGHT FORTH BY  
CITIZEN PETITIONERS.  
IT'S LITERALLY FOR AND BY THE  
PEOPLE.  
THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM THAT WE  
HAVE, WE HAVE A LOT OF ATTENTION  
FOR OUR DEFAULT PROGRAM THAT IS  
25% MORE RENEWABLE ENERGY THEN  
THE STATE MANDATE.  
WE ACTUALLY HAVE THROW PRODUCTS  
IN OUR PROGRAM.  
THAT WAS IN DIRECT RESPONSE TO  
WHAT CONSUMERS TOLD THE TOWN.  
WE HAVE HAD PEOPLE WHO COME  
FORTH AND TELL US THIS ARE  
SOLICITATIONS THEY'RE BOMBARDED  
WITH.  
THEY DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO VEST  
THESE COMPANIES.  
THIS IS A ROLL THE TOWN HAS  
TAKEN ON.  
.A LITTLE MORE.  
WE ENJOY A 92% PARTICIPATION  
RATE IN OUR PROGRAM.  
THE MAJORITY OF THE PARTICIPANTS  
ARE IN OUR 25% PRODUCT.  
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?  
IT MEANS BROOKLINE DISPLAY  
ALMOST 30 MILLION POUNDS OF  
POLLUTING CARBON DIOXIDE  
EMISSIONS ANNUALLY.  
THAT IS INSTALLING ABOUT 12 WIND  
TUR PWOEUPBZ.  
THE -- EVERYONE CAN CONTRIBUTE A  
LITTLE MORE.  
WE DON'T NEED EXTREME OUT LIERS  
TO HAVE THIS ILL PACT.  
IF BOSTON WAS TO SIGN ON ABOUT  
125,000 PAR ADVERTISE PAPTS YOU  
COULD BEAT US.  
WE DO ENJOY A FRIENDLY RIVALRY.  
YOU COULD HELP BOSTON DISPLAY  
SOME 38 MILLION POUNDS OF  
38 MILLION POUNDS OF PRODUCT  
EMISSIONS WITH YOUR 5% OF  
PRODUCT.  
JUST TO LET YOU KNOW THE

MAGNITUDE.

LIKE BOSTON WE HAVE SIGNED ONTO  
REDUCE GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS  
BY THE YEAR -- BY 80% BY 2025 WE  
HAVE A TARGET IN 2022.

AT THE RATE WE'RE GOING WE WON'T  
MOAT OUR TARGET.

WE NEED SOMETHING TO HAVE AS  
MUCH IMPACT AS POSSIBLE.  
NOTHING WE CAN DO WILL HAVE THIS  
AMOUNT OF IMPACT TO THIS  
MAGNITUDE.

I TALKED TO YOU ABOUT THE  
SOLICITATIONS.

WE HAVE AN ACTIVE SENIOR  
POPULATION THAT REALLY HAS  
APPEALED TO US TO VET PLANS AND  
THROUGH AN AGGREGATION PLAN  
WE'RE PROVIDING A CONSUMER  
SERVICE TO OUR MORE VULNERABLE  
POPULATION.

IN TERMS OF OUR PHILOSOPHY ON  
HOW TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE  
IT'S NOT JUST ENERGY EFFICIENCY  
BUT REDUCING GREEN HOUSE GAS  
EMISSIONS, THAT WE HAVE TO TAKE  
ON.

WE MAY THINK OF NATURAL GAS AS A  
CLEANER RESOURCE.

THAT'S A FALSE.

IT'S STILL A DIRTY FUEL  
CONTRIBUTING TO CARBON EMISSION.  
WE NEED TO THINK OF NOT JUST  
CLEANER CHOICES BUT CLEAN FUELS  
AVAILABLE.

WHAT WE'RE ACTUALLY SENDING A  
MESSAGE THROUGH THIS PROGRAM IS  
THAT UTILITY COMPANIES THAT  
HAVEN'T BEEN TO THE GAME AND  
HAVE THE LEVERAGE AND CAN  
NEGOTIATE FOR PRICES, THEY NOT  
HAVE PROVIDED A RANGE OF  
RENEWABLE ENERGY OPTION THAT'S  
PEOPLE WANT.

RIGHT NOW IT IS A BIT LIKE  
ORGANIC FOOD.

THERE IS A BIT OF A PREMIUM  
ATTACHED TO IT.

WE ARE GLAD TO SAY WE MAKE IT  
MORE ACCEPT EUBLG FOR FOLKS TO  
PURCHASE GREENER OPTIONS.

OUR 25% PRODUCT.

IF WE LOOKED AT A HOUSEHOLD  
CONSUMING 600-KILOWATT HOURS A

MONTH THEY PAY TWO TO THREE  
DOLLARS MORE THEN WHAT THE  
SERVICES BOY.  
NOT MANY PEOPLE CAN BYE A COUPLE  
OF COFFEE FOR THAT ADDITIONAL  
AMOUNT YET IT HAS THE IMPACT ON  
THE ENVIRONMENT.  
IT'S IMPORTANT NOT TO  
UNDERESTIMATE CONSTITUENTS.  
THE PEOPLE I HAVE MET  
FACE-TO-FACE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT  
COST.  
WE HAVE A PRODUCT IN THE PROGRAM  
THAT'S MEANT TO BEAT THE  
SOURCES.

PEOPLE IN MIND PEOPLE HAVE MORE  
OPTIONS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY.  
THEY CAN'T INSTALL SOLAR PANELS.  
MAYBE FOR ABOUT TWO DOLLARS MORE  
A MONTH, THAT IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE.  
THEY CAN HAVE A HUGE IMPACT AND  
VOTE WITH THEIR ELECTRIC BILL.  
THEY CAN SEND A MESSAGE THAT  
THEY WANT A BETTER PRODUCT THAT  
MEETS THEIR NEEDS.

SO, ESSENTIALLY WE'RE EMPOWERING  
FOLKS, MY EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN  
THAT MORE PEOPLE HAVE LEARNED  
ABOUT THEIR ELECTRIC BILLS AND  
ARE FEELING THEY UNDERSTAND  
WHERE THEIR ELECTRICITY COMES  
FROM AND WHERE THERE ARE CHOICES  
OF WHERE THEIR ELECTRICITY COMES  
FROM AND THE PRICES THEY PAY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> WE WILL GET INTO PHRA +\*U.

>> WE WILL GET NO QUESTIONS ONCE  
ALL THE PANELISTS HAVE SPOKEN.  
I'M SORRY, DR. STANTON, YOU HAVE  
A POWERPOINT?

>> YES.

>> LET'S KEEP IT TO FOUR OR FIVE  
MINUTES PLEASE.  
THANK YOU, MIKE.

>> THANK YOU TO THE COUNCILLORS  
ABLE TO MAKE IT TODAY AND THOSE

WHO COULDN'T MAKE IT BUT SUPPORT  
COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY.

AS COUNCILOR O'MALLEY SAID THIS  
IS REALLY ABOUT THE STORMS THAT  
WE HAVE BEEN SEEN HITTING THE  
CARIBBEAN.

THEY'RE INCREASING FREQUENTLY  
AND VORACITY.

WE ALL KNOW THAT SOON ARE OR  
LATER, MAYBE SOONER, MAYBE ONE  
OR MORE THAN ONE WILL HIT  
BOSTON.

THE CITY'S OWN PROJECTIONS SHOW  
BY TO 70, WITHIN SOME OF OUR  
LIFE TIMES HALF OF BOSTON WILL  
BE UNDER WATER, THOSE IN HIGHER  
AND DISTANT NEIGHBORHOODS MAGIC  
THE IMPACT OF SHUTTING DOWN THE  
T, FLOODING THE SEWER SYSTEMS,  
OVERWHELMING THE ELECTRICAL  
GRID, OUR ECONOMY WOULD FREEZE.  
THINK ABOUT HOW LONG IT WOULD  
TAKE TO CLIMB OUT OF THAT AND  
THE IMPACT ON THE HIGH-TECH,  
MEDICAL, AND BOY OWE TECH  
INDUSTRIES NOW THE CORE OF  
OUR -- THE CITY WITH THAT  
ECONOMIC BASE CAN'T AFFORD THIS  
IMPACT.

THERE ARE TWO QUESTIONS HERE.  
ONE IS, ARE WE GOING TO LEAVE  
THE WORLD BETTER FOR OUR  
CHILDREN OR NOT.

THE OTHER IS, WHAT KIND OF  
ECONOMIC GAMBLE ARE WE TAKING IF  
WE DON'T BRING DOWN CARBON  
EMISSIONS AS RAPIDLY AS WE  
POSSIBLY CAN USING EVERY MEANS  
AT OUR DISPOSAL.

THE QUICKEST AND MOST COST  
EFFECTIVE WAY TO DO THAT IS BY  
ADOPTING COMMUNITY CHOICE  
ENERGY.

WHICH ALSO WOULD GIVE EVERYONE  
IN BOSTON ACCESS TO RENEWABLE  
ENERGY WHETHER THEY RENT OR OWN.  
WHETHER THEY PUT A SOLAR PANEL  
ON THEIR ROOM OR NOT AT NO EXTRA  
COST.

THE MEASURE WE'RE PROPOSING IS  
EXTREMELY CONSERVATIVE.  
WE WANT TO BUY AS MUCH RETPHOUBL  
ENERGY AS WE CAN WITHOUT  
INCREASING RATE PAYER COST,

WITHOUT INCREASING AN ELECTRIC  
BILL.  
WE'RE NOT PICKING A FIGURE AND  
SAYING THIS IS, THIS IS THE  
TARGET WE HAVE TO HIT.  
WE SAY LET'S SEE WHAT THE MARKET  
HAS TO OFFER AND GET THE BEST  
DEAL WE CAN.  
WHICH ACROSS THE REGION IS ABOUT  
FIVE PERCENT RENEWABLE ENERGY  
SPREAD ACROSS A LARGE RATE BASE  
WHICH IS LIKE 15 WIND TURBANS.  
OR BETTER IF WE GET A BETTER  
DEAL ON THE RATES THAT WE GET.  
EQUALLY IMPORTANT.  
WHAT THIS DOES IS INCREASE THE  
SUPPLY OF RENEWABLE POWER IN OUR  
RAOEG NON IN TWO WAYS.  
ONE BY BUYING RETPHOUBL ENERGY  
CERTIFICATES.  
WE SEND A SIGNAL TO SOLAR AND  
WIND FARM DEVELOPERS.  
THEY WILL DO WELL IF THEY BUILD  
MORE.  
THE OTHER IS BOSTON'S LEADING  
ROLL IN CLIMATE CHANGE WORK.  
IT'S EXTREMELY BEAUTIFUL TO SEND  
A SIGNAL TO OTHER CITIES IN MAS  
MASS ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND  
ENERGY MARKETS AND DEVELOPERS  
THAT MAJOR CITY, MAJOR PLAYER IS  
INVESTING AND PUTTING MONEY DOWN  
AND COMMITMENT FOR RENEWABLE  
ENERGY.  
RIGHT NOW CITY DOESN'T HAVE A  
RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM.  
WHAT DOES IT MEAN IF WE HOST A  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE NEXT  
YEAR AND DON'T HAVE A RENEWABLE  
ENERGY PROGRAM.  
[ APPLAUSE ]

>> SO CITIES ACROSS MASSACHUSETS  
HAVE ADOPTED THIS MEASURE.  
WE CAN'T SAY WE'RE LEADING.  
WHAT THEY HAVE DONE THANK YOU TO  
BROOKLINE AND OTHERS.  
THEY HAVE SHOWN IT'S RISK FREE,  
COST EFFECTIVE, AND EXTREMELY  
POPULAR WITH RESIDENTS.  
SO, A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO MAYOR  
WALSH WAS ON PUBLIC RADIO AND HE  
WAS ASKED WHY ARE WE BUILDING  
NEW PIPELINES IN THE CITY IF

WE'RE TRYING TO GET OFF  
RENEWABLE ENERGY --  
[ APPLAUSE ]

>> -- HIS RESPONSE WAS YOU CAN'T  
STOP THE DEVELOPMENT AND  
RENEWABLE ENERGY SUPPLY ISN'T  
THERE.  
THIS IS A WAY TO START DOWN THE  
PATH WHERE WE DON'T HAVE TO  
CHOOSE BETWEEN JOBS AND THE  
ENVIRONMENT.

>> WELL SAID.  
THANK YOU, MIKE.  
I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE WE HAVE  
BEEN JOINED BY DISTRICT 7  
COUNCILOR TITO JACKSON.  
THANK YOU.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON, COUNCILLORS,  
THANK YOU SO MUCH FORGIVING US A  
OPPORTUNITY.  
I WILL BE TO SPEAK, I WILL BE  
BRIEF.  
I FEEL THIS IS, I HAVE GIVEN  
THIS SPEECH BEFORE.  
MY FELLOW PANELISTS HAVE TOUCHED  
ON MANY OF THE POINTS I WANTED  
TO CONVEY TO YOU ALL.  
TO REITERATE I'M HERE FOR THE  
GREEN JUSTICE COLLISION.  
A CAMPAIGN OF LABOR UNITED  
SEEKING TO PUT FRONT LINE  
WORKERS AT THE CENTER OF CLEAN  
ENERGY TRANSITION.  
WE ARE GROUNDED IN BOSTON'S  
WORKING CLASS COMMUNITIES OF  
COLOR, ENVIRONMENTAL  
ORGANIZATIONS AND LABOR UNIONS.  
WE FIRST CAME TOGETHER IN 2007  
TO ADDRESS THE EXPANSION OF  
ENERG EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS ACROSS  
THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETS.  
HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE  
AUTHORIZATION TO DIRECT CITY  
STAFF TO PUT FORTH THE  
APPROPRIATE RESOURCES TO EXPLORE  
A CCE PROGRAM FOR BOSTON.  
THANKFULLY I DON'T FEEL IT  
NECESSARY TO EXPLAIN THE URGENCY  
OF THE CLIMATE CRISIS TO ANY OF  
YOU HERE TODAY.  
TO DO NOTHING WE'RE COMPLYING TO

THE DESTRUCTION OF COMMUNITIES.  
-- THIS ACTION TO DAY WOULD NOT  
ONLY SECURE A CLEAN ENERGY  
FUTURE FOR BOSTON RESIDENTS BUT  
GIVE SUCCESS TO THOSE LEFT OUT  
IN THE PAST.  
THIS IS A POLICY THAT  
AWAINGMENTS AND COMPLIMENTS WORK  
THE CITY IS DOING LIKE RENEW  
BOSTON.  
A EFFORT THAT GREEN JUSTICE  
COLLISION HAS SUPPORTED FROM THE  
BEGINNING.  
ONE OF OUR PRINCIPLE STATES  
WE'RE WORKING TO ACHIEVE SUSTAIN  
ABILITY, RESILIENT, COMMUNITY  
ACCESS TO RENEWABLE ENERGIZE --  
ESPECIALLY ON ENERGY BILLS.  
THAT WORK IS ESSENTIAL.  
COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY IS NOT  
ONLY A POLICY IT'S AN ACTION  
THAT CAN BRING RENEWABLE ENERGY  
TO WORKING CLASS COMMUNITIES OF  
BOSTON AND TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE  
OF BOSTON.  
AGAIN WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE  
MEASURE WHEN IT COMES BEFORE A  
VOTE FOR AN ETHIC COUNCIL.

>> THANK YOU.  
[ APPLAUSE ]

>> THANK YOU, COUNCIL PRUZ WU  
AND COUNCILOR O'MALLEY FOR  
INVITING ME TO SPEAK TODAY.  
MY NAME IS LIZ STANTON.  
I'M THE DIRECTOR AND LEGAL  
ANALYST -- I'M A PH.D.  
ECONOMIST.  
I SPWR-PB ANALYZING AND WRITE  
ABOUT ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT  
AND COMMUNITY EQUITY FOR THE  
LAST 17 YEARS.  
YESTERDAY OUR CLINIC RERAESSED A  
REPORT AND POLICY WRAOEF THAT  
EVALUATED THE POLICY BEFORE THE  
COUNCIL TO ADOPT CCE.  
I'M GOING TO WALK THROUGH SOME  
OF OUR KEY FINDINGS.  
THERE ARE A FEW SLIDES UP HERE.  
I THINK THERE IS A HAND OUT FOR  
THE COUNCILLORS TO SEE THE  
SLIDES BETTER.  
WE FOCUSED OUR ANALYSIS.



TO THE NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.  
WE FOCUSED OUR ANALYSIS IN TOWNS  
THAT HAVE ADOPTED A POLICY  
SIMILAR TO THAT BEING CONSIDERED  
FOR BOSTON.

THE TOWNS AND CITIES SHOWN HERE  
PROVIDE -- CLASS ONE RENEWABLES  
FOR THE DEFAULT ELECTRIC  
SERVICE.

AS YOU CAN SEE ALMOST ALL OF THE  
TOWNS ARE SAVING MONEY WITH THE  
PROGRAM EXCEPT FOR WINCHESTER.  
WE THINK THAT IT'S LIKELY THAT  
DUE TO THE CITY'S SIZE THAT  
BOSTON WILL BE ABLE TO FETCH A  
COMPETITIVE PRICE IN LINE WITH  
OR CHEAPER THEN WHAT THE OTHER  
TOWNS ARE GETTING.

IN ORDER TO SEE A BOSTON COULD  
SAVE MONEY IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT  
TO TALK WITH MULTIPLE AGO  
REKWAEUTERS AND GET THE MOST UP  
TO DATE INFORMATION POSSIBLE.

ONCE THE CITY RECEIVERS ACTUAL  
BIDS IT COULD THEN DECIDE  
WHETHER OR NOT TO MOVE ON WITH  
THE PROGRAM BASED ON REAL UP TO  
THE MINUTE INFORMATION.

THE CCE TOWNS, NEXT SLIDE --  
THAT WE FOCUSED ON HAD CONTRACTS  
BETWEEN 18 AND 30 MONTHS IN  
LENGTH.

THE EVER SOURCE BASIC SERVICE  
RATE CHASES EVERY 6 MONTHS.  
THAT MEANS THAT CCE PROVIDES A  
STABLE GUARANTEED RATE FOR A  
MUCH LONGER PERIOD.  
YOU KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO PAY  
FOR.

IT ALSO DOESN'T COST MUCH TO GET  
UP AND RUNNING.

BOSTON CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK  
AND MASS ENERGY SERVED EIGHT  
MUNICIPALITIES IN MASSACHUSETS.  
ALL SAID IT WAS WORTH WHILE AND  
THEY WOULD RECOMMEND IT TO OTHER  
MUNICIPALITIES.

