



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 24-56

May 10, 2024

Petition of the Gas Local Distribution Companies for review and approval by the Department of Public Utilities of their proposed revised terms and conditions tariffs, in compliance with D.P.U. 23-25.

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In Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.P.U. 23-25, at 33-34 (2023), the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) determined that where a local gas distribution company (“LDC”) acquires peaking resources through take-or-pay peaking service contracts or off-system peaking contracts to meet the demand of both sales and capacity-eligible transportation customers, capacity-eligible customers should be responsible for the incremental costs associated with these resources (i.e., these costs should not be subsidized by sales customers only). Accordingly, the Department directed the LDCs (Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid; NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy; Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts d/b/a Eversource Energy; Liberty Utilities (New England Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty; The Berkshire Gas Company; and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil) to develop changes to their terms and conditions tariffs to eliminate any subsidization of capacity-eligible customers by sales customers for these costs. D.P.U. 23-25, at 34. On April 19, 2024, in accordance with the Department’s directives, each of the LDCs filed with the Department a petition for approval of its proposed tariff changes necessary to allow for the recovery of take-or-pay peaking service contract costs from sales customers as well as capacity-eligible transportation customers. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 24-56.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Monday, June 10, 2024**. Please note that in the interest of transparency, any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or e-mail addresses. As such, members of the public should consider the extent of information they wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

Any person who desires to participate otherwise in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, June 3, 2024**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of

220 CMR 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. 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. All responses to petitions to intervene must be filed by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the second business day after the petition to intervene was filed.

All documents should be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and [stephanie.mealey@mass.gov](mailto:stephanie.mealey@mass.gov). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 24-56); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "24-56") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>. In addition, one copy of all written comments and petitions to intervene should be emailed to the following LDCs' attorneys:

- Boston Gas Company: Christopher R. Tuomala, Esq., at [Christopher.Tuomala@nationalgrid.com](mailto:Christopher.Tuomala@nationalgrid.com);
- NSTAR Gas Company and Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts: Steven Frias, Esq., at [sfrias@keeganwerlin.com](mailto:sfrias@keeganwerlin.com);
- Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp.: Ronald John Ritchie, Esq., at [R.J.Ritchie@LibertyUtilities.com](mailto:R.J.Ritchie@LibertyUtilities.com);
- The Berkshire Gas Company: Brendan P. Vaughn, Esq., at [bvaughan@keeganwerlin.com](mailto:bvaughan@keeganwerlin.com); and
- Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company: Matthew C. Campbell, Esq., at [campbellm@unitil.com](mailto:campbellm@unitil.com).

The filings and all subsequent related documents submitted to the Department or issued by the Department will be available on the Department's website as referenced above as soon as is practicable. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments or intervene in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at [Andrea.R.Casul@mass.gov](mailto:Andrea.R.Casul@mass.gov).

For further information regarding an LDC's filing, please contact the LDC's attorneys, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Stephanie Mealey, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at [stephanie.mealey@mass.gov](mailto:stephanie.mealey@mass.gov).