



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

D.P.U. 16-162

October 7, 2016

Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unutil for approval of its annual gas division and electric division pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2016 (gas) and January 1, 2017 (electric).

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

On September 14, 2016, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unutil (“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. No. 270. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 16-162. In addition, pursuant to its most recent base rate cases, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.P.U. 15-80 and 15-81, (2016), the Company filed an amended PAF tariff for both its gas and electric divisions. In a separate filing, the Company is proposing other changes to its gas rates effective November 1, 2016, that may also have an impact on customers’ bills. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.P.U. 16-GAF-P4.

The Company proposes the following PAFs for its gas division, effective November 1, 2016, and included for billing purposes in the Company’s local distribution adjustment factor:

Rate Classes	PAF (per therm)
Residential	\$0.0941
Small General Service	\$0.0915
Medium General Service	\$0.0384
Large General Service	\$0.0315

The Company proposes the following PAFs for its electric division, effective January 1, 2017, and included for billing purposes in the Company's distribution charge:

Rate Classes	PAF (per kilowatt-hour ("kWh"))
Residential	\$0.00427
Small and Medium General Service	\$0.00317
Large General Service and Special Contracts	\$0.00093
Outdoor Lighting	\$0.00995

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, October 21, 2016**. 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 and the hearing officer, Kate S. Tohme at kate.tohme@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. 16-162); (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 "16-162").

A copy of the filing is available for public viewing during regular business hours at the offices of the Department, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact counsel for the Company, Gary Epler, Esq., at (603) 773-6440. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Kate S. Tohme, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.