

HOUSE No. 2814

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul Brodeur

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to transmission for offshore wind energy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>

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By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2814) of Paul Brodeur and others relative to reliable and efficient delivery of electric power from offshore wind energy generation. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to transmission for offshore wind energy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 83B of chapter 169 of the Acts of 2008, as amended by chapter 188
2 of the acts of 2016, is hereby amended by adding after the definition of “Distribution company”
3 the following definitions:-

4 “Expandable transmission”, a facility comprised of wires and substations that
5 gathers power from one or more sources of offshore wind energy generation and delivers it to the
6 regional wholesale power grid for distribution and can be expanded incrementally to deliver
7 additional quantities of offshore wind energy generation.

8 “Expandable transmission developer”, a developer selected by the department of energy
9 resources to permit, construct and operate an expandable transmission facility pursuant to
10 subsection (k) of section 83C.

11 SECTION 2. Section 83C is hereby amended by adding after subsection (j) the following
12 subsection:-

13 (k) In order to provide for the reliable and efficient delivery of electric power from
14 offshore wind energy generation, the department of energy resources, in consultation with the
15 distribution companies and the attorney general, and not later than December 31, 2019, shall
16 competitively solicit proposals for expandable transmission that will deliver power produced by
17 offshore wind energy generation located in federal offshore wind energy lease sites to the
18 commonwealth. A solicitation for expandable transmission proposals issued under this
19 subsection may be coordinated and issued jointly with other New England states or entities
20 designated by those states. Provided that reasonable proposals have been received, the
21 department, in consultation with the distribution companies and the attorney general, shall select
22 one of these proposals for delivery of said power. A developer of an expandable transmission
23 project selected according to this subsection shall apply to the Federal Energy Regulatory
24 Commission to recover the costs of said project through an approved federal tariff. A developer
25 of an expandable transmission project selected under this subsection shall obtain all necessary
26 permits and approvals for construction of the entire project within a timeframe determined by the
27 department; provided, however, that said developer shall not construct any portion of said project
28 until authorized and directed to do so by the department of energy resources and shall only
29 construct that portion of the project needed to reliably and efficiently deliver power from wind
30 energy generation produced under contracts approved by the department of energy resources and
31 the department of public utilities pursuant to this section.

32 SECTION 3. Section 83C is hereby further amended by striking (k) and replacing with
33 the following:- (l)

34 Section 83C is hereby further amended by striking (l) and replacing with the following:-

35 (m)

36 Section 83C is hereby further amended by striking (m) and replacing with the following:-

37 (n)