



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 16-180

November 15, 2016

Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company (electric division) for approval of its annual Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for effect January 1, 2017.

On October 31, 2016, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil ("Unitil" or "Company") filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of its electric division's annual Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors ("RDAFs") for effect January 1, 2017. This filing was made pursuant to Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.P.U. 15-80 (July 13, 2016); Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.P.U. 11-01/11-02 (2011), Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.P.U. 12-114-A (2013); and the Company's Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Clause ("RDAC") tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 295. The RDAC tariff allows the Company to adjust, on an annual basis, its base distribution rates as a result of changes in customer usage, in order to promote the efficient deployment of demand resources. D.P.U. 11-01/11-02, at 101-103. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 16-180.

The Company proposes the following RDAF charges, effective January 1, 2017:

Rate Class	RDAF Charge (\$/kilowatt hour ("kWh"))
Residential (RD-1, RD-2)	0.00285
General Service (GD-1, GD-2, GD-4, GD-5)	0.00204
Large General Service (GD-3) and Special Contracts	0.00083
Outdoor Lighting (SD)	0.00232

As a result of the change to the RDAF, the average residential customer on basic service using 600 kWh per month will experience a bill increase of \$1.24 or 0.9 percent compared to rates currently in effect. Unitil states that the impact on the total bill for all customers will range between an increase of 0.3 percent to 1.1 percent depending on class and usage. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as shown below.

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, December 16, 2016**. One (1) 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 counsel, Gary Epler, Unitil, 6 Liberty Lane West, Hampton, New Hampshire, 03842.

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, Lauren.Morris@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. 16-180); (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://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

A copy of Unitil's petition is available for public viewing Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Department's offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts and through the Department's website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>: by accessing the File Room link. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact Company's counsel, Gary Epler, Unitil, 6 Liberty Lane West, Hampton, New Hampshire, 03842 at (603) 773-6440. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Lauren Morris, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.