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RE: Disclosure of Financial Interest

To whom it may concern:

Please find enclosed Disclosure By Non-Elected State Employee for Department of Public Utilities employee, Benjamin Pignatelli. The disclosure has been completed and signed by Mr. Pignatelli and signed by myself, Matthew Nelson, Director Electric Power Division.

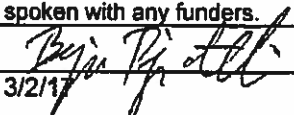
Sincerely,

  
Matthew Nelson  
Director, DPU Electric Power Division


cc: Matthew Campbell, DPU Chief of Staff  
Laura-Jean Canducci, EEA HR Deputy Director

**DISCLOSURE BY NON-ELECTED STATE EMPLOYEE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST  
AND DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING AUTHORITY  
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 6**

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	<b>STATE EMPLOYEE INFORMATION</b>
Name:	Benjamin Pignatelli
Title or Position:	Economist
State Agency:	Department of Public Utilities
Agency Address:	1 South Station, Boston, MA 02110
Office Phone:	(617) 305-3673
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	My duties require me to participate in a particular matter, and I may not participate because of a financial interest that I am disclosing here. I request a determination from my appointing authority about how I should proceed.
	<b>PARTICULAR MATTER</b>
Particular matter  E.g., a judicial or other proceeding, application, submission, request for a ruling or other determination, contract, claim, controversy, charge, accusation, arrest, decision, determination, or finding.	I have a professional interest, outside of my work at the Department, in proposing the formation of a regional smart grid consortium.
Your required participation in the particular matter:  E.g., approval, disapproval, decision, recommendation, rendering advice, investigation, other.	I have reviewed grid modernization proposals before the Department.
	<b>FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE PARTICULAR MATTER</b>
Write an X by all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> I have a financial interest in the matter. <input type="checkbox"/> My immediate family member has a financial interest in the matter. <input type="checkbox"/> My business partner has a financial interest in the matter. <input type="checkbox"/> I am an officer, director, trustee, partner or employee of a business organization, and the business organization has a financial interest in the matter. <input type="checkbox"/> I am negotiating or have made an arrangement concerning future employment with a person or organization, and the person or organization has a financial interest in the matter.
Financial interest in the matter	I am uncertain whether I have a financial interest in this matter. I am looking to develop a regional effort to exchange information on smart grid technologies. If my idea is possible then I might have a financial interest if there is funding available. I have not spoken with any funders.
Employee signature:	
Date:	3/2/17

# **DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING OFFICIAL**

<b>APPOINTING AUTHORITY INFORMATION</b>	
Name of Appointing Authority:	Matthew Nelson
Title or Position:	Director of Electric Power
Agency/Department:	DPV
Agency Address:	One South Station Boston MA, 02110
Office Phone:	617-305-3637
Office E-mail:	Matthew.Nelson@State.ma.us
<b>DETERMINATION</b>	
Determination by appointing authority:  Write an X by your selection.	<p>As appointing official, as required by G.L. c. 268A, § 8, I have reviewed the particular matter and the financial interest identified above by a state employee.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am assigning the particular matter to another employee, or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am assuming responsibility for the particular matter, or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have determined that the financial interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services which the Commonwealth may expect from the employee.</p>
Appointing Authority signature:	
Date:	8/2/17
Comment:	There was confusion if this was already submitted - so I am resubmitting. Further there have been additional developments regarding other financial interests by this employee which have been submitted.

Attach additional pages if necessary.

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