THE TYPE OF CCE THAT IS BEING  
CONSIDERED BY BOSTON WOULD LEAD  
TO A CLEANER ENERGY MIX FOR THE  
SENIOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES.  
IT WOULD PROCURE AT LEAST FIVE  
PERCENT ADDITIONAL RENEWABLE  
ENERGY MORE THAN WHAT'S REQUIRED

BY THE COMMONWEALTH.  
IT WOULD DISPLACE DIRTIER  
SOURCES OF ENERGY CONTRIBUTING  
TO THE GREEN HOUSE GAS  
FOOTPRINT.  
YOU CAN SEE HERE THAT RENEWABLES  
THAT CURRENTLY MAKE UP, NINE  
PERCENT OF NEW ENGLAND'S SHARED  
GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY IS  
NINE PERCENT.  
THE CITY ASPIRES TO BE CARBON  
NEUTRAL BY 2050.  
TO GET THIS IT NEEDS A MULTI  
PRONGED STRATEGY.  
TO REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM  
HEATING, TRANSPORTATION, AS WELL  
AS ELECTRICITY.  
THE ELECTRICITY SECTOR  
CONTRIBUTES 38% OF BOSTON'S  
KRWROEPB HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.  
WE ESTIMATE THAT CCE ALONE WOULD  
REDUCE EMISSIONS BY THE AMOUNT  
OF, EQUIVALENT TO 6400 CARS  
TAKEN OFF BOSTON STREETS.  
CCE WILL INCREASE LOCAL  
RENEWABLE ENERGY IT WILL GIVE  
BOSTON'S CONSUMERS MORE CONTROL  
PHOTOGRAPHER THE IMPACT OF THEIR  
ENERGY.  
WE KNOW THAT'S NOT ENOUGH.  
CCE IS ONE OF A SUITE OF  
POLICIES TO HELP CITY ACHIEVE  
IT'S CLOY MAT FOLD.  
IT SHOULD BE VIEWED AS  
COMPLIMENTARY AND NOT AS IN  
CONFLICT WITH OTHER POLICIES  
MEANT TO MITIGATE GREEN HOUSE  
GAS EMISSIONS.  
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, LIZ.  
AGAIN IF WE COULD JUST SEE THE  
HANDS TO MOVE EVERYTHING ALONG.  
THANK YOU, I HAVE BRIEF  
QUESTIONS AND MY COLLEAGUES AS  
WELL.  
I WANTED TO NOTE THE COMMITTEE  
INVITED BOTH NATIONAL GRID AND  
EVER SOURCE TO TESTIFY THEY  
DECLINED.  
THEY HAVE LETTERS AVAILABLE IN  
THE PUBLIC RECORD.  
EVER SOURCE WE MADE SURE THEY  
HAD A LITERAL AND FIGURATIVE

SEAT AT THE TABLE FROM THE  
BEGINNING.

ADDITIONALLY A LETTER FROM  
COUNCILOR McCARTHY.

I AM WRITING TO APOLOGIZE FOR  
NOT ATTENDING TO THE HEARING I  
WILL BE IN WASHINGTON WITH  
COLLEAGUES.

I WANT TO SAY FOR THE RECORD WE  
NEED TO DO ALL TO MITIGATE  
CLIMATE CHANGE.

I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT COST,  
EDUCATION AND NOTIFICATIONS.  
I LOOK FORWARD TO REVIEWING THE  
TAPE.

I'M SURE WHEN HE REVIEWS THE  
TAPE HIS FEARS WILL BE A  
LIGHTENED.

>> FROM A PROCESS POINT OF VIEW,  
MAYBE THIS IS BETTER FOR YOU,  
MARIA, THE BROCKLINE TOWN  
MEETING PASSED A AUTHORIZATION  
AND SENT IT TO THE SELECT MAN OR  
THE TOWN MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT.

>> IT WENT TO STAFF.

>> I SEE.

>> WE WORK, I HAVE A CLIMATE  
ACTION COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY  
THE SELECT MAN.  
WE WORK TOGETHER.  
TO DEVELOP THE PLAN.

>> YOUR POSITION, I'M SORRY TO  
CUT YOU OFF.  
YOUR POSITION WASN'T WRAUT ON BY  
YOU WORKING THERE.

>> DEFINITELY STKREUFRPBLGTS TO  
HIRE STAFF?

>> I SHOULD POINT OUT AND SAY I  
DON'T DO CLIMATE ACTION FULL  
TIME.  
I'M A LAND USE PLANNER HALF TIME  
AND CLIMATE ACTION HALF TIME.  
WE'RE WORKING TO HAVE A FULL  
TIME PLANNER.  
WE DID WORK WITH GOOD ENERGY.  
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO DO THIS  
WITHOUT AN EXPERIENCED ENERGY

BROKER.  
WE DID NOT BRING ON EXTRA STAFF.

>> ARE YOU AWARE OF THE OTHER  
CITIES OR TOWNS NEEDING MORE  
STAFF TO IMPLEMENT THIS.

>> NOT I'M THAT I'M AWARE OF.  
MOST WERE TOWNS LIKE BROOKLINE.

>> IN WORKING WITH GOOD ENERGY  
DID YOU PUT OUT AN RFP.

>> WE WORKED WITH THE  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COUNCIL.  
THEY SELECT GOOD ENERGY AND WE  
SIGNED ON WITH THAT.  
WE HAVE BEEN REALLY PLEASED WITH  
GOOD ENERGY.  
WORKING WITH GOOD ENERGY WE PUT  
TOGETHER OUR AGGREGATION PLAN  
THAT HAS TO GO THROUGH THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
FOR APPROVAL.  
THEN THE BIDDING PROCESS  
COMMENCES.

>> THAT'S A FARE POINT SO FOLKS  
KNOW.  
WE HAD A HEARING ORDERER AND  
WORKING SESSION IN APRIL.  
THIS IS ANKER FROM THE COUNCILOR  
PRESIDENT AND MYSELF.  
WE WILL VOTE ON THIS.  
IT WILL THEN AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR  
AND CHIEF BACKMAN.  
THAT WILL BEGIN THE PROCESS  
THERE.  
IS A LENGTHILY PUBLIC PROCESS IN  
PLACE.  
I WOULD VENTURE OR GUESS GIVEN  
THE FACT OF 670,000 PEOPLE IN  
THE CITY THERE WOULD BE A LOT OF  
INTERESTING IN A UTILITY REALLY  
GIVING THE BEST POSSIBLE DEAL.  
IT'S A GREAT HUGE POOL OF  
CONSUMERS.  
STRENGTH IN NUMBERS IN MORE WAYS  
THAN ONE.  
OKAY.  
THEN I GUESS ONE OF THE CRITICS  
OR AMONG THE CRITICISM I HAVE  
HEARD IS THIS IS UNSTABLE AND  
COULD COST A RATE PAYER MORE

MONEY.

MIKE, YOU WANT TO TAKE A STAB OR WHO EVER ON SAFEGUARDS TO PUT IN PLACE SO THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN.

>> WHEN THE CITY INITIATES A PROGRAM AND PUTS IT INTO EFFECT IT'S TARGETED AT A RATE EQUAL TO OR LOWER THAN EVER SOURCES. WHEN THE PROGRAM STARTS IT WOULD NOT COST THE RATE PAYER MORE. WE CAN'T CONTROL OR PREDICT WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO EVER SOURCES RATES IN THE FUTURE.

IT COULD BE THAT THEY HIT THE JACKPOT AND FIND A CHEAP SOURCE OF ENERGY OR GET A GOOD BID AND THEIR PRICES FALL BELOW THE RATE THAT CITY BOSTON RATE PAYERS PAY WITH CCE.

THIS HAPPENED IN MEL ROSE. UP TO THAT POINT WAS SAVING RESIDENTS ABOUT TEN DOLLARS A YEAR ON AVERAGE. THEY PAUSED THE PROGRAM AND SAID WE DON'T WANT OUR RESIDENTS TO PAY MORE.

PUT THIS ON HOLD AND GO BACK TO THE MARKET LATER WHEN WE CAN GET BACK IN AND SAVE OUR RESIDENTS SOME MONEY OR WREAK EVEN.

WE WILL GET BACK. THAT'S ONE OF THE OPTIONS THAT THE CITY COULD ADOPT TO MAKE SURE RESIDENTS DON'T PAY MORE.

>> I WOULD ARGUE MEL ROSE IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF HOW WELL THE PROGRAM WORKS. WHAT DID THEY INCREASE THEIR RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO TO ABOUT 5%?

>>ABOUT.  
THAT.

>> OKAY INCREASE ABOUT 5%, ESSENTIALLY WHAT WE WOULD DO. THEY SAVED RATE PAYERS MONEY. NOT A LOT TEN DOLLARS. THEY INCREASED. WHEN THE SCALES SHIFTED THEY WERE ABLE TO PAUSE THE PROGRAM SO RESIDENTS WOULDN'T BE PENALIZED OR COULD TAKE

ADVANTAGE OF A FAVORABLE RATE  
WHILE NOT ABANDONING THE PROGRAM  
BUT WAIT FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES  
TO CORRECT THEMSELVES.

>> YES, IT'S FLEXIBLE.

>> ON THE POINT OF STABILITY  
IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER WHILE  
UTILITY DEFAULT SERVICE RATES  
ARE MOVING EVERY SIX MONTHS THAT  
TYPICALLY THE CONTRACTS THAT WE  
LOOKED AT IN MASSACHUSETTS LAST  
FOR A LOT LONGER THAN THAT.  
YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR PRICE WILL  
BE.  
THE CONTRACTS THAT WE SAW WERE  
BETWEEN 1 AND 30 MONTHS.

>> -- 18 AND 30 MONTHS.

>> OPPOSES TO SIX MONTHS?

>> CORRECT.

>> SO THOSE DOING THIS, BUYING  
OIL FOR FUEL CAN LOCK IN TO THAT  
OR DO A MONTHLY THING --

>> YES, VERY SIMILAR.

>> THE WHIM OF THE FLUCTUATING  
MARKET.  
THAT'S HELPFUL.

>> TO MY COLLEAGUES.  
PRESIDENT WU.

>> THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN.  
FOLLOWING UP ON THE SAFEGUARDS.  
BEING ABLE TO PAUSE, CAN YOU  
TALK ABOUT INDIVIDUAL OPTING OUT  
AND HOW THAT WORKS IN YOUR  
EXPERIENCE WITH BROOKLINE?

>> THE STATE MANDATES THERE IS A  
30-DAY OPT OUT.  
WHEN WE WANTED A MORE FLEXIBLE  
PROGRAM, THE MOST POSSIBLE AND  
PEOPLE CAN OPT OUT AT ANYTIME.  
WE ALSO WANTED TO GIVE PEOPLE A  
OPPORTUNITY TO COME BACK INTO  
THE PROGRAM AND TAKE ADVANTAGE  
OF COMPETITIVE RATES.

IF THEY LEFT AND WANTED TO COME BACK WITHIN 30-MONTH PERIOD WE HAVE, WE WOULD HONOR THE COMPETITIVE RATES. THAT IS TO GIVE THEM A OPPORTUNITY TO GET A FEEL FOR HOW THIS MEETS FARE NEEDS OF THE HOUSEHOLD.

>> WHAT DOES SOMEONE IN BROOKLINE HAVE TO DO TO OPT OUT.

>> DURING THE 30-DAY OPT OUT PERIOD YOU HAVE TO CONTACT, OR YOU HAVE A FORM THAT YOU WOULD SIGN AND RETURN. THAT IS FOR THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER. THERE AFTER YOU CALL THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER.

>> COULD YOU TALK ABOUT PROCESS. SO AFTER AN AUTHORIZATION VOTE THAT HAPPENS FROM THE LEGISLATIVE BODY WHAT TYPE OF COMMUNITY PROCESS IS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW TO GIVE ADDITIONAL INPUT INTO THE PROCUREMENT AND SETTING UP A PLAN.

>> THEY TAKE CONSUMER PROTECTIONS VERY SERIOUSLY. THEY REGULARLY VET THE PLANS. THEY WANT TO INSURE THERE ARE A VARIETY OF OUTREACH IN PLACE. WE ADOPTED ALL WE POSSIBLY COULD. WE HAD SMALL FORUMS. LARGE FORUMS SELECTED BY THE SELECT MEN. WE HAD NOTE PAGES ON THE WEB SITES. OUTREACH GROUPS IN NEIGHBORHOODS. WE HAD BROCHURES, THINGS IN PRINT. WE TARGETED A WIDE VARIETY OF CONSTITUENCIES TO MAKE SURE WE HAD TAILORED OUTREACH TO GROUPS.

>> SWITCHING OVER TO MAYBE PROFESSOR, IN TERMS OF YOUR RESEARCH WITH OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS YOU MENTIONED THAT THE ONE SURVEYED SAID THEY WOULD

RECOMMEND IT TO OTHER  
MUNICIPALITIES.  
CAN YOU TALK ABOUT FEEDBACK THEY  
HAD OR RECOMMENDATIONS.

>> I DIDN'T DO THE SURVEY  
MYSELF.  
I LOOKED AT THE RESPONSES.  
THEY WERE OVERWHELMINGLY  
FAVORABLE WITH THE  
ADMINISTRATORS OF THE PROGRAMS  
HAVING HAD A GOOD AND EASY TIME  
WITH ADMINISTERING IT.  
BEING HAPPY WITH THEIR  
AGGREGATORS AND PRODUCTS THEY  
CHOSE.  
GETTING GOOD FEEDBACK FROM  
RESIDENTS OF THE TOUB AND HIGH  
ADOPTION RATES.

>> THANK YOU.

>> AND IN TERMS OF WHEN A TOWN,  
A CITY OR TOWN WOULD HAVE TO  
PRESS THE GO BUTTON TO LOCK DOWN  
THE RATES AS ENERGY PRICES  
CHANGE FROM WINTER TO SUMMER  
WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE.  
ARE THERE WAYS TO MAKE SURE WE  
GET THE BEST RATES.  
THE ENERGY BROKER OR THINGS TO  
BE A CHAIR OF.

>> WE ACTUALLY RELIED A LOT ON  
OUR ENERGY BROKER AND ALSO  
RETPHOUBL ENERGY EXPERT  
SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ADVANTAGE.  
WHICH FOCUSED ON THE RETPHOUBL  
ENERGY MARKET.  
THEY PROVIDED ENORMOUS EDUCATION  
AND RESOURCES FOR MARKET CYCLES,  
WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE  
MARKET, WHAT WOULD INFLUENCE  
PRICES.  
WE FELT CONFIDENT WE WERE MAKING  
A INFORMED DECISION AT BID TIME.  
WHEN TO GO OUT TO BID AND THE  
BIDS TO ACCEPT.

>> MY LAST QUESTION, I HAD BEEN  
CHATting BRIEFLY WITH CHIEF  
BLACKMAN, I KNOW WILL HE GET  
INTO THIS MORE.  
HE MENTIONED THE AUTHORIZATION



ORDER LANGUAGE.

THERE MAYBE SOME CHANGES TO OUR  
PS OR YOUTHFULNESS OF THE TERM  
RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARDS IN  
THE STATE LAW GIVEN THE RECENT  
GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT.  
AS WE MEASURE THIS 5 PERCENT TO  
THE BASELINE WE WENT FOR CITIES  
AND TOWNS DOING IT NOW.  
IF THE STANDARD HAS CHANGED  
WOULD YOU TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU  
RECOMMEND HOW THEY SET 5%  
STANDARDS.

>> FOR THE TIME BEING THE  
STANDARD REMAINS THE SAME.  
THERE ARE THOSE BEFORE THE  
LEGISLATURE TO CHANGE IT THERE  
HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST.  
IT'S HARD TO SAY WHAT WILL  
HAPPEN NEXT WITH THAT.  
THERE IS FLUX GOING ON.  
WELL DESERVED CONCERN WITH  
PEOPLE AROUND THE STATE IF THE  
STATE'S CURRENT POLICIES ARE  
SUSPICION TO REACH THE  
ADMISSIONS REDUCTION GOALS THAT  
WE HAVE IN OUR GLOBAL WARMING  
SOLUTION ACT.  
NEW ACTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN.  
AT THE MOMENT I DON'T THINK  
THERE IS CHANGE THAT WOULD MAKE  
SENSE OR IS WARRANTED.  
IT'S SOMETHING TO WATCH AS WE GO  
FORWARD.

>>THANK YOU, VERY MUCH.  
THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

>> THANK  
FIRST HEARING WHAT'S THE  
OBJECTION TO THIS.  
CAN SAVE MONEY, CAN BE GREENER,  
ANYONE?  
NO.  
ALL RIGHT.  
I WANT TO THANK YOU.  
I DON'T THINK MY --

>> MAY ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

>> I DO HAVE ON.  
GIBBS IN THE DISTRICT I MAY  
NOT BE ABLE TO STAY FOR THE REST

OF THE HEARING JUST THANK  
EVERYONE FOR YOUR ADVOCACY I'M  
LOOKING FORWARD TO VOTING.  
AND MY COMMENTS WERE NOT CLEAR  
ENOUGH BUT THANK YOU,  
MR. CHAIRMAN.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP  
ON THIS.

>> COUNCILOR LaMATTINA?  
[ INAUDIBLE ]

>> WE HAVE POPULATION OF ABOUT  
50,000, WE'RE SMALLER THAN  
BOSTON.  
THE ELIGIBLE ACCOUNT HOLDERS  
ABOUT 22,000 ELIGIBLE ACCOUNT  
HOLDERS WE HAVE ABOUT 20,000  
PARTING IN THE PROGRAM THAT'S  
ABOUT 93% PARTICIPATION RATE.  
MAJORITY OF THOSE PARTICIPANTS  
ARE IN OUR DEFAULT PRODUCT WHICH  
IS THE 25% PRODUCT.  
DO YOU HAVE.

>> THANK.  
THANK YOU.

>> WAS THERE LIKE A BIG  
CAMPAIGN.

>> YES.  
WE DID SPEND A LOT OF TIME  
REACHING OUT TO CONSTITUENTS, AS  
MUCH ONE ON ONE AS POSSIBLE.  
WE DID LOT OF OUTREACH IN  
NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS.  
THAT IS KEY.  
AGAIN, IT'S IMPORTANT TO REALLY  
HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND, NO ONE  
REALLY PAYS ATTENTION THE THEIR  
ELECTRIC BILL AND JUST  
UNDERSTANDING ENERGY MARKETS  
ALONE CAN BE A LITTLE  
COMPLICATED WHEN YOU'RE ADDING  
THAT RENEWABLE ENERGY LAYER.  
IT HAS A LITTLE MORE  
COMPLICATION BUT REALLY 'MAYING  
HOW QUICKLY THE CLOUD IS  
DISSPELLED AND PEOPLE ARE JUST  
LIKE, I NEVER KNEW THIS.  
I'M SO GLAD TO UNDERSTAND, HAVE  
THIS INFORMATION SO THAT THE

RESPONSE TO THAT IS REALLY  
POSITIVE.

>> I WOULD JUST ADD THAT IF YOU  
LOOK AROUND THE ROOM YOU'LL SEE  
THAT THERE'S A SMALL GRASS  
ROOTLE ARMY READY TO DO THAT  
OUTREACH IF THIS IS ADOPTED.  
[ Applause ]

>> SOME OF THE CONCERNS I WOULD  
HAVE IS AN INCREASE.  
I HAVE NO PROBLEM BECAUSE I'VE  
BEEN -- BUT I DO HAVE SOME  
SENIORS THAT ARE CONCERNED ABOUT  
THE IMPACT WILL HAVE ON THEIR  
BILL.  
CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE ABOUT  
THAT?

>> TWO POINTS.  
ONE IS THAT THE TOWNS THAT WE  
LOOK AT EXCEPT FOR ONE THEY'RE  
ALL GETTING A BETTER RATE NOT A  
WORSE RATE.  
THE OTHER THING IS THAT IN  
MASSACHUSETTS ALL OF THE TOWNS  
HAVE STRUCTURED THESE PROGRAMS  
SO THAT ANYONE CAN OPT OUT.  
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE IN THE  
PROGRAM IF YOU DON'T WANT TO,  
YOU GO BACK TO EVER SOURCE'S  
RATE, IT'S YOUR OPTION.

>> IF THERE'S A -- BROOKLINE,  
WE ARE USING BROOKLINE  
ELECTRICITY IS THAT THE COMPANY  
YOU'RE USING?

>> NO.  
DYNERGY WE CALL BROOKLINE --

>> IF THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH  
ELECTRICIAN FROM TEE IN MY  
NEIGHBORHOOD AND PEOPLE HAVE  
EVERSOURCE WHO TAKES CARE OF THE  
PROBLEM?

