



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 17-127

August 29, 2017

Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval of its annual gas division and electric division pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2017 (gas) and January 1, 2018 (electric).

On August 2, 2017, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (“Company”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of its annual pension and post-retirement benefits other than pensions (“PBOP”) adjustment factors (“PAFs”). The Company made this filing pursuant to Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.T.E. 04-48 (2004), and M.D.P.U. Nos. 202 (gas division) and 313 (electric division). The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 17-127. In a separate filing, the Company is proposing other changes to its gas rates effective November 1, 2017, that may also have an impact on customers’ bills. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.P.U. 17-GAF-P4.

The Company proposes the following PAF credits for its gas division, effective November 1, 2017, and included for billing purposes in the Company’s local distribution adjustment factor:

<b>Rate Classes</b>	<b>PAF credit (per therm)</b>
Residential (R-1, R-2, R-3, and R-4)	\$0.0079
Small General Service (G-41 and G-51)	\$0.0071
Medium General Service (G-42 and G-52)	\$0.0032
Large General Service (G-43 and G-53)	\$0.0025

The Company proposes the following PAF credits for its electric division, effective January 1, 2018, and included for billing purposes in the Company's distribution charge:

<b>Rate Classes</b>	<b>PAF credit (per kilowatt-hour ("kWh"))</b>
Residential (RD-1 and RD-2)	\$0.00068
Small and Medium General Service (GD-1, GD-2, GD-4, and GD-5)	\$0.00047
Large General Service (GD-3) and Special Contracts	\$0.00014
Outdoor Lighting (SD)	\$0.00166

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **September 27, 2017**. One original and two (2) copies of all written documents must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. In addition, one copy of all written comments should be sent to the Company's attorney, Gary Epler, Chief Regulatory Counsel, 6 Liberty Lane West, Hampton, New Hampshire 03842-1720.

All documents should also 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](mailto:dpu.efiling@state.ma.us) and the hearing officer, Kevin T. Crane at [kevin.crane@state.ma.us](mailto:kevin.crane@state.ma.us) or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 17-127); (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: <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber> (enter docket number "17-127").

A copy of the filing is available for public viewing during regular business hours at the office of the Department, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. The filing is also available on the Department's website <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "17-127"). To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA Coordinator at [Theresa.Kelly@state.ma.us](mailto:Theresa.Kelly@state.ma.us) or (617) 305-3642.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact its counsel, Gary Epler, Esq., at (603) 773-6440. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Kevin T. Crane, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.