

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer L. Flanagan

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act Regarding Mutual Assistance Agreements. .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Jennifer L. Flanagan

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Middlesex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT REGARDING MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS. .

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.** Chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 1H the following new section:-

3 Section 1I. The department shall, on an annual basis, review the mutual assistance
4 agreements of each distribution, transmission and gas distribution company conducting business
5 in the commonwealth; provided further, that in each agreement the company shall first offer
6 mutual assistance to other companies in the commonwealth prior to offering such mutual
7 assistance to another state.