## AEG Stakeholder Challenge on Grid Modernization

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# **<u>1. Overview</u>**. Massport's facilities are essential for trade, commerce, tourism and economic growth in the City, Commonwealth and New England



#### Aviation

- Logan Airport
- Hanscom Field
- Worcester Airport

#### Maritime

- Conley Terminal
- Flynn Cruiseport Boston
- Seafood Landlord
- Boston Autoport



#### Real Estate

- South Boston
- East Boston
- Charlestown

\$ 22 billion of economic activity and 107,000 direct jobs

Massport's has set a goal to reach Net Zero by 2031 for emissions within its direct control (Scope 1 and 2)\*and is working to influence Scope 3 emissions



\*Scope 1 – direct emissions from owned or controlled facilities; Scope 2- indirect from purchase and use of electricity.



## **<u>2. Root of the problem</u> of grid modernization: society wide, reaches all aspects of economy, competing needs</u>**

#### Opportunity

- The MA grid is relatively green compared to rest of the country
- Significant investments are underway to further green the grid
- Smart technology advancements and multiple strategies are available to address the problem

### Challenges

- Demand is increasing everywhere as the entire Commonwealth drives to net zero
- There will be new and competing needs for land and generation in the near and intermediate term
- There isn't one single owner of investment decisions or who in control of permitting and timing



#### **<u>3. Massport's approach</u> – no single solution, multifaceted strategy**

- Need to maintain safety and operational reliability/efficiency in a complex operating environment with a constrained footprint
- Massport is conducting extensive analysis and studies to inform optimal strategy for our aviation and maritime campuses:
  - Demand, capacity, resiliency, on-site generation, smart grid/demand management, battery storage, electrification
- Thinking through infrastructure requirements, opportunities, challenges and assessment of the economics and lifecycle costs
  - Seeking to leverage federal, state, local government support, partnerships, and stakeholders







## **<u>4. Benefits/Consequences</u>** of addressing or not addressing this obstacle

### Addressing

- Key to achieving Net Zero
- Resiliency
- Drive down local emissions, benefiting nearby communities

## **Not Addressing**

- Behind the curve on Net Zero
- Become locked-in to fossil fuel use missing emission reduction targets
- Green investment dollars diverted elsewhere
- Constrains economic development
- Lose public and policy support for key green investments



## 5. Final statement: Regarding Grid Modernization, to achieve Boston's climate, health & equity goals, a critical obstacle to collectively overcome in 12 months is....

...to identify critical infrastructure needs and shortfalls that will support a future, green economy and include:

- Transition strategies
- Holistic approach to include supply, distribution, demand, resiliency, innovation
- Identify equity goals and possible actions, such as
  - $\circ$  Workforce outreach, training
  - Disadvantaged business enterprises
  - Targeting neighboring communities

