



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 17-174

December 6, 2017

Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for Approval of Firm Transportation Agreements with Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC and Portland Natural Gas Transmission Systems, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94A.

On November 9, 2017, Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid (“Company”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) seeking approval of a 20-year firm transportation agreement (“Tennessee Agreement”) with Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (“Tennessee”) and a 22-year firm transportation agreement (“PNGTS Agreement”) with Portland Natural Gas Transmission Systems (“PNGTS”), pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94A. The Tennessee Agreement involves the transportation of 13,868 Dth/day of incremental capacity from Dracut, Massachusetts to the Company’s distribution system at Acton, Massachusetts via Tennessee’s existing pipeline facilities. The PNGTS Agreement involves the transportation of 57,068 Dth/day from Dawn, Ontario, Canada to Dracut, Massachusetts via Union Gas Limited, TransCanada Gas Pipelines Limited, and PNGTS. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 17-174.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (“Attorney General”) filed a notice to intervene in this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(a). Further, pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the Attorney General filed a notice of intent to retain experts and consultants to assist in her investigation of the Company’s filing, and has requested Department approval to spend up to \$150,000 in this regard. Pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the costs incurred by the Attorney General relative to her retention of experts and consultants may be recovered in the Company’s rates.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Company’s petition on **Thursday, January 4, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Department’s offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the time and place noted above or submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Thursday, January 4, 2018**. A procedural conference will immediately follow the public hearing.

Reasonable accommodations at public or evidentiary hearings for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will

need, including as much detail as you can. Also include a way the Department can contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be able to be accommodated. Contact the Department's ADA Coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3642.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Thursday, December 28, 2017**. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 CMR 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 CMR 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

Any person who seeks to intervene in this matter and also desires to comment on the Attorney General's notice of intent to retain experts and consultants may submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Thursday, December 28, 2017**.

All comments on the Company's petition, and all petitions for leave to intervene or to participate and comments on the Attorney General's notice of intent to retain experts and consultants, must be addressed to: Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing.

In addition to the above requirement, one (1) copy of all materials filed with the Department must be sent to each of the following: (1) Sarah A. Smegal, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110; (2) Stacey M. Donnelly, 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451 (counsel for the Company); (3) John K. Habib and Jessica Buno Ralston, Keegan Werlin LLP, 265 Franklin Street, 6th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 (counsel for the Company); and (4) Matthew E. Saunders, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Office of Ratepayer Advocacy, One Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02108.

Further, in addition to paper filings with the Department, all documents must be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us and the Hearing Officer, sarah.smegal@state.ma.us; or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 17-174); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing must also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

Copies of the Company's petition and accompanying exhibits, this Notice, and the Attorney General's notice of intent to retain experts and consultants are available for inspection during regular business hours at the Department's offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 and on the Department's website at <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. The documents are also available on the Department's website and may be accessed by docket number (D.P.U. 17-174) in the file room at <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber>. To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA Coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3642.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact Stacey M. Donnelly, Esq. at (781) 907-1833 or John K. Habib, Esq. or Jessica C. Buno Ralston, Esq. at (617) 951-1400. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Sarah A. Smegal, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3653.