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Dear friends:

This is it! We need you to read this email **now**. We need you to **come to Beacon Hill on September 20**. We need you to respond by **tomorrow**.

So far, Bill H3294 has everything going for it. The bill makes it possible for Massachusetts municipalities to form new municipal electric utilities ("Munis"). It is endorsed by 103 municipalities and 7 statewide organizations, co-sponsored by 40 legislators and has received support from the Boston Globe's editorial page. Additional information about the bill and about Munis is available on www.massmunichoice.org

Our bill is scheduled for a public hearing on September 20 before the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, and a large turnout is essential. Your presence, whether or not you speak, is critical. The **September 20 hearing starts at 10AM in Hearing Room A2 at the State House in Boston** (we don't know whether our bill will be heard first, so bring something to read.)

If you plan to speak, here is the structure: there will be 4 panels, each with 2-5 people, with 2-3 minutes per speaker.

Panel 1: overview of the bill, its broad statewide support, and basic policy arguments

Panel 2: current frustrations with utility service

Panel 3: the bill creates competition, could lower rates and enhance economic development

Panel 4: existing Munis have a solid track record

The attachment lists possible topics for each panel. We will also have witnesses to wrap up, respond to utility assertions and address outstanding concerns of the Committee.

Speakers are encouraged to provide the Committee with **visual handouts** and **written copies of their statements**.

To help organize our presence at the hearing, please **respond immediately to the following 3 questions**:

1. How many supporters can you get to attend the September 20 hearing?
2. Which of those will speak?
3. On which panel and about which topic(s) will they speak? (topics not on the attachment are welcome)

A large presence at the State House and well organized testimony on September 20 are essential to get H3294 adopted. Please email back your responses without delay!

Thank you for your efforts in support of the bill! Please forward this email to others who may want to come support the bill on September 20.

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