>> THE QUALITY OF YOUR ELECTRIC  
SERVICE DOES NOT CHANGE BECAUSE  
EVERSOURCE DELIVERS THE  
ELECTRICITY, YOU HAVE ANY  
PROBLEMS WITH BILLING, OUTAGES,  
YOU'RE GOING TO CALL EVERSOURCE

IT'S REALLY SEAMLESS.

>> THEN YOU MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT TAX DEDUCTIONS.

>> DYNERGY PURCHASES THE RENEWABLE ENERGY FROM A LOCAL NONPROFIT, THEY ARE ACTUALLY IN JP.

MASS ENERGY HAVE BEEN AROUND SINCE 1928 PROVIDING MORE AFFORDABLE -- RENEWABLE ENERGY OPTION, IS THAT ARE AFFORDABLE BECAUSE THEY'RE A NONPROFIT. THE ADDITIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY THE CONSUMERS PURCHASE IS AVAILABLE FOR A TAX DEDUCTION. FEDERAL TAX DEDUCTION.

>> ANY TOWNS OR CITIES THAT DON'T WANT TO DO THIS AND THE REASON WHY?

>> YOU KNOW, I THINK IT'S REALLY -- I HAVEN'T TALKED TO ANY COMMUNITIES MARIE CORRECTED IT OUTRIGHT.

ONCE THEY START THINKING ABOUT IT THEY LEARN A LOT.

IT'S JUST REALLY MATTER OF TAILORING THE PROGRAM TO MITIGATE THE RISK AND TO MEET CONSUMER NEEDS.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR LaMATTINA.  
OUR ESSAIBI GEORGE.

>> I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE BENEFITS IT MAY PROVIDE OR ACCESS SMALL BUSINESS MIGHT HAVE TO PURCHASING --

>> ABSOLUTELY.

IF YOU LOOK AT EVERSORE'S STRUCTURE, THERE ARE DIFFERENT RATES FOR SMALL BUSINESS THEY ACTUALLY PAY A LITTLE MORE THAN RESIDENTIAL. WE PROVIDE ONE RATE NO MATTER IF YOU'RE A SMALL BUSINESS, LARGE COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL. THAT'S ALSO ATTRACTIVE TO SMALL

BUSINESS.

>> THANK YOU.

THEN CAN YOU JUST TALK, WHO WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT CHANGE OR HOW THE SEASONAL CHANGES AND WEATHER CHANGES THE FACT THAT THE RATES AND PRODUCT OR THE SOURCE WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE HOT SUMMERS AND COLD WINTERS.

>> FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE TOWN IT DOESN'T HAVE AN AFFECT ON YOUR RATE.

THOSE CHANGES WHICH ARE REAL DO AFFECT HOW MUCH RENEWABLE ENERGY CAN BE PRODUCED, BUT IT'S NOT MAKING YOUR RATES FLUCTUATE. IT'S CONSIDERED WHEN THE STUDY 18-30 MONTH RATE IS BUILT. IT'S CONSIDERING BUT AT A LOWER LEVEL.

>> I CONTINUE TO BE FASCINATED, CERTAINLY SUPPORTIVE OF IT BUT CONTINUE TO LEARN MORE, I APPRECIATE THAT, THANK YOU THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE. COUNCILOR ANNA PRESSLEY?

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. MOST OF MY QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ASKED AND ANSWERED. THANKS TO MY COLLEAGUES HERE. LOT OF QUESTIONS AROUND OUTREACH, STAFFING LEVELS. THE ONE THING I DID -- IN MY COPIOUS NOTES.  
[ INAUDIBLE ]

>> THERE ARE 127 MUNICIPALITIES THAT ARE PARTICIPATING IN SOME FORM OF COMMUNITY CHOICE. NOT ALL OF THEM HAVE AS PART OF THEIR DEFAULT EXTRA RENEWABLE. WE TRIED TO MAKE A COUNT OF THAT, AND FOUND THAT A NUMBER OF THE TOWN'S WEBSITES WERE OUT OF DATE AND IT WAS TRICKIER TO DO THAN WE THOUGHT. WE COUNT UP ABOUT 35 TOWNS THAT WE WERE SURE HAD EXTRA RENEWABLES WHETHER IT'S 5% OR

MORE THAN 5%.  
THEN WE COUNTED UP AN ADDITIONAL  
15 THAT MADE IT CHOICE, DEFAULT  
DIDN'T HAVE THAT BUT YOU COULD  
OPT UP TO DO MORE.  
THERE ARE ALSO OF THOSE FIRST 35  
OR SO A NUMBER OF THOSE TOWNS  
GIVE YOU AN OPT OUT.  
SO IN YOUR DEFAULT THERE'S AN  
ADDITIONAL 5% OR 25%.  
BUT IN THOSE TOWNS THEY ALSO  
GIVE YOU A CHOICE, YOU CAN OPT  
OUT THAT'S ALWAYS A CHOICE BUT  
YOU CAN ALSO OPT UP OTHER THAN  
ARLINGTON, WE HAVE THIS PROGRAM  
NOW AND ONE OF THE CHOICES IS TO  
OPT UP TO 100% RENEWABLE IF YOU  
WANT TO.

>> EXCELLENT.

>> I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT JUST  
SO I -- THIS HAS THAT OPTS UP TO  
100% THAT'S MALIK TO DO AS WELL.  
OPT OUT, 5% INCREASE WHICH WILL  
KEEP THE COST AT OR BELOW  
CURRENTLY THEN OPPORTUNITY TO  
OPT UP TO 100% WHICH WOULD  
LIKELY COST MORE BUT MAKE IT  
VOLUNTARY.

>> IMPORTANT POINT.  
THANK YOU.  
AGAIN, JUST THIS ISN'T A  
ONE-OFF.  
IT REALLY IS NOT AND/OR.  
WE'RE LOOKING FOR EVER TOOL  
AVAILABLE TO US.  
WHAT I LIKE ABOUT COMMUNITY  
CHOICE IS THE EQUALITY, THE  
EQUITY ASPECT OF THAT WHICH I  
THINK IS VERY IMPORTANT.  
SO TO KALILA'S POINT YOU WERE  
SAYING THAT NOT EVERYBODY HAS  
THE CAPACITY TO PUT SOLAR PANELS  
ON THEIR ROOF.  
THAT IS TRUE.  
BUT IT IS ALSO WHY, VERY TIMELY  
THAT THIS HEARING IS TAKING  
PLACE AT THE SAME TIME THAT  
SOLAR EQUITY BILL, THAT WILL BE  
INTRODUCED TO THIS BODY ON THAT  
MEASURE.  
BUT AGAIN IT ISN'T AN OR, IT'S

AN AND.

I HOPE YOU WILL ALSO BE  
SUPPORTIVE OF THOSE EFFORTS THAT  
IS A BILL SPONSORED BY SENATORS  
BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE  
ARE BEING INTENTIONAL ABOUT  
BEING INCLUSIVE ABOUT COMBATING  
CLIMATE CHANGE.

>> THANK YOU.  
COUNCILOR JACKSON.

>> THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.  
I ACTUALLY WANT TO QUOTE SOMEONE  
WHO KNOWS A LITTLE BIT ABOUT  
ENERGY, WHO HAS STUDIED NOT TOO  
FAR FROM HERE GUY NAMED ALBERT  
EINSTEIN HE SAID THE WORLD IS A  
DANGEROUS PLACE TO LIVE, NOT  
BECAUSE OF PEOPLE WHO ARE EVIL  
BUT BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE WHO  
DON'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.  
WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, THAT'S  
PRETTY BROAD STATEMENT APPLIES  
TO A LOT THAT'S GOING ON RIGHT  
NOW.

BUT IN THE FACE OF SANDY, IN THE  
FACE OF IRMA, IN THE FACE OF  
MARIA, I LITERALLY JUST GOT OFF  
THE PHONE WITH ONE OF MY FRIEND  
WHO IS HEADED TO THE AIRPORT TO  
PICK UP ONE OF OUR FRIENDS WHO  
LIVES IN PUERTO RICO.  
AND HE'S COMING TO LIVE HERE.  
HE'S A LAWYER, HIS DAD IS A  
DOCTOR, HE'S COMING TO LIVE  
HERE.

HE LITERALLY ONLY HAS WHAT HE  
HAS ON HIS BACK AS HE COMES IN.  
I WANT TO SAY PRAYERS UP FOR OUR  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN AND  
AROUND PUERTO RICO AND ALL.  
ISLANDS THAT HAVE BEEN AFFECT.  
THIS IS ABSOLUTELY THE RIGHT  
THING TO DO.

IT IS WAY PAST THE RIGHT TIME TO  
DO IT.

AND I CATEGORICALLY SUPPORT  
COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY IN THE  
CITY OF BOSTON.

AND I DON'T KNOW WHO WOULD WANT  
TO GO IN ANOTHER DIRECTION THAT  
DOES NOT HAVE A FINANCIAL UPSIDE  
TO GOING IN THAT OTHER

DIRECTION.

WHEN WE LOOK AT COSTS OR CURRENT COST AS WE JUST HEARD MOST OF THE PLACES THIS IS ACTUALLY CHEAPER-THAN ONE PLACE.

I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO A LITTLE RESEARCH WHILE I WAS UP HERE.

WE SHOULD THINK ABOUT CAN BOSTON HANDLE THIS?

IS BOSTON BIG ENOUGH?

ARE WE EQUIPPED ENOUGH TO HANDLE THIS PROPOSAL?

SO I LOOKED AT SOME OF THE CITIES, TOWNS AND MUNICIPALITIES IN THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS THAT ARE DOING THIS.

I WANTED TO SHARE SOME INFORMATION WITH YOU.

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT SOME OF THE LARGE CITIES AND TOWNS THAT ARE DOING COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY.

EQUINA HAS 311 PEOPLE IN IT.

CHILLMARK HAS 866.

WINDOW HAS 868.

THE BUSTLING DOWN OF ORANGE HAS 7,839.

MILLVILLE HAS 3,190.

TYLERHAM HAS 327 PEOPLE.

IF WE CAN'T GET IT DONE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON WHERE CAN WE DO IT IN THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS?

WEIGH HAVE 650,000 PEOPLE IN OVER 17,000 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES. THE CITY OF BOSTON SHOULD BE CHARGING FAST AND HARD TOWARDS WHERE MY COLLEAGUES HAVE BROUGHT US.

BY THE WAY, WHILE WE'RE HEADED THERE WE SHOULD ACTUALLY PUT A PLASTIC BAG BAN ON THIS ONE, TOO, ENHOUR THAT WE DO THE RIGHT THING.

[ APPLAUSE ]

I GUESS MY QUESTIONS, MOST OF THEM ARE ANSWERED.

IS THERE ANY FORESEEABLE AND/OR THAT'S OUT THERE THAT THESE CITIES AND TOWN, MANY OF THEM SMALLER THAN SOME OF OUR CITY BLOCKS IN TERMS OF POPULATION. ARE ABLE TO ADMINISTER IN THOSE CITIES AND TOWNS?



IS IT ME OR THE FACT THAT THIS CHANGE DOES NOT GET ADMINISTERED MOSTLY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL AND IS ACTUALLY ADMINISTERED BY EVERSOURCE THAT MAKES THIS ONE OF THE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE EASE, IS THAT MAKES US ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD.  
HOW EASY IS THIS RELATIVE TO ADMINISTRATION?

>> SURE.

JUST KEEP IN MIND THAT BECAUSE THERE ARE 650,000 PEOPLE, THERE MIGHT BE QUESTIONS.  
I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT JUST TO HAVE AVAILABLE STAFF, STAFF THAT'S ALREADY ON STAFF JUST EDUCATED ABOUT THE PROGRAM TO SPEAK TO IT.  
MOST PEOPLE'S QUESTIONS ARE REALLY, SAME QUESTIONS THAT THEY ASK.  
IT'S JUST REALLY BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE THAT LEVEL OF CUSTOMER SERVICE TO EXTEND THE EDUCATION. CERTAINLY DURING THE OPT-OUT PERIOD THERE IS A BIT OF OUTREACH IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS.  
THEREAFTER IT REALLY APPEARS OUT OF IT YOU DO HAVE THE COOPERATION OF YOUR ENERGY BROKER TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM BUT KEEP IN MIND THAT EVER MUNICIPALITY IS DIFFERENT.  
YOU KNOW YOUR CONSTITUENTS, YOU UNDERSTAND THEIR NEED AND WHAT KIND OF QUESTIONS THEY MIGHT HAVE.  
I REALLY RECOMMEND JUST EDUCATING STAFF THE BETTER SO THAT THEY CAN RESPOND RATHER THAN THINKING RIGHT AWAY YOU HAVE TO ADD MORE STAFF.

>> THE INCREASE -- THE ONE TOWN THAT HAS A HIGHER PRICE OR COST, CAN YOU BREAK THAT DOWN FOR EITHER -- WHAT IT MEANS PER YEAR OR WHAT IT MEANS PER MONTH. WHAT DOLLAR DIFFERENCE?

>> THEY'RE VERY SMALL.

I DON'T HAVE THAT NUMBER FOR YOU.

BUT YOU CAN SEE THAT THE DIFFERENCE IS VERY SMALL, IT MIGHT BE 1% ON PEOPLE'S BILLS. IT'S A VERY SMALL AMOUNT.

>> NOT LIKE PARKING TICKET WHICH MANY PEOPLE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON RECEIVE?

>> PARKING TICKET WOULD BE A LIEUTENANT WORSE, YES.

>> I GUESS I WANT TO COMMEND BOTH COUNCILOR WU BUT ALSO MY GOOD FRIEND COUNCILOR O'MALLEY FOR HIS PASSION ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT. AND WILLINGNESS TO ENSURE THAT WE LEAVE IT BETTER THAN WE FOUND IT.

WE KNOW THAT WE ARE A COASTAL CITY, I DON'T KNOW IF ANYONE HAS SEEN THE WATER DOWN THE WAY. AND WE KNOW THAT WE POSSIBLY HAVE UP TO 32 ADDITIONAL INCHES COMING TOWARDS US IN THE NEXT 30 YEARS.

IF WE AS CITY OF BOSTON DON'T STEP FORWARD AND HAVE LEADERS WHO HAVE RESOLVE, BACKBONE AND FORESIGHT TO DO SOMETHING RIGHT NOW THEN WHEN CAN WE DO IT? I BELIEVE THAT A CRISIS IS A TERRIBLE THING TO WASTE. WE LEARNED A WHOLE LOT FROM WHAT IS GOING ON IN GLOBAL WARMING RIGHT NOW.

AND AS A CITY OF BOSTON WE'RE NOT LEADING ON THIS, BY THE WAY, THERE'S 127 OTHER FOLKS, MAYBE WE CAN BEAT OUT -- NOT GOING TO BE NUMBER 350 OUT OF 351. WE HAVE GREAT LEADERS, VISIONARY LEADERS IN THIS AREA AND I ABSOLUTELY CATEGORICALLY BACK WHAT YOU'RE DOING.

I KNOW IF I DON'T MY MOTHERS OUT FRONT WILL BE ON THE SIDE, BEHIND ME, ON THE OTHER SIDE. BUT WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO THIS, THIS IS ABSOLUTELY THE RIGHT THING TO DO, IT'S THE RIGHT TIME

TO DO IT.  
WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD WITH NO  
DELAY WHEN IT COMES TO CCE AND  
THE CITY OF BOSTON.  
THANK YOU SO MUCH.  
[ APPLAUSE ]

>> BEFORE WE GET TO OUR NEXT  
PANEL SEEING AND HEARING NONE,  
THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR  
INCREDIBLE WORK.  
STICK AROUND THERE MAY BE  
QUESTIONS.  
I'D LIKE TO INVITE AUSTIN  
BLACKMAN CHIEF OF ENVIRONMENT,  
ENERGY AND OPEN SPACE TO PLEASE  
JOIN US.  
ALSO AUSTIN COMES UP WANTEDDED  
TO ACKNOWLEDGE JESSICA FROM MY  
OFFICE IS WHO HELPED PUT THIS  
TOGETHER AND OUR INCREDIBLE  
STAFF WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD.  
YOU CAN CLAP FOR THEM,  
ABSOLUTELY.  
AUSTIN, ANYONE ELSE?  
TERRIFIC.

>> THANK YOU.  
JUST ASK ANY CONVERSATIONS JUST  
STAYING OUTSIDE AND WE'LL GET TO  
PUBLIC TESTIMONY AFTER CHIEF  
BLACKMAN.  
CHIEF, I HAVE THIS GRAND DESIGN  
THAT IS NEXT YEAR'S  
INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE CONFERENCE  
WE CAN WELCOME PEOPLE TO BOSTON  
WHERE WE PASS COMMUNITY CHOICE  
AGGREGATION, WHERE WE'VE CUT  
DOWN OUR USE OF PLASTIC BAGS,  
WHERE WE HAVE NET ZERO CARBON  
BUILDING WHERE WE'VE GOT BETTER  
PREPAREDNESS THAN ANY OTHER  
COASTAL CITY.  
FIX GAS LEAKS, THANK YOU FOR.  
THAT HOW DO WE GET THERE?  
WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO? WHAT ARE  
YOUR THOUGHTS AND CONCERNS?

>> WELL BEFORE I GET INTO THAT,  
COUNCILOR, JUST THANK YOU FOR  
HOSTING THIS HEARING, THANK ALL  
THE OTHER COUNCILORS FOR JOINING  
US HERE AS WELL TODAY.  
I SHARE YOUR PASSION AND YOUR

VISION FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON AS DOES MAYOR WALSH, WHILE WE HAVE BEEN LEADERS ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE, WHY WE'RE HOSTING THE CLIMATE SUMMIT NEXT YEAR.

IT'S WHY WE'VE DONE SUCH WORLD CLASS WORK ON THE PLANNING SIDE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE KEEP BOSTON THE ECONOMIC DRIVING HUB THAT IT IS TODAY AND CONTINUE TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE.

WE'VE GOT BOLD GOALS AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE IN TERMS OF REDUCTION FOR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, 25% BY 2020 BEING COMPLETELY CARBON NEUTRAL BY 2050.

COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION CERTAINLY VERY POWERFUL TOOL.

IT COULD DEFINITELY HELP US OBTAIN OUR 2020 GOAL WITH THE HEARING ORDER THAT'S ON THE TABLE IT COULD GIVE US ABOUT HALF OF A PERCENT IN TERMS OF REDUCTION TOWARD THAT GOAL.

WE ARE HERE PRIMARILY TO LISTEN AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE TODAY.

WE REMAIN VERY OPEN TO THE POSSIBILITY OF MOVING FORWARD WITH AN AGGREGATION.

WE DO HAVE SOME CONCERNS, THERE ARE SOME CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED AT THE STATE WHICH COUNCILOR, YOU ASKED ABOUT PREVIOUSLY IN THE GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT.

I THINK THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ASKING FOR WORKING SESSION TO WORK THROUGH SOME OF THOSE DETAILS AND HAVE SOME CONTINUING CONVERSATIONS AS OUR LEGAL DEPARTMENT HAS SOME CONCERNS AROUND THE ORDER AS IT EXISTS.

WE HOPE THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD QUICKLY WITH WORKING SESSION FOLLOWING THE HEARING TODAY TO DISCUSS THAT IN MORE DETAIL.

ALSO HEAR TO LISTEN BECAUSE WE BELIEVE, ALTHOUGH THIS COULD BE A VERY EXCELLENT WAY FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON TO MOVE FORWARD WE DO HAVE CONCERNS AROUND THE COST OF IMPLEMENTATION AS WELL

AS THE COST DIFFERENTIAL IN TERMS OF THE PRICES THAT WE HAVE SEEN AND SOLICITED FROM SOME OF THE VENDORS THAT HAVE WORKED ON SIMILAR AGGREGATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

THIS IS A PARTICULAR CONCERN FOR SOME OF OUR LOW INCOME RESIDENTS.

