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**WMGLD Announces New Solar Rebate Program for
Homes and Small Businesses**

(Wakefield, MA) – The Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department is announcing a new Solar rebate that is available to residential and business customers for the purchase and installation of photovoltaic solar panels. The WMGLD is one of 36 municipal light plants (MLPs) participating in the Department of Energy Resources (DOER)'s rebate program for the installation of small scale solar projects in communities served by a municipal light plant.

The DOER recently announced its partnership with the Massachusetts Municipal Electric Cooperative (MMWEC) and Energy New England (ENE) to administer the program for the 36 participating municipal light plants in 45 Massachusetts communities. MMWEC will administer the program for the WMGLD.

According to WMGLD General Manager Pete Dion, the DOER and the participating municipal utilities will offer rebates of \$1.20 per watt, up to 50% of system costs. WMGLD residential installations are capped at 10 kW and commercial and industrial installations are capped at 25kW.

The DOER and the participating municipals will each provide half of the funding for these rebates. DOER has committed \$2.3 million and each participating MLP has committed to a specific amount of funding to this rebate program.

System owners must work with a primary installer/integrator to complete and submit the MLP Solar Program application. To be eligible for a rebate, system owners and applicants must follow all application procedures and systems must meet the technical specifications, which are listed in the program manual. According to the DOER, applications will not be processed, or rebates issued, if a MLP's funds have been expended. Information about the availability of funds can be obtained before submitting a rebate application by calling the WMGLD at 781-246-6363 or on the website www.wmgld.com

WMGLD customers who are interested in the rebate program should go to the WMLD website www.wmgld.com for program details and links to the application process. The application process began on May 20, 2019.

“We are excited to be a part of the Municipal Light Plant Solar Program and to be able to offer this opportunity to our customers,” General Manager Dion said. “The WMGLD underwent a rigorous application process to be accepted into the program and have committed \$110,000 to the program.”

General Manager Dion reminded WMGLD customers that once their solar photovoltaic system is in operation, solar energy sold back to the WMGLD will be compensated at 85% of the total cost of electricity for the month it is provided.

Information about the WMGLD's participation in the rebate program can be obtained on the website, www.wmgld.com, or by calling 781-246-6363.