TYPICALLY LIVE IN NEIGHBORHOOD THAT HAVE HIGHER THAN AVERAGE ELECTRICITY USE.

SO NOT ONLY WOULD THEY BE PAYING A HIGHER RATE BUT THEN THEY ALSO USE MORE ELECTRICITY SO THEY'RE OVERALL COSTS COULD BE HIGHER. SOME OF THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS INCLUDE ROXBURY, MADAPAN AND DORCHESTER.

ALSO AS WAS MENTIONED I THINK, COUNCILOR JACKSON POINTED OUT THAT CITY OF BOSTON IS MUCH LARGER THAN MANY OF OUR NEIGHBORS WHO HAVE GONE FORWARD WITH COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION, IF I WORKED IN ONE OF THOSE SMALLER COMMUNITIES I'D GO DOOR TO DOOR MYSELF DO THE EDUCATION FOR THE 300, 600, THOUSAND RESIDENTS.

WE'VE GOT OVER 600,000 RESIDENTS HERE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, OVER 200,000 ELECTRIC ACCOUNTS.

THE TYPE OF ENGAGEMENT THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO DO ALL WOULD REQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF RESOURCE AND THAT WOULD CERTAINLY WITH SOME COST AS WELL.

THAT SAID, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY.

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO ANSWERING ANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS. FROM THE GREAT PARTNERS FROM THE CITY OF BOSTON, WHETHER THAT'S MOTHERS OUT FRONT, SIERRA CLUB I'M SURE I'M MISSING QUITE A FEW OTHERS.

THANK YOU AGAIN.

>> THANK YOU, AUSTIN.

YOU MENTIONED COST DIFFERENTIAL YOU'VE SEEN FROM VENDORS, WHICH VENDORS DID YOU SOLICIT?

>> WE HAVE BEEN WORKING  
PRIMARILY WITH ONE VENDOR WHO  
WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DOING  
THIS.  
THE RATES THAT WE'VE GOTTEN BACK  
FOR AGGREGATION THE SIZE OF THE  
CITY OF BOSTON WAS -- RATES HAVE  
8:00 BACK ABOUT 1% HIGHER THAN  
WAS THE CURRENT EVERCHOICE  
RATED.  
ON ANNUALIZED BASIS AS COUNCILOR  
JACKSON MENTIONED THAT WOULD  
CERTAINLY BE LESS THAN A PARKING  
TICKET.  
PROBABLY BE \$11 MAYBE A LITTLE  
BIT MORE ANNUALIZED BASE.

>> HAVE YOU EVER HAD WORK DONE  
ON YOUR HOME?

>> I RENT HERE IN THE CITY.

>> OKAY.  
FAIR ENOUGH.  
TYPICALLY YOU WANT TO GET AT  
LEAST THREE ESTIMATES BEFORE  
HAVING ANYTHING DONE.  
THE FACT THAT YOU'VE SOLICITED  
ONE VENDOR AND IT'S BEEN A 1%  
INCREASE I THINK THAT ALL GOES  
WELL.  
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO COSTCO?  
BJ'S, SAM'S CLUB?  
YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH THE  
BUSINESS MODEL.

>> OF COURSE.

>> THEY CAN SELL BETTER PRICE IN  
BULK I THINK HAVING A CITY WITH  
200,000 STRAIGHT ELECTRIC  
ACCOUNTS AND 600,000 RESIDENTS,  
THIS IS A SOUGHT AFTER ACCOUNT  
THAT WE WOULD USE THIS TOOL TO  
REALLY NEGOTIATE THE BEST PRICE  
FOR OUR RATE PAYERS.  
I'M TRYING TO THINK WHAT ELSE.  
WHAT ARE SOME OF THE OTHER  
CONCERNS YOU SORT OF -- JUST  
MAKE SURE I HAVE IT RIGHT, I'M  
TRYING NOT TO BE ADVERSARIAL  
HERE, AUSTIN.  
YOUR CONCERN IS THE COST BECAUSE

YOU HAVE ONE VENDOR WHO DID  
INCREASE COST.

>> IT'S IN THEIR BEST INTEREST  
TO PROVIDE THE LOWEST COST AND  
SHOW IT AT OR BELOW RATE.  
THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE'VE  
GONE OUT TO THE MARKET NOW, I  
BELIEVE ADAM, YOU'LL CORRECT ME  
IF I'M WRONG, WE'VE DONE THIS  
NOW THREE OR FOUR TIMES NOW EACH  
TIME IT'S COME BACK AND LEADS TO  
1% INCREASE COST IF NOT HIGHER.

>> FROM THE SAME VENDOR OR  
DIFFERENT VENDORS.

>> SAME VENDOR.

>> HE'S NEGOTIATING AGAINST  
HIMSELF.  
THE FEE THAT THE VENDOR WOULD  
CHARGE WOULD NOT DRAMATICALLY  
IMPACT THAT RATE.  
THE INCREASED COST ASSOCIATED  
WITH THAT IS REALLY THE  
RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDIT NOT  
BROKER'S FEE THAT WOULD BE A  
ASSOCIATED WITH IT.  
WEAVER HAPPY TO CONTINUE TO  
INVESTIGATE THIS.  
WE'RE HAPPY TO GO AND ASK  
MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR THAT.  
I THINK THAT THE CONCERN THAT WE  
HAVE IS JUST THAT WE'VE  
CONSISTENTLY GOTTEN THE FEEDBACK  
FOR AN ACCOUNT AS LARGE AS THE  
CITY OF BOSTON.  
UNFORTUNATELY WE HAVE IN THE  
BEEN ABLE TO BEAT THAT RATE  
WE'VE SEEN OTHER CITIES IN THE  
COMMONWEALTH THAT EVEN HAVE  
SMALLER ACCOUNTS, UNWOUND THEIR  
PROGRAM BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T  
BEEN ABLE TO BEAT THE RATE AS  
YOU POINT OUT WITH MELROSE  
THAT'S SOMETHING THAT JUST  
HAPPENED RECENTLY.  
ANOTHER IMPORTANT THING --

>> BUT I THINK THAT IS POSITIVE  
THAT THIS WORKS.  
SO LET'S ASSUME WHEN WE PASS  
THIS AND IT'S KICKED OVER TO YOU

AND ADMINISTRATION TO FIND OUT  
IF YOU CANNOT FIND A VENDOR, IF  
YOU CANNOT FIND SOMETHING THAT  
MAKES IT WORK THEN WE DON'T DO  
IT.

THE HESS TANS THAT I'M  
CONTINUOUSLY GETTING FROM YOU, I  
CAN'T WRAP MY HEAD AROUND IT, I  
DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT IS THE  
HARM IN TRYING WHEN WE'VE SEEN  
THIS WORK SO MANY OTHER PLACES  
ELSEWHERE.

WE KNOW THERE ARE PROTECTION  
LIKE MELROSE THAT IF THINGS WERE  
TO CHANGE DRAMA MAT PA  
PARTICULARLY.

IN THE MEANTIME WE'LL HAVE DONE  
A LOT FOR LOWERING OUR  
GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FOR THE  
2020 AND 2050 GOALS.

>> IN THE MEANTIME WHAT THAT  
WOULD MEAN IS THAT WE WILL HAVE  
DONE A FULL COMMUNITY PROCESS TO  
INFORM OUR 650,000 RESIDENTS,  
WHICH WOULD REQUIRE A  
SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF STAFF TIME  
AND I KNOW THAT THERE ARE VERY  
WILLING ADVOCATES AND  
VOLUNTEERS, MANY HERE ARE IN THE  
ROOM BE WILLING TO HELP WITH  
THAT AND SUPPORT THAT.

I HOPE THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO  
HAVE MOVING FORWARD.

IN TERMS OF THE RESOURCE THAT  
WOULD REQUIRE BEFORE WE EVEN GOT  
THE POINT WHERE WE ARE GETTING  
APPROVAL FROM DOER OR FROM BPU,  
BEFORE WE'RE GETTING THOSE  
PRICES THERE WOULD BE  
SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF STAFF TIME  
THAT WOULD GO IN TO THAT  
PLANNING PROCESS AND I WISH I  
HAD MORE STAFF AND THAT THEY  
WEREN'T ALREADY COMPLETELY  
OVERWORKED BUT THAT WOULD TAKE  
AWAY FROM WHAT WE'RE ABLE TO DO  
RIGHT NOW UNLESS WE WERE ABLE TO  
FIND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES IN OUR  
BUDGET TO SUPPORT THIS.

>> HOW MACHINE AUTO EXTRA STAFF  
DO YOU FORESEE HAVING TO HIRE TO  
FACILITATE THIS?



>> FROM THE OTHER CITIES THAT ARE OF A SIMILAR SIZE TO BOSTON, WHAT WE HAVE SEEN FROM THEM IS THAT IT'S TAKEN ANYWHERE FROM 3-5 FULL-TIME STAFF, ALL DAY, PARTICULARLY WHEN THESE PROCUREMENTS GO OUT TO IMPLEMENT SOMETHING AT THE SCALE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

AND OTHER CITIES HAVE BEEN MORE AMBITIOUS TRYING TO INCLUDE MORE THINGS INTO THEIR PROGRAM HAVE HAD SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER STAFFING LEVELS.

JUST TO POINT OUT THE CITIES THAT WE HAVE TALKED TO THAT WE WORK WITH VERY CLOSELY USDth -- URBAN SUSTAINABLE NETWORK, SAN FRANCISCO HAD AN AGGREGATION AND THEY ARE CONTINUING TO MOVE FORWARD. THEY ARE ABOUT 800,000 RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO, OTHER ONE THAT WE'VE --

>> AGAIN, THIS COMMUNITY PROCESS HAPPENS AFTER WE HAVE THE PLAN IN PLACE F. WE GET TO A POINT WHERE THERE'S NO PLAN IN PLACE WE DON'T GO AFTER THE COMMUNITY PROCESS.

WE HAD AN ELECTION LAST WEEK AND WE HAD I THINK TWO DOZEN OR SO POLLING PLACES THAT HAD TO MOVE. FOR WHOLE HOST OF REASONS, ACCESSIBILITY, OVERCROWDING, ELECTION DEPARTMENT WITHOUT HIRING EXTRA STAFF CANVASSED THE NEIGHBORHOODS, SENT OUT LETTERS, E-MAILS, SOCIAL MEDIA I FIND IT A LITTLE DISINGENUOUS COMING FROM YOU TO SUGGEST THAT WE CAPTAIN DO THIS BECAUSE IT WILL BE TOO HARD TO GET THE WORD OUT. WE DO THIS ALL THE TIME. THAT'S WHAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD DO.

WORK WITH THE POPULOUS AND EDUCATE THEM.

WE'RE DOING THIS AFTER WE GET -- I THINK WE'RE PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HER HERE.

I'M SAYING WE PASS THIS

TOMORROW, YOU BEGIN THE PROCESS OF FINDING SOMEONE, YOU FIND A VENDOR, I BELIEVE YOU WILL, THAT IS GOING TO GIVE US PHENOMENAL RATE THAT WILL SAVE RATE PAYERS MONEY THEN GET TO THAT PROCESS. IF WE DON'T WE DON'T GET TO THAT PROCESS.

WAS THERE ANY DATA THAT WAS SHARED WITH YOU OR ADVOCATES THAT SHOWED THAT BOSTON COULD GET UP TO 6% MORE FOR NO INCREASE IN THEIR RATES? RIGHT NOW LOOKING FOR 5%. BUT ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THAT?

>> NO.

WHEN WE GOT PRICES WE LOOKED AT 5% ABOVE THE RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD AS WELL AS 100% RENEWABLE.

>> WHAT WAS THE VENDOR'S NAME?

>> COLONIAL POWER.

>> WHAT OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS USE COLONIAL POWER?

>> THREE QUARTERS OF THE AGGREGATION IN THE STATE.

>> THREE QUARTERS OF THE AGGREGATION IN THE STATE?

>> WE'LL LOOK INTO THAT. THAT'S ALL I HAVE FOR YOU RIGHT NOW. PRESIDENT WU?

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, CHIEF. I KNOW JUST AS LONG AS MATT AND I HAVE BEEN AT THIS, WE APPRECIATE YOU CONTINUING TO ENGAGE WITH US. JUST WANT TO GET INTO A LITTLE BIT MORE DETAIL. YOU TALK ABOUT A 1% INCREASE FROM THE ESTIMATE FROM COLONIAL POWER IS IT 1% ON THE OVERALL BILL OR 1% ON THE PRICE OF PER KILOWATT HOUR?

>> 1% ON THE OVERALL BILL.

>> YOU SAID THAT THAT WASN'T FROM COLONIAL POWER THE ESTIMATE WAS THE 1% TOTAL INCREASE PER MONTH WHICH WOULD BE ABOUT \$11 MORE PER YEAR ON AVERAGE.

OKAY.

IN TERMS OF STAFFING AND THE 3-5 PEOPLE FULL TIME EMPLOYEES ESTIMATE, ADAM ALREADY DOES PROCUREMENT FOR US, DO WE ALREADY HAVE ONE FTE WHO THINKS ABOUT ENERGY PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR BOSTON BECAUSE WE'RE ALREADY PROCURING, DOING OUR OWN PROCUREMENTS FOR CITY BUILDINGS OR HOW WOULD YOU START THE THINK ABOUT PIECING TOGETHER THAT 3-5 TEAM OR PEOPLE HELP WITH THAT?

>> I'M SORRY I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION. YES, WE DO HAVE SOMEONE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING CONTRACT THAT WE HAVE FOR OUR OWN CITY BUILDINGS. THE ELECTRICITY THAT WE USE.

>> CAN YOU IMAGINE THAT THAT PERSON'S EXPERTISE IN TIME WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT A LARGER PROCUREMENT OR LOOKING FOR NEW STAFF?

>> I THINK THAT WE WOULD CERTAINLY LEVERAGE HIS EXPERTISE, BUT I THINK THAT THE BIGGER COMPONENT OF THIS WHEN YOU LOOK AT WHAT THE CITY DOES ON ITS OWN METERS THERE'S NO REAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THAT'S REQUIRED.

THAT WOULD REQUIRE THAT ONE ON ONE INTERACTION IN TERMS OF EXPLAIN WHACK THESE DIFFERENCE WOULD BE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESSES THAT WE'RE VERY PROUD OF HERE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, WHETHER IT'S IMAGINE BOSTON 2030 WHERE WE GOT OVER 18,000 PIECE OF FEEDBACK. OR OTHERWISE, THAT'S NOT WHERE OUR ENERGY MANAGERS STILLS WOULD

BE PUT TO THE BEST USE.  
WE WOULD NEED PEOPLE TO BE GOING  
DOOR TO DOOR TO TALK ABOUT THE  
CHANGES THAT PEOPLE WOULD SEE ON  
THEIR ELECTRIC BILL.

>> YOU'RE PRIMARILY CONCERNED  
ABOUT COMMUNITY CAPACITY AND  
PUBLIC OUTREACH LIKE TO FOCUS  
OUTWARD.  
JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT  
WE NEED TO ADVOCATE FOR YOU.  
IN TERMS OF PROCESS, AS  
COUNCILOR O'MALLEY WAS SAYING  
AFTER A SUCCESSFUL VOTE FROM THE  
COUNCIL THAT WOULD -- WOULD YOU  
ENVISION THEN IMMEDIATELY  
KICKING OFF THE PROCUREMENT TO  
FIND ENERGY BROKER TO WORK WITH  
THE CITY, TO HELP FIND PRICING  
AND THEN PUBLIC MEETING AFTER  
THAT OR WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?

>> THAT'S NOT THE PROCESS THAT'S  
LAID OUT BY DOER.  
SO THE PROCESS IS LAID OUT BY  
DOER IS TO GIVE MUNICIPAL VOTE,  
GIVE AUTHORIZATION FOR A CITY TO  
MOVE FORWARD, THAT WOULD THEN  
START A CONSULTATION PROCESS  
WITH DOER IN TERMS OF WHAT WOULD  
BE ACCEPTABLE.  
THEN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THAT  
WE WOULD KICK OFF MUNICIPAL  
OUTREACH PLAN WHICH WOULD  
THEN -- ALL THAT OUT REACH AND  
FEEDBACK FROM OUR CITIZENS WOULD  
THEN INFORM THE MUNICIPAL  
AGGREGATION PLAN THAT WE WOULD  
THEN COME UP WITH AFTER THAT  
POINT.

>> WOULD YOU HIRE THE BROKER  
AFTER THAT.

>> AFTER WE SUBMIT THE PLAN BACK  
DO DOER AND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC UTILITIES AND MY  
APOLOGIES, DOER, DEPARTMENT OF  
ENERGY RESOURCES, AFTER THAT  
PLAN WAS REVIEWED AND APPROVED  
BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
UTILITIES AT THAT POINT IS WHEN  
WE WOULD GO OUT AND FILE A RFP

TO HIRE A BROKER AND TO SOLICIT  
BIDS FOR ENERGY SERVICES  
AGREEMENT.

THE COMMUNITY PROCESS AS LAID  
OUT BY DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
RESOURCE WOULD HAVE THE  
COMMUNITY PROCESS OCCUR BEFORE  
WE WOULD SOLICIT BIDS.

>> COUNCILOR O'MALLEY MET WITH  
SOME OF THESE REGULATORY  
AGENCIES THEY WERE VERY MUCH  
AWARE OF THE FACT THAT BOSTON  
TYING THIS ON WOULD BE DIFFERENT  
THAN ANY OTHER MUNICIPALITY THAT  
HAS DONE IT BECAUSE OF OUR --  
BECAUSE OF THE SHEER SCALE WE'RE  
TALKING ABOUT.

I THINK IT SORT OF MUTE BECAUSE  
WHAT WE'RE DISCUSSING HERE IS  
JUST WHETHER WE'RE OUGHT RYING  
THE ADMINISTRATION TO DO THE DUE  
DILIGENCE AND THEN WE CAN HAVE  
THE CONVERSATION WITH REGULATORS  
AFTER THAT WHAT ORDER THINGS  
HAPPEN BUT I HEAR WHAT YOU'RE  
SAYING HOW THAT WOULD BE CONCERN  
IF WE'RE PUTTING IN ALL THIS  
ENERGY, GETTING PEOPLE EDUCATED  
THEN WE HAVEN'T CHECKED WHAT THE  
PRICE ARE TO BE FAVORABLE I FEEL  
LIKE REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENS,  
I'M COMFORTABLE WITH PUSHING FOR  
THE VOTE NO MATTER WHAT.

AFTER THAT WANT TO SUPPORT YOU  
AND ADVOCATES IN TALKING TO THE  
STATE REGULATORS.

OPEN IT UP TO ANYONE WHO WOULD  
BE INTERESTED THEN ASSESS BACK  
WITH THE COUNCIL AND ADVOCATES  
ABOUT WHETHER WE -- WHETHER AND  
HOW WE PROCEED FROM THERE THAT'S  
WHY IN THE ORDER THERE'S ALSO  
PROVISION ASKING FOR CREATION OF  
AN OVERSITE GROUP OR STAKEHOLDER  
GROUP.

I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE  
COULD TALK ABOUT AFTER THE VOTE.  
THEN FINALLY JUST WANT TO TOUCH  
BACK ON YOUR -- GLOBAL WARMING  
SOLUTIONS ACT AFFECTING RPS HOW  
WE'RE MEASURING 5%, CAN YOU GO  
INTO A LITTLE MORE DETAIL?

>> THE GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT IS A LAW THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS GOING TO BE HELD TO IN TERMS OF MEETING THEIR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTIONS. THEY USED TO HAVE ALMOST EXACTLY THE SAME AS THE CITY OF BOSTON IN TERMS OF 25% REDUCTION BY 2020. AND 80% REDUCTION BY 2050, CITY OF BOSTON IS NOW CARBON NEUTRAL BY 2050 IS OUR GOAL. BUT AS PART OF THAT LEGISLATION, GOVERNOR BAKER ISSUED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER AROUND THIS TIME LAST YEAR ASKING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO COME UP WITH REGULATIONS TO DEMONSTRATE HOW THEY WERE GOING TO GET THERE. THAT'S THAT HE IS THREE REGULATIONS WHICH WERE THE FINAL REGULATIONS WERE ACTUALLY PROMULGATED ABOUT NINE DAYS AFTER THIS HEARING ORDER WAS FILED. AND SO THROUGH MY CONVERSATIONS WITH MY COUNTERPARTS OVER AT DEA THE STANDARD THAT IS GOING TO REALLY DRIVE AMOUNT OF RENEWABLES IN THE MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC SUPPLY IS NO LONGER GOING TO BE RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD BUT THE CLEAN ENERGY STANDARD. THE STANDARD IS GOING TO START AT 16% RENEWABLES. IN 2018. ISSUE WITH USING THE LANGUAGE OF RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO IN THIS ORDER IS THAT AT THAT 2020 TIMEFRAME BASIC SERVICE WOULD BASICALLY BE IN LINE WITH WHAT THE MINIMUM STANDARD AND ORDER ARE HERE. BY 200 LIKELY BE ENACTING THIS IF IT'S IT WOULD BE NO BETTER OFF THAN BASIC SERVICE.

>> GREAT.  
I THINK THAT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE TO TWEAK THE LANGUAGE TO REPLACE CLEAN ENERGY STANDARD,

REPLACE RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO WITH  
CLEAN ENERGY STANDARD BECAUSE.  
NOT THAT WE'RE TRYING TO BE  
ABSOLUTE OF WHAT WOULD BE 17% OR  
18%, I THINK WE ALWAYS WANT TO  
BE TALKING ABOUT PUSHING HIGHER  
AND BEYOND THE STATE MINIMUM  
STANDARDS UNLESS EVERSOURCE  
WANTS TO TELL US HERE TODAY THAT --  
[ Applause ]  
THAT THEY WILL GO ABOVE AND  
BEYOND THE STATEMENT, BUT I  
THINK GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY TO  
SHAREHOLDERS THEIR ECONOMIC  
STRUCTURE REQUIRES THEM TO BE AT  
THAT BASELINE WHICH IS WHY WE  
WANT TO SUPPLEMENT THAT.  
I THINK REGARDLESS WE'LL TALK  
ABOUT 5%, DIFFERENTIAL ABOVE  
THAT BUT I THINK IT'S A GOOD  
POINT.  
THANK YOU SO MUCH.  
THAT'S ALL I HAD JUST TO  
REINFORCE THAT LANGUAGE.

>> IF I CAN JUST ADD ONE THINGS  
IN TERMS.  
LANGUAGE CHANGES, I THINK THAT A  
LITTLE BIT OF TECHNICALITIES  
ALONG WITH THE 5% NUMBERS  
REGARDLESS OF THE STANDARD THAT  
OUR LEGAL TEAM HAS -- WANTED TO  
MAKE SURE THAT WE HAD CHANCE TO  
DISCUSS THAT'S THE REASON WHY  
WE'RE ASKING FOR THE WORKING  
SESSION.

>> WE'LL TALK ABOUT THOSE  
TECHNICAL CHALLENGES OFF LINE  
AND THEN JUST REITERATE WITH YOU  
THAT THIS IS SEPARATE FROM THE  
VOTE BUT I KNOW I WILL, I THINK  
I SPEAK FOR MY COLLEAGUES THAT  
WE'LL BACK YOU UP WITH DOER, DPU  
TALKING ABOUT ORDER OF COMMUNITY  
PROCESS AND FINDING OUT THE  
PRICING TO MAKE SURE WE'RE  
NOT -- BUT DOING IT IN THE RIGHT  
ORDER THAT NATION SENSE FOR  
BOSTON.

>> THANK YOU.  
CHIEF, COULD YOU TALK A LITTLE  
BIT ABOUT -- HAD ASKED QUESTION

EARLIER ABOUT IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS, ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS I THINK THAT IS FANTASTIC.

RIGHT NOW THERE ARE 5,000 SMALL BUSINESSES THAT ARE PARTICIPATING IN POWER BUYING GROUP NOW.

CAN YOU TALK ABOUT THAT AND HOW THAT WOULD CHANGE?

>> IF THOSE BUSINESSES ARE ALREADY USING A THIRD PARTY SUPPLIER THEN THIS WOULD NOT AFFECT THEM WHATSOEVER THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO BE ON THIRD PARTY SUPPLIER.

>> CAN YOU TELL ME JUST A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT PROGRAM I'M NOT SUPER FAMILIAR WITH IT.

>> THERE ARE MULTIPLE ONES. WITHOUT KNOWING EXACTLY WHICH ONE I WOULDN'T WANT TO TELL YOU ANY DETAILS WITHOUT KNOWING EXACTLY WHICH ONE IT IS. BUT IT WORKS FROM CONCEPTUAL POINT OF VIEW. WORKS BASICALLY THE SAME WAY THAT -- WHAT COMMUNITY AGGREGATION COULD TRY TO DO EXCEPT IT'S ON VOLUNTARY BASIS. AND SO THROUGH THIS CONSORTIUM THESE BUSINESSES BIND TOGETHER THEY SAY WE LIKE TO GO OUT DO OUR OWN PROCUREMENT. FIGURE OUT THAT THAT ROAD WOULD BE. THROUGH THIRD PARTY SUPPLIER AND THEN THAT GOES DIRECTLY ON THE BILLS. THEY CAN ADD MORE RENEWABLES OR THEY CAN GO WITH THE MINIMUM AS REQUIRED BY CURRENTLY THE CLEAN ENERGY STANDARD AS WILL BE ENACTED THROUGH THESE REGULATIONS.

>> IF 5,000 SMALL BUSINESSES ARE PARTICIPATING IN THAT, THAT TO ME INDICATES AN INTEREST HAVE YOU DONE ANY OUTREACH TO BUSINESSES AS TO THEIR GENERAL



LEVEL OF INTEREST IN  
PARTICIPATING IN SOMETHING LIKE  
THAT?

>> IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE  
SPENT SOME TIME ON.  
IF YOU LOOK AT SMALL BUSINESSES  
BUT ALSO I THINK THE MAJORITY  
USE THIRD-PARTY ALREADY.  
WHILE THE OPPORTUNITY -- WHILE  
LARGE COMPONENT OF OUR  
GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IN THE  
CITY OF BOSTON CERTAINLY DO COME  
FROM OUR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY,  
SINCE SO MUCH THAT HAVE LOAD IS  
ALREADY ON THIRD PARTY SUPPLY,  
THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE IMPACT  
OF AGGREGATION ACTUALLY BECOMES  
LESS.  
EVEN IF WE WENT 100% RENEWABLE  
THAT WOULD GIVE US ABOUT 8.5%  
REDUCTION IN OUR GREENHOUSE GAS  
EMISSIONS ALTHOUGH OUR ELECTRIC  
SUPPLY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MUCH  
MORE.  
JUST BECAUSE THE AGGREGATION HAS  
A SMALLER SCOPE IN TERMS OF  
WHAT'S AVAILABLE.

>> THANK YOU.  
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE.  
COUNCILOR PRESSLEY.

>> I THINK I DISABLED MY MIC,  
CAN YOU HEAR ME?  
COULD YOU JUST ELABORATE FOR  
WHAT LENGTH OF TIME WOULD  
ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES BE ADDED.  
JUST SO THAT -- TO THE  
PRESIDENT'S POINT WHAT WE  
ADVOCATE FOR TO SUPPORT THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS.  
WITH THOSE INCREASE --

>> I CAN TELL YOU WHAT OTHER  
CITIES HAVE DONE.  
IN CHICAGO THEY HAD BASICALLY  
ENTIRE SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE  
DEDICATED TO THIS EACH TIME THAT  
THEY WENT OUT DID NEW  
PROCUREMENT.  
TO A CERTAIN EXTENT THAT WOULD

BE IMPACTED BY HOW FREQUENTLY WE WENT BACK OUT TO THE MARKET. RIGHT NOW EVER SOURCE GOES OUT EVERY SIX MONTHS AND -- I THINK THAT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT IS GIVEN ENOUGH RESOURCE THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT I WOULD PREFER TO DO.

THAT THEN WE WOULD KNOW EXACTLY WHEN WE WOULD BE ABLE TO BE EVERSOURCE'S PRICING.

I THINK THAT SOME OTHERS HAVE MENTIONED, OTHER CITIES HAVE GONE INTO THESE LONG-TERM CONTRACTS.

WHILE THAT CERTAINLY IS A STRATEGY THAT IS WHAT GOT SOME OF THE OTHER CITIES IN TROUBLE WHERE THEY WERE NOW LOCKING THEIR RESIDENTS INTO A HIGHER RATE.

CHICAGO HAD LONG-TERM CONTRACTS, THEY ABANDONED THEIR AGGREGATION BECAUSE THEY BASICALLY STARTED IT JUST BEFORE PRICES FOR NATURAL GAS CRATERED.

SO THE REASON WHY SAN FRANCISCO IS ABLE TO HAVE -- BEAT THE PRICES RIGHT NOW IS THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE COIN RIGHT THERE. THEY OWN UTILITY HAD LONG-TERM CONTRACT FOR NATURAL GAS. AND THEY WERE ABLE TO BEAT THAT PRICE BECAUSE NATURAL GAS PRICES CRATERED.

LONG TERM CONTRACTS CAN WORK BOTH WAYS.

BUT WHATEVERSOURCE DOES BY GOING OUT TO THE MARKET EVERY SIX MONTHS THEY MAKE SURE THAT AS FREQUENTLY AS POSSIBLE THAT THEY'RE GETTING THE BEST PRICE AVAILABLE.

THAT'S BASICALLY WHAT THE CITY OF BOSTON DOES RIGHT NOW WITH OUR OWN ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

WE GO OUT IN WHAT'S CALLED A DAY-AHEAD MARKET.

WE'RE GETTING PRICES ON A DAILY BASIS.

OBVIOUSLY THAT WOULDN'T BE FEASIBLE FOR DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS AT THE SCALE OF 600,000 RESIDENTS, MORE THAN 20

200,000 ACCOUNTS.  
BUT FREQUENCY BY GOING OUT TO  
THE MARKET, GETTING PRICING  
EVERY SIX MONTHS ON THE SAME  
SCHEDULE AS EVERSOURCE WE'D KNOW  
WHEN IT WOULD MAKE SENSE FOR US  
TO REMAIN IN AN AGGREGATION OR  
TO REVERT OUR RESIDENTS --

>> AGAIN, BEARING THAT IN MIND  
IN TERMS OF STAFFING LEVELS.

>> IN TERMS OF STAFFING LEVELS,  
I WOULD GO WITH WHAT CHICAGO HAS  
DONE THAT THEY HAD FIVE  
FULL-TIME STAFF.

>> ALL RIGHT.  
THEN ADDITIONALLY ARE THERE SOME  
CITIES THAT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO  
SOLICIT ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN  
ORDER TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT OUTREACH EFFORT?  
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THAT HAVE?  
CITIES HA HAVE WORKED WITH DPU,  
RUN AN OPERATIONAL THAT WOULD  
SUPPLEMENT SO BURDEN IS NOT ON  
THE CITY IS THAT SOMETHING THAT  
WE COULD PURSUE?

>> I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH  
SPECIFICALLY THAT, FOR THAT  
PURPOSE.  
I KNOW THAT THERE ARE SOME  
OPERATIONAL ADDERS THAT CITY  
LIKE SAN FRANCISCO HAVE BEEN  
ABLE TO INCORPORATE INTO THEIR  
AGGREGATION.  
BUT THEY WERE ABLE TO DO THAT  
AND STILL BEAT THE RATE BECAUSE  
THEY WERE IN A POSITION WHERE  
THEIR INVEST OR OWN UTILITY GOT  
INTO THAT LONG-TERM CONTRACT  
THAT WAS OUT OF THE MONEY.  
DESPITE THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO  
BEAT IT THAT'S NOT A POSITION  
THAT WE'RE IN.

>> THEN THE LAST THING I WANTED  
TO SAY, JUST AS A COMMENT, CH  
CHIEF.  
YOU ARE NOT -- YOU ARE NOT THE  
LONE PERSON TO DO, THIS I JUST  
WANT TO SAY THAT I PERSONALLY

STRUGGLE WITH, FIND IT A LITTLE  
OFFENSIVE WHEN WE COUCH OUR  
HESITANCY IN ADVANCING  
ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES ABOUT  
IT BEING BURDENSOME TO THE MOST  
VULNERABLE.

I'LL TELL YOU WHY.

BECAUSE IN THAT, I FEEL THAT  
IT'S INFERRING SOMETHING ABOUT  
LOW INCOME AND PEOPLE OF COLOR.  
THIS HAPPENED WITH THE PLASTIC  
BAG BAN DEBATE WHEN IN FACT WE  
HAVE SAVED A LOT WHICH IS LOW  
INCOME GROCER AND THE PEOPLE IN  
THOSE COMMUNITIES HAVE MADE A  
DECISION AND I DON'T WANT US TO  
INSULT THE INTELLIGENCE OF LOW  
INCOME AND COMMUNITY OF COLOR  
PEOPLE BECAUSE I JUST WANT TO  
SAY THAT -- I'M ASKING EVERYONE  
TO BE RESPONSIBLE IN THIS WAY  
BECAUSE THE REALITY IS THAT, THE  
COMMUNITIES THAT ARE THE MOST  
VULNERABLE TO TOXIC WASTE DUMPS  
AND FOOD DESERTS AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND SEA  
LEVEL RISE ARE LOW INCOME AND  
PEOPLE OF COLOR.

DO NOT MAKE THE ASSUMPTION THAT  
THEY WILL SACRIFICE AND DO  
EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PROTECT  
THEMSELVES.

THANK YOU.

[ APPLAUSE ]

>> THANK, WAS EVER YOU,  
COUNCILOR PRESSLEY.  
OUR JACKSON.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH.  
AMEN, COUNCILOR PRESSLEY.  
I FRANKLY -- THIS IS -- I KNOW  
THIS DECISION MADE WAY ABOVE YOU  
WHAT I'M GOING TO SAY IS THIS.  
IF WE'RE NOT WILLING TO DO THIS,  
THEN WE ARE SIMPLY IN THE  
POCKETS OF DOING BUSINESS FOR  
BIG BUSINESS AND NOT THE PEOPLE  
OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.  
I'M BAFFLED.  
BECAUSE THIS ADMINISTRATION HAD  
NO PROBLEM CREATING A WHOLE  
DEPARTMENT FOR THE OLYMPICS.  
THIS ADMINISTRATION HAD NO

PROBLEM PULLING TOGETHER, MOVING EVERYTHING IN THE SEAPORT FOR INDY CAR.

THIS ADMINISTRATION HAD NO PROBLEM PUTTING FORWARD UP TO \$12 MILLION HELICOPTER PAD IN THE CITY OF BOSTON OVER THE OBJECTION OF THE PEOPLE IN SOUTH BOSTON.

THIS ADMINISTRATION HAD NO PROBLEM WRITING A \$25 MILLION CHECK TO ONE OF THE BIGGEST POLLUTERS IN THE HISTORY OF COMPANIES, GENERAL ELECTRIC, THAT STILL OWES \$650 MILLION TO PITSFIELD.

IN ORDER TO NOT DO THE RIGHT THING.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW WE HOST A CLIMATE CONFERENCE AND WE'RE IN THE DOING ALL THAT WE CAN DO WHEN IT COMES TO CLIMATE CHANGE, THE BEST THINGS THAT WE CAN DO RELATIVE TO THAT.

SPANK PITS

FOLKS FROM THE SIERRA CLUB CAN COME FORWARD.

I'M TOLD THAT THE NEW STANDARD DOES NOT REPLACE THE PORTFOLIO STANDARD.

I WANT TO GET CLARIFICATION ON WHETHER OR NOT THAT IS THE CASE. WE LIVE IN A WORLD AND IN A CITY THAT WILL BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED NOW AFTER 13 NAMED STORMS.

WE'RE AT M.

WE KNOW IT'S COMING.

WE'VE DONE NOTHING TO INCREASE OUR BUILDING STANDARD IN THE SEAPORT AREA WHICH WE KNOW IS GOING TO BE UNDER WATER IN THOSE 30 YEARS.

WE KEEP ON TALKING ABOUT BUILDING AND WHICH WILL ALSO HAVE WATER ISSUES IN THAT TIME. WE ARE SIMPLY FOOT DRAGGING AFTER TOWNS THAT HAVE 300 PEOPLE IN THEM.

HAVE MOVED FORWARD AND AS A CITY OF BOSTON AND IS SMART AS OUR WHOLE CITY, FRANKLY AS SMART AS YOU ARE.

THAT WE'RE NOT MOVING FORWARD ON

SOMETHING MBA SCHOOL YOU UNDERSTAND THE ECONOMIES OF SCALE.

SO, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD WANT TO BLOCK THE VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AND SIMPLY DOING THE RIGHT THING.

BY THE WAY, WE'RE NOT FIRST IN CLASS.

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 128th IN THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

THAT'S NOT LEADERSHIP.

IT Baffles ME, IN FACT IT ANGERS ME, THAT IN A CITY WITH THE COST OF LIVING THAT WE HAVE, THE CITY WHO HAS NO PROBLEM SENDING US TAX BILL, IS THAT GO UP WAY MORE THAN \$11.

THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO DO THE RIGHT THING TO LESS THAN A DOLLAR A MONTH IN THE PRESENT TO INSURE THAT THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO USED TO BE IN THIS ROOM FIGHTING FOR THEIR EDUCATION, BECAUSE THIS IS THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAMBER, THAT WE CAN'T LEAVE A CITY OF BOSTON THAT'S LIVABLE FOR THEM.

I GUESS I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO ASK A QUESTION.

I'M NOT.

WE HAD ENOUGH MONEY WHEN FOLKS CAME IN FRONT OF US.

A SUBPOENA FOR PEOPLE TO TELL US HOW MUCH THE DOGGONE OLYMPICS WAS GOING TO COST.

BY THE WAY, WE HAD MEETINGS ACROSS THE CITY OF BOSTON.

IT WAS A MA-LONG PARTY.

LET'S NOT BE -- I'M SORRY.

WE'RE ALREADY LATE TO THIS PARTY.

LET'S STEP UP, LET'S STAND UP AND SIMPLY DO THE RIGHT THING BY THE PEOPLE AND FUTURE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON AND IF PEOPLE AREN'T WILLING TO LEAD I BELIEVE THAT THEY SHOULD JUST GET OUT OF THE WAY.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR CHIEF?

THANK YOU, CHIEF.

ANY CLOSING COMMENTS?

>> NO CLOSING COMMENTS.  
I'LL LEAVE THE STAT SHEET IN THE  
NEW STANDARD WITH THE COUNCIL SO  
THAT YOU ALL CAN SEE IT FOR  
YOURSELVES.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.  
WE HAVE QUITE A BIT, I HAVE 12  
PAGES OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY.  
AGAIN NOT EVERYONE IS GOING TO  
SPEAK BUT QUITE A FEW ARE I'M  
GOING TO CALL UP INDIVIDUALS.  
THREE AT A TIME AND, THANK YOU,  
CHIEF.  
JUST ASK YOU ALL TO PLEASE KEEP  
YOUR COMMENTS TO TWO MINUTES.  
I WILL STAY HERE AS LONG AS IT  
TAKES.  
BUT WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH  
ADAM AND KEVIN IF THEY COULD  
JUST PLEASE JOIN US.  
THANK YOU.  
THANK YOU.  
GOOD AFTERNOON.  
MY NAME IS ADAM.  
I'M JUNIOR IN THE BOSTON PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK  
YOU TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY CHOICE  
ENERGY.  
MY COWS IS IN TURNING FOUR THIS  
MONTH.  
IN THE YEAR 2100 HE WILL BE 83  
YEARS OLD WHICH MEANS THERE'S AN  
EXCELLENT CHANCE THAT HE'LL  
STILL BE ALIVE.  
OUR GREAT GRANDFATHER LIVED TO  
102 IF WE HAVE CHILDREN AND  
GRANDCHILDREN THEY WILL BE HERE  
TO WITNESS THE WORST EFFECTS OF  
CRISES THAT COULD HAVE BEEN  
INVOLVED DECADES EARLIER BY  
BASIC DOABLE CHANGES IN THE WAY  
WE GENERATE ENERGY.  
IF WE WANT PHO LEAVE HA HEALTHY  
PLANET FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS WE  
NEED TO ACT NOW TO TURN THINGS  
AROUND.  
IN BOSTON IT STARTS WITH  
SWITCHING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY AS  
QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.  
ON BEHALF OF MY GENERATIONS AND

THOSE WHO WILL FOLLOW I ASK YOU  
TO GIVE YOUR FULL SUPPORT TO  
COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY PLAN.  
THIS PLANET IS WORTH SAVING.  
IT'S THE ONLY ONE WE HAVE.  
THANK THANK YOU THANK YOU, ADAM.  
WELL DONE.

>> KEVIN?

>> I'M KEVIN, I'M ALSO BOSTON  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT I'M HERE  
SUPPORTING COMMUNITY CHOICE  
ENERGY BECAUSE IF WE WANT TO  
REMAIN A SUCCESSFUL CITY AND IF  
WANT TO KEEP IMPROVING LIVES OF  
RESIDENTS WE HAVE TO REDUCE OUR  
CARBON FOOTPRINT.  
WE'RE ALREADY SEEN THE  
DEVASTATING AFFECTS ALONG THE  
CARIBBEAN, GULF COAST, AND  
SUPERSTORM SANDY WHICH WASN'T  
THAT FAR FROM BOSTON.  
WE HAVE FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES  
THAT STILL NOT RECOVER FRED THIS  
STORM.  
GOING THROUGH THE SAME ISSUES IN  
THE FUTURE.  
WHAT HAPPENED THERE COULD EASILY  
HAPPEN IN OUR CITY.  
BECAUSE OF THE WARMING OCEAN AND  
CHANGING WEATHER PATTERNS CAUSED  
BY CLIMATE CHANGE MORE EVIDENT  
EVERY YEAR THAT WE'LL BE FACED  
WITH STORMS LIKE THIS.  
BOSTON IS VULNERABLE CITY.  
WE HAVE LOT OF COASTAL  
COMMUNITIES AND STRUCTURES THAT  
ARE AT RISK FROM STORMS.  
AND ANY ONE OF THESE STORMS THAT  
IT WERE TO HIT MASSACHUSETTS AND  
CITY OF BOSTON, IT WOULD HAVE  
DONE A LOT OF DAMAGE TO OUR  
INFRASTRUCTURE AND OUR  
COMMUNITY.  
ESPECIALLY HURT LOW INCOME  
FAMILIES WHICH WERE IN THE  
PATHS.  
FOR HOUSTON, FLORIDA, PUERTO  
RICO, NEW YORK, BARBUDA, THE  
QUESTION WAS NEVER IF A MAJOR  
STORM WOULD HIT BUT WHEN.  
MANY ADULTS HERE THEY'RE ASKING  
THEMSELVES WHAT THE AFFECTS OF



CHANGES IN ENERGY ARE GOING TO  
HAVE ON THEM.

I TO GO A SCHOOL THAT HAS  
STUDENTS FROM VIRTUALLY EVERY  
NEIGHBORHOOD IN BOSTON AND  
THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE ASKING  
OURSELVES.

WE'RE ASKING OURSELVES WHAT WILL  
HAPPEN TO OUR HOMES AND  
BUSINESSES WHEN THE NEXT STORM  
WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE MORE  
POWERFUL THAN ANYTHING WE'VE  
SEEN.

WE'RE WONDERING WHETHER WE HAVE  
TO RELOCATE AS RESULT OF  
UNDERSTAND CAN.

WE'RE ASKING OURSELVES IF OUR  
COMMUNITIES HAVE RESOURCE TO  
RECOVER FROM THE DEVASTATION  
WE'VE SEEN ACROSS THE COUNTRY.  
AND WE'RE LOOKING AT CITIES THAT  
WILL STRUGGLE OR YEARS TO COME  
WONDER IF WE'LL BE IN THE SAME  
SITUATION.

NOW REAL SENSE OF PESSIMISM IN  
MY GENERATION THAT I DON'T  
REALLY SEE IN OLDER GENERATIONS.  
WE DON'T HEAR OUR PARENTS TALK  
ABOUT IT BUT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT  
OUR FEWER WITH EACH OTHER ALWAYS  
WORRIED ABOUT ISSUES OF CLIMBED  
CHANGE.

WE SEE CITIES WHERE TRUANTS ARE  
STALLED BECAUSE OF THESE STORMS.  
THAT COULD VERY EASILY HAPPEN  
HERE.

>> THANK YOU, KEVIN.  
THANK YOU BOTH.

>> APOLOGY IF I MISPRONOUNCE  
YOUR NAME.  
IF THERE ARE ANY SIDE  
CONVERSATIONS JUST PLEASE BE  
RESPECTFUL OUR SPEAKERS JUST  
PLEASE TAKE THEM OUTSIDE.  
ANDY BEAN.  
MEAGAN AND BELEGE.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON.  
MY NAME IS ANDY.  
I AM CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR WITH  
THE BOSTON CLIMATE ACTION  
NETWORK.

BOSTON CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK  
HAS SPOKEN TO DOZENS OF  
COMMUNITY AND CIVIC  
ORGANIZATIONS ABOUT COMMUNITY  
CHOICE ENERGY.  
AND AT THIS POINT COMMUNICATED  
LITERALLY THOUSAND OF PEOPLE  
ACROSS THE CITY.  
AS YOU SAW WITH THE 12 PAGES OF  
TESTIMONY IT'S PRETTY CLEAR THAT  
CLIMATE CHANGE MATTERS TO THE  
PEOPLE OF BOSTON.  
AND TAKING ACTION TO FIGHT  
CLIMATE CHANGE MATTERS A HECK OF  
A LOT.  
JUST TODAY WE HAVE A HEARING ON  
A SOLAR BILL UP IN THE STATE  
HOUSE ON THE BEE KILLING  
PESTICIDES AND NATURAL GAS LEAKS  
WITH HUNDRED OF PEOPLE OVER IN  
CAMBRIDGE.  
YES, WITH ALL OF THOSE  
ENVIRONMENTAL THINGS GOING ON  
TODAY EVERY SINGLE SEAT HERE  
WERE FILLED, DOZENS OF PEOPLE  
SITTING IN THE BACK.  
TO MAKE THEIR CHOICE HEARD.  
WE ARE COUNTING ON THE BOSTON  
CITY COUNCIL AND ON MAYOR WALSH  
AND HIS ADMINISTRATION TO BE  
CLIMATE LEADERS.  
THANK YOU SO MUCH.  
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU.

>> MEAGAN?

>> HI, MY NAME IS MEAGAN.  
I'M THE CAMPAIGN ORGANIZER WITH  
ENVIRONMENT MASSACHUSETTS.  
WE HAVE BEEN WORKING AROUND THE  
STATE VISITING -- FOR  
MASSACHUSETTS TO COMMIT TO 100%  
CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY SO WE'RE  
DEFINITELY IN FULL SUPPORT OF  
BOSTON'S COMMUNITY CHASE  
PROGRAM.  
THE AFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE  
FROM MORE DIRTY AIR DAYS AND  
ASTHMA TO REGULAR HIGH TIDE  
FLOODING ARE VERY WHAT WE'RE  
SEEING UNFOLDING IN AREAS AROUND  
THE COUNTRY AN HERE IN  
MASSACHUSETTS.  
WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO DO

EVERYTHING WE CAN AS FAST AS WE  
CAN AND LEAD THE WAY TO GET US  
TO SAFE, HEALTHY, CLEAN, GREEN  
ENERGY FUTUREFUL.  
POWERED BY WIND AND SOLAR.  
BOSTON HAS BEEN LEADER ON  
CLIMATE ACTION ENVIRONMENT  
INCLUDING BEING NUMBER ONE FOR  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY BUT WE REALLY  
NEED THE CITY TO LEAD NOW MORE  
THAN EVER.

>> BOSTON URGENTLY NEEDS TO MEET  
CLIMATE EMISSIONS REDUCTION  
TARGETS.

IN ORDER DO THAT, WE NEED TO  
CAPTURE ALL THE ENERGY SAVINGS  
WE CAN INCLUDING SMART ENERGY  
CONTRACTS.

CCE HAS BEEN USED SUCCESSFULLY  
IN MANY OTHER COMMUNITIES  
EN MASSE AS WE HEARD, BROOKLINE  
AN EXAMINER, BOTH LOWER COSTS  
AND CLIMATE CHANGE FROM LOWER  
EMISSIONS.

EVEN THOUGH THE SHEER SCALE FOR  
BOSTON IS LARGE, I THINK BOSTON  
CAN BE A LEADER IN THIS AND I'M  
GLAD TO SEE THE SUPPORT WE ARE  
DRAWING FROM IT.

I THINK WE NEED THE  
ADMINISTRATION TO BE COURAGEOUS  
IN THIS TIME OF URGENT NEED AND  
TO DO THE RIGHT THING FOR US,  
THE COMING GENERATIONS.  
WE THE YOUNG PEOPLE STAND TO  
LOSE WAY MORE THAN YOUR  
GENERATION EVER HAS JUST BECAUSE  
WE ARE IN OUR PRIME.

AND TO A STATEMENT THAT WAS MADE  
EARLIER BY COUNCILLOR JACKSON --  
(LAUGHTER)

AND TO A STATEMENT THAT WAS MADE  
EARLIER BY COUNCILLOR JACKSON,  
WE THE STUDENTS AND THE YOUTH,  
WE'RE STILL HERE, WE DIDN'T  
LEAVE.

WE FOUGHT FOR EDUCATION AND,  
RIGHT NOW, WE'RE FIGHTING FOR  
THE RESILIENCY FOR OUR PLANET.  
SO THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.  
(APPLAUSE)

DO YOU STILL HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS  
IN ST. MAARTEN.

>> I DO.  
ARE THEY ALL OKAY AND  
ACCOUNTED FOR?

>> I THINK RIGHT NOW THINGS ARE  
VERY DIRE.  
IT'S BEEN MORE STABLE.  
IT'S KIND OF LIKE A WAR ZONE.  
SO WE'RE A STATE OF EMERGENCY  
AND THE MILITARY IS DOWN FROM  
BOTH THE FRENCH AND THE DUTCH  
SIDES, IF YOU KNOW IT'S HALF  
FRENCH AND HALF DUTCH.  
SO THE MILITARY IS ON THE  
GROUND, THE GOVERNMENT IS KIND  
OF -- IN KIND OF A MAIHEM, BUT  
HOPEFULLY -- YOU KNOW, BOSTON IS  
MY SECOND HOME, AND I WOULD HATE  
TO SEE THE SAME TRAJECTORY OF  
WHAT AN ACTUAL DISASTER CAN  
EVOKE TO WHAT I'VE MADE HOME  
HERE BECAUSE HOME HAS JUST, YOU  
KNOW, KIND OF, LIKE, BEEN  
DESTROYED.

>> ABSOLUTELY.  
WELL THANK YOU FOR SHARING THAT,  
AND PLEASE LET YOUR FAMILY AND  
NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS IN  
ST. MAARTEN KNOW WE'RE ALL  
THINKING OF THEM AND PULLING  
POLING FOR THEM.  
SO THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.  
(APPLAUSE)  
IS CASEY BYRD HERE?  
OKAY.  
CASEY IS NOT HERE.  
KALISH CASTRO.  
STEPHANIE YESMAN AND -- I'M  
SORRY, STEPHANIE DID NOT WANT TO  
TESTIFY.  
SO KALISH, YOU ARE UP, AND  
JOINING YOU WILL BE GRADY  
McGONGAL.  
THANK YOU.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR  
O'MALLEY, COUNCIL, PRESIDENT WU,  
THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME.

I AM THE BOSTON ORGANIZER FOR  
THE SIERRA CLUB IN  
MASSACHUSETTS.

I LIVE IN JAMAICA PLAIN.

I'M HERE AS A RESIDENT OF  
BOSTON, AS A CONCERNED CITIZEN  
AND ON BEHALF OF THE OVER 8,000  
CHAIR CLUB MEMBERS IN THE CITY  
OF BOSTON, SOME OF THEM ARE  
BEHIND ME HERE TODAY.

I AM ORIGINALLY FROM PUERTO RICO  
AND ALL MY FAMILY ARE PRESENTLY  
THERE.

AS YOU KNOW, JUST TWO WEEKS AGO,  
PUERTO RICO WAS HIT BY A  
DEVASTATING STORM, AND I WAS  
UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH MY  
FAMILY FOR OVER A WEEK.

WHEN I FINALLY WAS ABLE TO  
COMMUNICATE WITH THEM, I FOUND  
OUT MY HOME HAD BEEN DESTROYED  
AND OVER 95% OF THE ISLAND'S  
ELECTRICAL GRID WAS DESTROYED.  
PEOPLE THERE INCLUDING MY FAMILY  
PRESENTLY ARE WITHOUT POWER AND  
WITHOUT WATER.

BELIEVE ME WHEN I TELL YOU THAT  
THAT WAS ONE OF THE LONGEST  
WEEKS OF MY LIFE, AND THE DAY  
THAT I HAD TO CALL THE RED CROSS  
TO JUST MAKE SURE MY MOM AND  
GRANDMOTHER WEREN'T IN ONE OF  
THEIR FACILITIES WAS A TOUGH DAY  
AS WELL.

I SINCERELY HOPE NONE OF YOU  
HERE TODAY HAVE TO GO THROUGH AN  
EXPERIENCE LIKE THAT.

I FEAR IF WE, BOSTON, DO NOT  
TAKE STEPS, WE COULD SUFFER A  
DEVASTATING CLIMATE EVENT LIKE  
PUERTO RICO, TEXAS, FLORIDA THAT  
WOULD DESTROY OUR CITY, ENDANGER  
ITS CITIZENS AND COST BILLIONS  
OF DOLLARS TO REPAIR.

MAYOR WALSH POSITIONED BOSTON TO  
BE A CLIMATE LEADER AND JOIN THE  
CLIMATE LEADERSHIP GROUP, A  
GROUP OF FOUR CLIMATE LEADERSHIP  
CITIES AROUND THE WORLD.

I BELIEVE THE BEST WAY FOR  
BOSTON TO PLAY A ROLE AS A  
CLIMATE LEADER IS TO INABILITY  
PROVEN POLICIES SUCH AS  
COMMUNITY CHOICE! ENERGY TO HELP

BOSTON BE A MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY  
CONSCIOUS CITY.  
THANK YOU.  
(APPLAUSE)

>> THANK YOU, KALISH.  
I HAD THE GREAT FORTUNE OF  
MEETING WITH SIERRA CLUB RADAHI.  
LET'S LET THIS SINK IN FOR A  
MINUTE.  
TWO OF THE FIRST FIVE PEOPLE TO  
TESTIFY WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED  
IN THIS PROCESS FROM THE  
BEGINNING HAVE FAMILY AND TWO  
ISLANDS THAT HAVE BEEN  
DEVASTATED BY CATEGORY 4  
HURRICANES IN THE LAST TWO  
WEEKS.  
IT'S AMAZING.  
IT'S AMAZING YOUR LEADERSHIP AND  
YOUR STRENGTH ARE STILL HERE TO  
FIGHT THIS, BUT LEST ANYONE  
THINK, YOU KNOW, THAT TOMORROW  
HASN'T COME, WE ARE HERE, AND  
THE FACT THAT WE HAVE GOT A  
PRESIDENT AND E.P.A.  
ADMINISTRATOR WHO ARE CLIMATE  
CHANGE DENIERS, WE MUST ACT AND  
ACT NOW.  
SO THANK YOU FOR SHARING THAT.  
(APPLAUSE)  
WE DIDN'T PLAN THAT.  
THAT WASN'T DONE BY DESIGN.  
THIS JUST HAPPENED.  
TWO OF THE FIRST FIVE PEOPLE TO  
TESTIFY HAVE THAT CONNECTION.  
SO THANK YOU FOR SHARING.  
AND SOUNDS LIKE EVERYONE IS ALL  
RIGHT NOW.  
JUST GOING TO BE A LONG ROAD  
AHEAD.

>> YES, I GOT A CALL FROM MY MOM  
TODAY WHEN I CAULKED INTO THE  
OFFICE.

>> OKAY.  
WELL, OUR HEART IS WITH THEM AS  
WELL.  
I WAS AT THE ACADEMY IN JAMAICA  
PLAIN WHERE THE SCHOOL IS  
ADOPTING A SCHOOL IN SAN JUAN  
WHERE THE SCHOOL IS SHOT THERE  
AND WE'LL STAND WITH OUR

NEIGHBORS IN PUERTO RICO.

>> I'M GRADY MCGONNAGAL, LEADER  
OF THE CHAPTER OF THE CLIMATE  
ACTION.

WE ARE OF THE GROUP NOT STILL IN  
OUR PRIME --

(LAUGHTER)

-- BUT PRIME TO SPEAK OUT ON  
BEHALF OF THE RECENTLY BORN  
SYMBOLIZED IN THE LAP OF  
COUNCILWOMAN WU.

PIPELINES IN WEST ROXBURY, WE'RE  
DELIGHTED TO LEARN ABOUT THE  
PROPOSED ORDER YOU JOINTLY  
CO-AUTHORED.

I DIDN'T KNOW TILL LAST NIGHT  
THAT I WAS GOING TO COME OR TILL  
I ARRIVED THAT I WAS GOING TO  
TESTIFY.

I DON'T HAVE WRITTEN TESTIMONY,  
I'M SPEAKING OFF THE TOP OF MY  
HEAD, BUT MY HEART, WHICH BRINGS  
TO MIND SOMETHING I WANTED TO  
MENTION JUST IN RESPONSE TO  
SOMETHING YOU SAID, COUNCILLOR  
O'MALLEY, ABOUT THE PANELISTS  
WHO HAVE TESTIFIED SO FAR AND  
THEIR LINK TO THE DISASTERS, I'M  
FROM TEXAS, SO, DEEP IN THE  
HEART OF TEXAS -- AND I HAD  
RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN HOUSTON  
ALL OF WHOM HAPPILY ARE ALIVE,  
BUT MANY OF -- WELL, YOU DON'T  
NEED TO TELL ME WHAT'S HAPPENED  
THERE.

I DON'T NEED TO MAKE A CASE FOR  
THIS ORDER.

I SAY LEGISLATION.

I HAVE BEEN MORE FOCUSED ON THE  
MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE, BUT  
THIS, I THINK, FOCUSING REALLY  
LOCALLY IN BOSTON AND ALTHOUGH  
YOU MAY BE ONLY THE 128th TO  
SIGN ON TO THIS SYMBOLICALLY,  
YOU'RE BY FAR THE MOST  
IMPORTANT, SO I DON'T NEED TO  
PERSUADE YOU THIS IS A GOOD  
THING TO DO.

I WOULD LIKE TO GO ON RECORD ON  
BEHALF OF ELDERS AND FOR THE  
GENERATIONS YET TO COME TO WHOM  
YOU'VE DONE GREAT SERVICE BY  
PROPOSING THIS ORDER.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, GRADEY,  
WELL SAID.  
GLAD TO HEAR YOUR FAMILY IN  
HOUSTON IS DOING WELL.  
THANK YOU SO MUCH.  
CAROL AULDMAN AND GREG.  
HI, CAROL, HOW ARE YOU?

>> HI.  
SO I HAD A COUPLE OF REMARKS.  
FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR  
HOLDING THIS HEARING, THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.  
I HAD A COUPLE OF REMARKS  
PREPARED BUT I WILL SKIP THEM  
BECAUSE THEY WOULD BE  
REPETITIVE.  
WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS  
RESPOND TO A COUPLE OF THE  
POINTS AUSTIN BROUGHT UP.

>> IF YOU HAVE SIDE  
CONVERSATION, FOLKS, TAKE THEM  
OUTSIDE, PLEASE, THANK YOU.

>> SO I THINK THE ONE THING THAT  
I HAD PREPARED THAT IS WORTH  
SAYING IS THAT BOSTON HAS TO  
DO -- HAS TO USE EVERY TOOL IN  
THE TOOLKIT IF YOU'RE GOING TO  
BE A CARBON NEUTRAL CITY.  
WE CAN'T JUST DO ENERGY  
EFFICIENCY, WE NEED TO DO  
COMMUNITY CHOICE! ENERGY AS  
WELL.  
BOSTON ACTUALLY HAS A BROKER  
THEY GET THEIR ELECTRICITY FROM  
AND THEY MANAGE TO GET THAT  
CHEAPER THAN OTHER SOURCES, SO I  
THINK THAT'S REALLY INTERESTING.  
I WOULD ALSO SAY THAT, TO MY  
KNOWLEDGE, FROM ALL OF THE  
INFORMATION THAT I'VE SEEN, SO  
I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
THE MASSACHUSETTS CLIMATE ACTION  
NETWORK AS WELL AS ONE OF YOUR  
CONSTITUENTS AND WE WORK WITH  
CITIES AND TOWNS ACROSS  
MASSACHUSETTS TO PROVIDE TO  
CLIMATE SOLUTIONS, COMMUNITY  
CHOICE! ENERGY IS ONE OF THE  
THINGS WE WORKED WITH SEVERAL



TOWNS ON, AND IT'S A TOOL THAT WE LOVE.

I HAVE NOT SEEN COLONIAL DO ANY GREEN AGGREGATION PROGRAMS IN ANY CITY OR TOWN ACROSS MASSACHUSETTS THAT I KNOW OF, AND THEY DO A LOT OF TOWNS, MANY OF THEM ARE VERY SMALL TOWNS, SO A PROVIDER LIKE GOOD ENERGY THAT WORKS WITH MASS ENERGY CONSUMERS ALLIANCE DOES A LOT LARGER TOWNS.

>> I DON'T WANT TO TAKE THIS OUT OF YOUR TIME, BUT JUST SO I HAVE THIS, COLONIAL POWER, ACCORDING TO AUSTIN, IT'S HIS UNDERSTANDING THEY SEE OVER THREE-FOURTHS OF ALL AGGREGATES, THAT COULD BE ANY NUMBER OF TOWN AND NOT THOSE NECESSARILY EMPLOYING ENERGY IN RENEWABLE SOURCES.

52%.

HALF, NOT THREE-QUARTERS.

>> YES, AND IN TERMS OF OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES, THERE ARE A LOT OF -- I LIVE IN EGGLESTON SQUARE AND I GET A LOT OF MAIL FROM THE CITY OF BOSTON AND EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THOSE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUTREACH.

SO YOU CAN PUT IT IN PEOPLE'S TAX BILLS, YOU CAN PUT IT IN PEOPLE'S WATER AND SUER BILLS. THERE ARE MANY, MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO LET FOLKS KNOW ABOUT THIS PROGRAM THAT DO NOT COST ADDITIONAL STAFF TIME.

>> RIGHT.

AND ALSO I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THE CLEAN ENERGY STANDARD AND THE RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER. THEY DO NOT REPLACE EACH OTHER. THEY SUPPORT EACH OTHER, AND THE CLEAN ENERGY STANDARD IS ABOUT CLEAN ENERGY, BUT THE RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD IS ACTUALLY CLEANER, BETTER ENERGY. THE CLEAN ENERGY STANDARD

INCLUDES NATURAL GAS, AND, SO,  
SOME OF THE NATURAL GAS PLANTS  
THAT COULD BE BUILT, AND, SO,  
THE RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD  
IS REALLY FOCUSED ON ACTUAL  
RENEWABLE, SO TRUE CLEAN ENERGY  
THAT IS WITHIN OUR REGION WHICH  
CREATES JOBS HERE.

>> PERFECT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
APPRECIATE THAT.  
(APPLAUSE)  
GREG, YOU'RE UP.

>> GREG DOLE, DORCHESTER  
RESIDENTS AND MEMBER OF BEACON.  
I INTERVIEWED THE ENERGY  
MANAGERS FOR CAMBRIDGE AND SALEM  
AS PART OF THE PRESENTATION THAT  
YOU SAW.  
I ALSO WANT TO RESPOND TO A  
POINT MADE BY THE CHIEF.  
HE'S CONCERNED ABOUT THE COST OF  
OUTREACH TO RESIDENTS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF STAFF TIME.  
THE EMERGENCY MANAGERS IN  
CAMBRIDGE AND SALEM WERE  
POSITIVE ABOUT EXPERIENCES  
SETTING UP AN AGGREGATION.  
THEY SAID THE CONSULTANT THEY  
HIRED TOOK CARE OF ALL THE  
MAILINGS, ALL THE OUTREACH, THE  
FLYERS, BILLBOARDS AND THEY HAVE  
CUSTOMER SERVICE NUMBERS WHERE  
PEOPLE CALL TO AND THAT ALL OF  
THAT COMES OUT OF THE PERCENTAGE  
THE CONSULTANT TAKES AS PART OF  
THE CCA.  
IF THERE'S ADDITIONAL COST AND  
THERE IS ACTUALLY STAFF TIME  
BOSTON HAS TO USE WHEREAS THESE  
CITIES DIDN'T HAVE TO, IF THERE  
IS ADDITIONAL STAFF TIME THAT'S  
REQUIRED, THE LAW THAT IS  
SOMETHING CALLED AN OPERATIONAL  
ADDER WHERE YOU CAN APPLY THAT  
TO ANY ADDITIONAL COST INCURRED  
BY THE CITY OR FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES SO THAT YOU CAN COVER  
THESE AND HELP EASE THE  
TRANSITION, WHICH IS A ONE-TIME  
THING AND, ONCE IT'S DONE, NOW  
YOU HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO BE  
ABLE TO USE THE TOOL IN ORDER TO

ACHIEVE IT WHENEVER YOU HAVE THE  
COST DEFINITIONAL.  
ALSO A VERY FLEXIBLE TOOL AND  
THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO  
QUICKLY REDUCE EMISSIONS TO THE  
CITY OF BOSTON.  
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU BOTH VERY MUCH.  
APPRECIATE IT.  
(APPLAUSE)

>> MICHELLE NOLAND AND JOHN.  
JOHN AND MICHELLE, IF YOU COULD  
JOIN US UP HERE PLEASE.

>> HI.  
I'M MICHELLE NOLAND, GLOBAL  
CITIZEN.  
YOU CAN'T PUT A PRICE ON CLEAN  
AIR AND WATER, PERIOD, AND WE  
DEMAND MORE FROM OUR ELECTED  
OFFICIALS THAN JUST BEING DONOR  
PUPPETS.  
BIG OIL CONTROLS EVERYTHING.  
I DON'T SEE ANY FOOTWORK BEING  
DONE WHEN THE UTILITY COMPANIES  
WANT TO RAISE OUR BILLS ON US.  
WE'RE JUST A CAPTIVE AUDIENCE.  
IT'S RIDICULOUS AND IT'S  
OUTRAGEOUS THAT THE FACTS ARE  
IN, THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN,  
THREE AND FOUR PERSONS WANT  
CLEAN ENERGY.  
70% OF TRUMP VOTERS WANT THIS AS  
WELL.  
SO LET'S BE REAL, THE ONLY  
REASON WE DON'T HAVE IT IS  
BECAUSE OF BIG MONEY, AND  
THEY'RE THE ONES WHO HAVE A  
CHOKE HOLD ON OUR PLANET.  
I MEAN, THEY'RE DUMPING  
POLLUTANTS IN OUR WATER, AND  
NOBODY'S -- IF THEY'RE  
DEREGULATING BY THE DAY AND  
NOTHING IS BEING DONE.  
IT'S TIME TO STOP.  
PEOPLE HAVE TO TAKE BACK THE  
POWER AND STOP ALLOWING THESE  
CORPORATE CRIMINALS TO DICTATE  
THE RULES.  
THEY'RE WRITING THE LAWS AND  
THEY'RE PAYING THESE PUPPET  
POLITICIANS TO IMPLEMENT THEM.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.  
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.  
(APPLAUSE)

>> JOHN?

I FEEL YA, SISTER.  
(LAUGHTER)

MY NAMES IS JAMES MICHELLE.  
I AM FROM HYDE PARK, I AM HERE  
TODAY A PROUD CO-FOUNDER OF THE  
BOSTON CLEAN ENERGY COALITION.  
VERY HAPPY TO BE WITH A LOT OF  
MY FRIENDS FROM THE GRASSROOTS  
ACTIVIST COMMUNITY.  
I WANT TO REINFORCE ONE THING  
ANDY BEAN SAID WHICH IS THERE'S  
A BIG MEETING OVER IN CAMBRIDGE,  
MOTHER'S OUT FRONT TALKING ABOUT  
GAS LEAKS, THERE'S ANOTHER ONE  
ON BEACON HILL TALKING ABOUT  
COMMUNITY SOLAR BRINGING EQUITY  
INTO THE WAY IN WHICH WE GO  
ABOUT STOPPING THE RESTRICTIONS,  
THE DRAG ON SOLAR.  
SO IT'S GREAT TO HAVE SUCH A  
HUGE TURN OUT HERE TODAY, PEM  
RECOGNIZE THIS IS REALLY AN  
IMPORTANT PROGRAM.  
IN A PREVIOUS LIFE, I WAS A  
PUBLIC SERVANT.  
I WORKED IN THE FIELD OF MENTAL  
HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
TREATMENT, AND I ADMINISTERED A  
HUGE STATEWIDE CONTRACT ON  
BEHALF OF MEDICAID.  
IT APPLIED TO ABOUT HALF A  
MILLION PEOPLE, HALF A MILLION  
COVERED LIVES.  
IT WAS THE MENTAL HEALTH  
BENEFIT.  
WE HIRED A PRIVATE FIRM TO  
ADMINISTER THAT BENEFIT AND  
LIKELY TRANSFORM THE WAY IN  
WHICH THE SYSTEM OF CARE WAS  
DELIVERED.  
I HAD A STAFF OF TWO.  
SO THERE WERE THREE OF US.  
THAT WAS FOR A REVOLUTIONARY  
PROGRAM.  
THIS IS IN THE EARLY '90s.  
I DO NOT FOR A SECOND BELIEVE,  
ESPECIALLY HEARING FROM CAROL,

THAT WE ALREADY HAVE A CONTRACT  
WITH A ENERGY PURCHASING BROKER  
THAT THIS IS A BURDEN.  
I THINK IT'S REAL THAT COMMUNITY  
EDUCATION IS A BIG THING, BUT WE  
LIVE IN AN AGE OF SOCIAL MEDIA.  
I MEAN, WE CAN LEVERAGE THE  
ENERGY OF EXISTING STAFF AND ALL  
THE VOLUNTEERS -- I'M SORRY.  
THAT'S JUST ANOTHER SORT OF NEW  
REASON TO DRAG, DELAY.  
THIS IS ONE STEP OF A PART OF A  
HUGE NUMBER OF PROGRAMS THAT WE  
NEED TO DO, AND LET GET ON IT.  
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.  
MARY RUSSELL IS NEXT AND THEN  
WE HAVE OLIVIA MARKS STILL HERE?  
MARY RUSSELL.  
HI, MARY.

>> YES.  
AND NO OLIVIA MARKS.  
HOW ABOUT LINDA HIRSCH?  
LINDA WITH US?  
OKAY, LINDA, IF YOU COULD JOIN  
US AS WELL, PLEASE.  
GOOD AFTERNOON.

>> YES, GOOD AFTERNOON.  
THANK YOU.  
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> MY NAME IS MARY RUSSELL.  
I'M A ROSLINDALE RESIDENT AND A  
MEMBER OF BEACON.  
I'M SHEER TO READ A LETTER FROM  
THE CLAM POINT CIVIL  
ASSOCIATION, MAGGIE LEBLANC,  
PRESIDENT, AND THIS IS THE  
LETTER SHE SENT.  
AS BOSTON FACES INCREASED  
COASTAL FLOODING, STORM WATER  
FLOODING AND EXTREME HEAT DUE TO  
RISING TEMPERATURES, WE NEED A  
STRONG, MUNICIPAL RESPONSE TO  
THE THREAT OF CHANGE.  
WE ENDORSE COMMUNITY CHOICE!  
ENERGY AS AN IMPORTANT STEP  
TOWARDS GREENER BOSTON.  
COMMUNITY CHOICE! ENERGY ALLOWS  
THE CITY OF BOSTON TO CHOOSE ITS  
MIX OF ELECTRICAL POWER WHILE

EVER SOURCE WILL STILL DELIVER THE ELECTRICITY, WE CAN GET MORE LOCAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LIKE WIND AND SOLAR WHILE STABILIZING ELECTRICITY PRICES FOR BOSTON RESIDENTS AND SMALL BUSINESSES. OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS IN MASSACHUSETTS HAVE ALREADY EMBRACED THE COMMUNITY CHOICE! ENERGY AND IT'S TIME FOR BOSTON TO JOIN THEM.

WE HAVE SEEN BOSTON CREATE MANY INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO COMPLEX PROBLEMS.

CLIMATE CHANGE IS ONE OF THE MOST CRITICAL PROBLEMS OF OUR GENERATION AND A PROBLEM OF THAT MAG TO YOU NEEDS SOLUTIONS ON ALL FRONTS.

COMMUNITY CHOICE! ENERGY IS THE FASTEST SINGLE ACTION BOSTON CAN TAKE TO MEET ITS GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION GOALS.

WE HOPE YOU WILL STRONGLY SUPPORT IT.

THE CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION APPRECIATES THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY REVIEW PROCESS AS PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF BOSTON, THE LETTER FROM MAGGIE LEBLANC.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.  
LINDA?

>> GOOD AFTERNOON.

MY NAME IS LINDA HIRSCH AND I'M A HOME OWNER IN WEST ROXBURY. ONE THING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND PEOPLE ABOUT IS THAT CLIMATE CHANGE IS NOT SOMETHING THAT IS COMING TO BOSTON SOME DAY.

CLIMATE CHANGE IS ALREADY AFFECTING BOSTON.

YOU KNOW, AS A RELATIVELY NEW RETIREE, I'M THINKING ABOUT, YOU KNOW, MY TIME AND WHAT I'M DOING WITH IT, AND I'M ALREADY AFRAID THAT I MAY END UP WITH HEAT STROKE IN THE HOSPITAL BECAUSE I GO OUTSIDE ON THE WRONG SUMMER DAY.

I'M ALREADY AFRAID THAT I MIGHT GET CAUGHT IN ONE OF THOSE FLASH RAINSTORMS AND THEN DRIVE DOWN THE WRONG STREET AND GET MY CAR FLOODED OUT.

THOSE RELATIVELY SPEAKING ARE INCONVENIENCES.

WE'RE MUCH MORE WORRIED ABOUT THE REALLY DEVASTATING AND NEIGHBORHOOD-DESTROYING EVENTS THAT WE COULD SEE EVENTUALLY, BUT ALL I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THAT WE MAY HAVE LESS TIME THAN WE THINK BEFORE THINGS GET A LOT WORSE HERE.

I SOMETIMES COMPARE CLIMATE CHANGE TO A SERIOUS, PROGRESSIVE DISEASE.

IF A DOCTOR WERE TO TELL ME WE MAY STILL BE ABLE TO BEAT THIS BUT YOU WILL NEED SURGERY AND CHEMO AND YOU MUST STOP SMOKING, I HOPE I WOULD NOT GET CAUGHT UP IN AN INTERNAL DEBATE OVER WHICH ONE OF THOSE THINGS I WAS WILLING TO TRY.

THE TRUTH IS THAT WE HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN AS SOON AS WE CAN.

THE CITY ALREADY HAS SOME ACTIVE PROGRAMS AND GREAT FUTURE PLANS TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE, BUT WE NEED COMMUNITY CHOICE! ENERGY, TOO.

SO I HOPE THAT YOU WILL PASS THE ORDER, AND I HOPE THAT THE CITY WILL GO TO WORK ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO IMPLEMENT IT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU, LINDA.  
(APPLAUSE)

>> SAM WILSON AND RICHARD CLAP.  
TWO OF MY FAVORITE  
CONSTITUENTS AMONG MY MANY  
FAVORITE CONSTITUENTS HERE.

>> SHOULD I START IS THIS.  
YOU SHOULD.  
I JUST WANTED TO PUT IN A  
QUICK WORD PORE THE THIRD WORLD  
WHERE PEOPLE ARE ALREADY  
DROWNING AND TYING FROM THE HEAT

AND A WORD FOR THE HUMAN RACE,  
WHICH IS AT RISK BECAUSE THE  
OCEAN IS SLOWING AND IT COULD  
SLOW TO A STOP, AND WE'RE LOSING  
CORAL REEFS.

SO, TO ME, THIS CCE IN BOSTON IS  
ONE MORE FOOT ON THE GROUND TO  
STOP THE TRAIN FROM GOING OFF  
THE CLIFF, AND I THINK WE SHOULD  
BUILD A WALL IN THE HARBOR.  
THAT'S ALL.

>> AND MAKE CLIMATE CHANGE  
DENIERS PAY FOR IT, RIGHT?  
(LAUGHTER)

>> MY NAME IS DICK CLAP, AS YOU  
SAID, A JAMAICA PLAIN RESIDENT,  
AS YOU ALSO SAID.

I CAN'T GET OVER HOW CUTE THIS  
LITTLE BABY IS, SMILING AT US.  
(LAUGHTER)

IN SPITE OF THAT, I WANT TO SAY  
ONE SMALL THING ABOUT CHIEF  
BLACKMAN.

HE MADE A POINT ABOUT THE  
COMMUNITY CHOICE! ENERGY PROGRAM  
OF INCREASING RENEWABLES BY 5%  
WOULD MAKE THE CITY .5% CLOSER  
TO ITS GREENHOUSE GAS GOALS.

THAT'S A DE MINIMIS WAY OF  
CALCULATING IT.  
REALLY WHAT IT IS 5% ON TOP OF  
12%.

THAT'S A 40% INCREASE OF  
RESIDENTIAL USES OF GREENHOUSE  
GASES -- SORRY -- RENEWABLE  
ENERGY AND THAT'S WHAT WE NEED  
TO FOCUS ON, THAT'S WHY I ADMIRE  
YOUR LEADERSHIP IN BRINGING US  
ALL FORWARD, AND I WISH YOU THE  
BEST OF LUCK IN GETTING IT  
IMPLEMENTED AND WILL BE WITH YOU  
ALL THE WAY.

>> THANK YOU.  
THANK YOU BOTH.  
(APPLAUSE)

MOVING RIGHT ALONG, FOLKS.  
NOBODY ON THAT SIDE.  
SO I'M GOING TO GO THROUGH THIS  
LIST.

A LOT OF NOS IF ANYONE WANTS  
TO TESTIFY WHO DIDN'T SIGN UP.



SARAH FRAMEN AND MARK LOU.  
AND EDITH FROM MOTHERS OUT FRONT  
WILL BE THE LAST FOR THE FIRST  
THING, SO, EDITH, YOU'RE ON  
DECK.  
OKAY.

>> OKAY.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS  
MONICA BRIGGS.  
I'M A MEMBER OF BEACON.  
SARAH ASKED PEIF I'D READ THIS  
LETTER FROM HER FROM THE HARBOR  
WAY COALITION.  
THE LETTER IS REGARDING CCE ON  
BEHALF OF THE COALITION.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO  
MAKING THE CITY OF BOSTON A  
NATIONAL LEADER ON PARKS,  
ENVIRONMENT AND GREEN ENERGY AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE.  
THE ARBOR WAY COALITION HAS BEEN  
PLEASED TO PARTICIPATE IN A  
VARIETY OF PARK, PEDESTRIAN AND  
BIKING PROJECTS SUCH AS PATH  
IMPROVEMENTS AT FRANKLIN PARK,  
VISION ZERO ABTHE ROSE GARDEN  
PARTY FUNDRAISER FOR PARK ARTS.  
WE ARE A COLLABORATION OF J.P.  
RESIDENTS AND OTHER INTERESTED  
PARTIES WHO WORK TO PRESERVE THE  
ARBOR WAY AS A GREEN, MULTIUSE  
PARKWAY CONNECTING THREE EMERALD  
NECKLACE PARKS.  
THESE PARKS ARE JAMAICA PLAIN  
PARK, ARBORETUM AND ANOTHER  
PARK.  
WE ARE WRITING TO ENCOURAGE THE  
CITY TO TAKE AN IMPORTANT  
ADDITIONAL STEP TOWARD A GREEN  
BOSTON BY ADOPTING COMMUNITY  
CHOICE! ENERGY.  
BY ALLOWING THE CITY OF BOSTON  
TO CHOOSE ITS MIX OF ELECTRIC  
POWER, CCE WOULD RESULT IN MORE  
LOCAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LIKE WIND  
AND SOLAR, WHILE STABILIZING  
ELECTRICITY PRICES.  
DELIVERY WOULD NOT HAVE TO  
CHANGE.  
IT WOULD REMAIN WITH EVER  
SOURCE, AND THE CITY COULD  
BENEFIT FROM BULK PURCHASING TO  
GET A BENEFICIAL PRICE.

RESIDENTS COULD OPT OUT SO IT'S  
A LOW RISK FOR THE RESIDENTS.  
AS BOSTON FACES INCREASED  
THREATS FROM CLIMATE CHANGE SUCH  
AS THE FLOODING AND EXTREME HEAT  
THAT WE HAVE SEEN AROUND THE  
COUNTRY, WE NEED TO HAVE  
SHORT-TERRELL AND LONG-RANGE  
PLANS IN PLACE.

CCE IS THE FASTEST SINGLE ACTION  
THAT BOSTON CAN TAKE TO MEET ITS  
GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION GOALS.  
WE HOPE BOSTON WILL JOIN THE  
GROWING LIST OF MASSACHUSETTS  
MUNICIPALITIES WHO ARE ADOPTING  
CCE.

THANK YOU FOR THINKING ABOUT  
THIS AND OTHER WAYS TO KEEP THE  
CITY OF BOSTON IN A LEADERSHIP  
ROLE.

AND THEN JUST FOR MYSELF, I  
DON'T HAVE A LOT TO SAY, BUT I  
AM A PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER, AND,  
SO, I SEE EVERY DAY REASONS TO  
TAKE ACTION, AND, YOU KNOW, IT'S  
VERY POWERFUL.

THAT BABY IS THE MOST POWERFUL  
TESTIMONY HERE THAT I COULD  
IMAGINE.

THANK YOU FOR BRINGING YOUR  
CHILD.

>> THANK YOU.

MARK?

>> YEAH, I TOTALLY AGREE.

I WAS LOOKING AT COUNCILLOR  
PRESIDENT WU'S BABY AND SAYING  
THAT'S THE BEST REASON TO DO  
SOMETHING ABOUT THIS.

I'M MARK LOU FROM THE CHINESE  
PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION, WE  
REPRESENT OVER 1200 MEMBERS IN  
THE GREATER BOSTON AREA.

THANK YOU COUNCILLOR O'MALLEY  
AND PRESIDENT WU FOR BRINGING US  
TO THE COUNCIL.

WE WANT TO COME HERE AND SHOW  
OUR FULL SUPPORT FOR CLEAN  
CHOICE! ENERGY.

AS A CITY WE HAVE TO LOOK AT ALL  
POSSIBILITY METHODS, COMBAT  
GLOBAL WARMING.

SPEAKERS BEFORE US TALKED

PLAINLY ABOUT HOW THIS HAS  
AFFECTED THE CARIBBEAN AND THE  
SOUTHERN PARTS OF THE UNITED  
STATES.

WE'RE ALSO SEEING IT IN CHINA,  
IN MY FAMILY'S HOMETOWN WAS HIT  
BY FLOODING AND TYPHOONS THAT  
DESTROYED A LOT OF PEOPLE'S  
HOMES AND LIVES.

WE SAW IT A FEW YEARS AGO WHEN  
HURRICANE SANDY HIT NEW YORK AND  
SAW PEOPLE STUCK IN HIGH RISES  
WITHOUT WATER OR ELECTRICITY AND  
FROM THE BOSTON CLIMATE READY  
REPORT WE SEE SOUTH END AND  
OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS IN BOSTON  
WILL BE UP NEXT.

WE WILL BE UNDER WATER IN EVENT  
OF A STORM IF WE DON'T DO  
ANYTHING.

WE KNOW LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES  
LIKE OURS WILL BE HIT HARDEST BY  
CLIMATE DISASTERS.

WE MUST USE ALL TOOLS AVAILABLE  
FOR US TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE.  
AS I THINK HAS BEEN POINTED OUT  
BEFORE, COMMUNITY CHANGE GIVES  
ALL BOSTONIANS ACCESS TO  
RENEWABLE ENERGY, NOT JUST THE  
FEW WHO CAN AFFORD IT.

WE ALL DESERVE ACCESS TO ENERGY  
THAT DOES NOT PUT OUR  
COMMUNITIES AT RISK AND ENDANGER  
OUR HEALTH.

I THINK TO COUNCILLOR PRESSLEY'S  
POINT, THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE IN  
OUR COMMUNITY, WE REPRESENT LOW  
INCOME IMMIGRANT WORKING CLASS  
FAMILIES SUPPORTING COMMUNITY  
CHOICE! ENERGY.

WE HAVE OUR YOUTH IN THE BACK  
WHO AT OUR BLOCK PARTY AND  
DIFFERENT EVENTS HAVE TALKED TO  
CONSTITUENTS AND PEOPLE IN OUR  
COMMUNITY ABOUT THIS AND HAVE  
COLLECTED DOZENS OF SIGNATURES  
IN SUPPORT OF IT SHOWING A BROAD  
SUPPORT FOR IT AND I THINK, AS  
YOU KNOW, MANY FOLKS ARE ALSO  
FACING THE HOUSING CRISIS AND  
GETTING PUSHED OUT OF THEIR  
COMMUNITIES AND, SO, AS LONG AS  
UTILITY BILLS DON'T GO UP AND  
FROM THE RESEARCH SHOWN TODAY I

THINK IT COULD MAYBE EVEN BRING  
COST DOWN, WE SUPPORT COMMUNITY  
CHOICE! ENERGY GOING FORWARD.  
FINALLY, I JUST WANT TO BRING UP  
THAT IN OUR COMMUNITY WE HAVE A  
DROP-IN SERVICE AND WE'VE SEEN  
MANY OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS BE  
PREY TO A LOT OF AGGRESSIVE  
SALESPEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN  
PUSHING OTHER ENERGY COMPANIES  
WITHOUT PEOPLE UNDERSTANDING  
WHAT'S GOING ON.

SO PEOPLE WHO DON'T SPEAK  
ENGLISH HAVE GOTTEN SIGNED UP  
FOR ENERGY COMPANIES AND THEY  
COME INTO OUR OFFICE BECAUSE  
THEIR ENERGY BILLS HAVE GONE WAY  
UP AND WE HELP THEM DO IT.  
WE HOPE CLEAN ENERGY CHOICE  
ELIMINATES THAT AND WE CAN GET  
PEOPLE SIGN UP FOR MORE  
RENEWABLE ENERGY, STOP BRINGING  
THE COST UP, AND, YOU KNOW,  
THERE'S A ROBUST OUTREACH EFFORT  
SO FOLKS KNOW ABOUT THIS IN  
MULTIPLE LANGUAGES.

>> THANK YOU BOTH FOR YOUR  
TESTIMONY.

>> THEN ISABELLE IS OUR LAST  
PUBLIC TESTIMONY AFTER DON.  
IS ISABELLE HERE?  
TAKE A SEAT PLEASE IN FRONT OF  
YOU.  
DAWN, WEDGE.

>> HI, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
AGAIN, MY NAME IS DAWN AND I  
HAVE BEEN MARCHING WITH THOSE IN  
WEST ROXBURY TRYING TO KEEP THAT  
PIPELINE OUT AND I THANK YOU  
BOTH FOR STANDING STRONG AGAINST  
THAT.  
YOU HAVE ALSO HELPED ME WITH MY  
CHURCH.  
SO NOT ONLY AM I A MEMBER OF  
BEACON AND A RESIDENT OF  
ROSLINDALE BUT A MEMBER OF  
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH IN JAMAICA  
PLAIN THAT'S BEEN THERE SINCE  
1880.  
WHEN WE HAVE BAD STORMS, WE SEE  
IT INSIDE AND OUTSIDE.

OUR GROUP AT THAT CHURCH AS WELL AS WITHIN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE WHERE I'M A VOLUNTEER, WE JUST SIGNED ON AND WILL BE PRESSING A RESOLUTION IN NOVEMBER FOR WE ARE STILL IN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND SIGNING ON WITH ALL THOSE GOVERNORS AND UNIVERSITIES.

WE'VE ALSO WITH THE CREATION CARE TASK FORCE ACTUALLY WITH OUR 183 CHURCHES THROUGHOUT THE BOSTON AREA AND EASTERN MASS HAVE ACTUALLY LOOKED AT DIVESTING FOSSIL FUELS FROM OUR INVESTMENTS, AND THE LITTLE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN'S IS ALSO PUT INTO AN INVESTMENT FUND THAT'S FOSSIL FUEL FREE.

SO WE UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE DOING THIS FOR OUR GENERATION AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.

ALSO, I AM A FORMER BOSTON PARK RANGER, AND, FOR SEVEN YEARS, I GOT TO TAKE ABOUT 3,000 CHILDREN OUT TO THE BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS.

WE FINALLY GOT ACCESS TO THOSE BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS, AND IF WE KEEP GOING WHERE WE ARE, WE WILL HAVE A SCUBA PARK, AND THAT SCUBA PARK, ALTHOUGH FUN, WILL REALLY LIMIT THE SOCIOECONOMIC KIDS THAT CAN'T BUY SCUBA GEAR TO VISIT.

IT'S ALREADY EXPENSIVE TO USE A BOAT TO GET TO AN ISLAND. AND TEACHING THE INDIVIDUALS THE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION NECESSARY FOR THEM TO HAVE ENVIRONMENTAL SKILLS AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL LANGUAGE TO UNDERSTAND CLIMATE CHANGE, THEY ARE AHEAD OF ALL OF US AND, YET, WE NEED TO SUPPORT THEM, SO THANK YOU BOTH FOR SUBMITTING THIS AND PUSHING IT FORWARD. WE DO NEED BOSTON'S CLEAN ENERGY NOW.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
ISABELLE?

>> HELLO.  
SO MY NAME IS ISABELLE AND I'M A  
HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR IN BOSTON.  
ALTHOUGH I DON'T LIVE IN BOSTON,  
I'M STILL TESTIFYING HERE TODAY  
BECAUSE WE ALL IN THE ENTIRE  
STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPEND ON  
THE WELL BEING OF BOSTON.  
SO AS I'M A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT  
AND MAY NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH  
CERTAIN TERMS, BUT I KNOW THIS  
ABOUT CCE, MAKING THE CHANGE IS  
THE RIGHT THING AND THE WISE  
THING TO DO.  
IT MAKES -- IT MATTERS NOT JUST  
IN TERMS OF GLOBAL CARBON  
FOOTPRINT BUT ALSO THE EXAMPLE  
WE SET FOR THE REST OF THE  
COUNTRY AND THE WORLD.  
AFTER ALL BOSTON IS A LEADER IN  
MANY SPHERES, EDUCATION,  
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND MORE.  
NOW IS THE TIME TO BE A LEADER  
MOVING TOWARD SUSTAINABILITY AS  
WELL.  
WHEN WE LOOK BACK ON THE GREAT  
TRAGEDIES OF HISTORY LIKE  
SLAVERY AND THE HOLOCAUST AND  
MORE, WE ASK OURSELVES WHERE WAS  
THE GOVERNMENT, WHERE WERE THE  
PEOPLE, WHY WAS SOCIETY NOT  
DWRIEWNTD COMBATING THESE  
MONUMENTAL ISSUES?  
SO WHEN I'M A PARENT OR  
GRANDPARENT, I DON'T WANT FUTURE  
GENERATIONS ASKING ME WHY  
EDIDN'T DO MORE AND WHY WE ALL  
DIDN'T DO MORE.  
I WANT TO BE ABLE TO SAY THAT I  
AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND WE AS A  
CITY DID EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER  
TO SOLVE THE MOST PRESSING ISSUE  
OF OUR TIME.  
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
WELL DONE.  
(APPLAUSE)  
THAT'S ALL THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY.  
IS THERE ANYONE ELSE'S NAME WHO  
I DIDN'T READ OR SIGN IN OR  
WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY?  
DID I SEE A HAND?  
NO.

OKAY.

ALL RIGHT.

WELL, THIS IS GOOD, GUYS.

I THINK WE'LL GET OUT OF HERE BY 5, WHICH IS GOOD.

IT'S ALMOST A QUARTER OF.

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY IN CLOSING THAT THANK YOU, THANK ALL OF YOU.

I SPEND MOST OF MY SEEFNTION AT COMMUNITY MEETINGS OR CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS, AN I'VE SEEN SO MANY OF YOU PREACHING THE GOSPEL THAT IS SO IMPORTANT AN, AS A RESULT, WE'VE SEEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS, WARD COMMITTEES, CIVIC GROUPS WRITE LETTERS OF SUPPORT, AND ENG IT REALLY RUNS -- AND I THINK IT REALLY RUNS COUNTER TO SOME OF THE CONCERN AROUND THIS BILL THAT WE COULDN'T EDUCATE PEOPLE IN TIME. OF COURSE WE COULD, WE ARE AND CONTINUE TO DO THAT.

I'VE SAID THIS MANY TIMES SO APOLOGIES IF I'M BECOMING REPETITIVE, BUT I CONSIDER MYSELF AN OPTIMIST, AND WHILE I AND I WOULD VENTURE TO GUESS ALL OF YOU WERE DEVASTATED WHEN THIS PRESIDENT DECIDED TO JOIN TWO OTHER COUNTRIES ACROSS THE WORLD IN PULLING OUT OF THE PARIS ACCORD AND MADE SOME OFFHAND QUIP SAYING I WAS ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE OF PITTSBURGH, NOT PARIS. ALMOST DIRECTLY AFTER THE MAYOR OF PITTSBURGH ENTERED HIS OWN CLAIMANT AGREEMENT WITH THE MAYOR OF PARIS WHICH IS ONE OTHER EXAMPLES WHERE CITIES ARE LEADING AND, BY GOD, BOSTON HAS TO LEAD.

WE'VE DONE GOOD THINGS.

I'M NOT GIVING SHORT SHRIFT TO WHAT WE'VE DONE BUT THERE IS A LOT MORE SHE SHOULD DO AND CAN DO AND ARE DOING NOW.

SO I'M DELIGHTED TO PARTNER WITH MY FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE MICHELLE WU IN PUSHING THIS AS WELL AS PLASTIC BAG ORDINANCE AND A WHOLE OTHER ISSUES ON CHARGING STATIONS AND SO ON AND SO FORTH.

WE'LL CONTINUE TO PUSH THIS.  
I THINK A VOTE WILL HAPPEN SOON.  
I HOPE THE VOTE WILL HAPPEN  
SOON.

WE ARE JUST GOING TO CONTINUE TO  
TALK TO OUR COLLEAGUES.

WE ASK YOU TO CONTINUE TO TALK  
TO OUR COLLEAGUES, SOME WHO ARE  
HERE, SOME WHO WEREN'T HERE,  
OBVIOUSLY THE MAYOR AS WELL.

BUT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT  
REALLY IS GOING TO HAVE A  
PROFOUND IMPACT FOR GENERATIONS  
TO COME AND, AT THE SAME TIME,  
THERE ARE PROTECTIONS IN PLACE  
TO PROTECT RATE PAYERS.

IT'S A NO BRAINER IN MY REGARD  
AND IN MY BOOK AND, AGAIN, WE  
WOULD NOT GET TO THIS POINT WITH  
ALL THE SUPPORT BUT FOR EACH AND  
EVERY ONE OF YOU AND THE PEOPLE  
WHO AREN'T IN THIS ROOM NOW WHO  
HAVE BEEN SUCH AN INTEGRAL PART  
OF THIS COALITION AND I'M  
PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL.

WE HAVE TO GET THIS PASSED AND  
SIGNED AND PUT INTO PRACTICE.  
SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
(APPLAUSE)

>> ANY THOUGHTS?

I ECHO EVERYTHING COUNCILLOR  
O'MALLEY SAID.

I'M PROUD TO BE A PART OF THE  
COALITION.

YOU'VE TAKEN IT TO EVERY  
ORGANIZATION AND CORNER OF THE  
CITY.

IT'S AN INCREDIBLY COMPLICATED  
TOPIC THAT EVERYONE HAS MANAGED  
TO DISTILL DOWN INTO NOT JUST  
KIND OF MORE SIMPLE LANGUAGE  
THAT YOU CAN UNDERSTAND, BUT THE  
REAL VALUES UNDERNEATH ALL OF  
THESE TERMS, AND I THINK THAT'S  
WHAT -- THAT'S HOW WE NEED TO BE  
GUIDING PUBLIC POLICY OVERALL IN  
OUR COUNTRY, IN OUR CITY BECAUSE  
THE WAY THAT THE CORPORATE  
INTERESTS OFTEN PLAY IS THROWING  
OUT THE COMPLICATED JARGON,  
SAYING WE CAN'T POSSIBLY  
UNDERSTAND THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS  
AND COSTS -- HIDDEN COSTS ISSUES



OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF WE CHANGE  
THE POLICIES, WANTING TO FURTHER  
THE SAME ECONOMIC STRUCTURES  
THAT HAVE BEEN IN PLACE, BUT  
WHEN WE ENGAGE COMMUNITY, WHEN  
WE PUT IT IN TERMS THAT PEOPLE  
UNDERSTAND AND CARE ABOUT, IT  
MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE.  
SO YOU ALL HAVE DONE THIS IN  
SUCH A SHORT TIME PERIOD, I'M  
REALLY, REALLY EXCITED.  
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.  
(APPLAUSE)

>> ALL RIGHT, SO THIS HEARING IS  
HEREBY ADJOURNED.  
THANK YOU ALL.  
WE WILL BE IN TOUCH.  
( HEARING IS ADJOURNED )  
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