



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 16-187

November 30, 2016

Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unutil pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1A(a) and 220 C.M.R. § 11.03(4)(e) for approval of its 2016 electric reconciliation filing, effective January 1, 2017.

On November 17, 2016, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unutil (“Unutil” or “Company”) filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) its annual electric reconciliation filing, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1A(a) and 220 C.M.R. § 11.03(4)(e), which consists of the reconciliation of costs and revenues associated with Unutil’s basic service reconciliation adjustment rates, internal transmission charges, external transmission charges, attorney general consultant expense factors (“AGCEF”), transition charges, long term renewable contract adjustment (“LTRCA”) rate, and proposed updated charges and tariffs to be effective January 1, 2017 (“2016 reconciliation filing”). The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 16-187.

The table below summarizes the average current and proposed rates.

Unutil - Average Current and Proposed Rates			
Rate	2016 Current (\$/kWh)	2017 Proposed (\$/kWh)	Change (\$/kWh)
Basic Service Reconciliation Adjustment	(0.00221)	(0.00156)	0.00065
Internal Transmission Charge	(0.00067)	0.00066	0.00133
External Transmission Charge	0.01862	0.01884	0.00022
AGCEF	0.00004	0.00038	0.00034
Transition Charge	(0.00086)	(0.00094)	(0.00008)
LTRCA	(0.00136)	0.00081	0.00217

In separate filings, Unitil is proposing changes to its revenue decoupling adjustment factor (“RDAF”) (D.P.U. 16-180), capital cost adjustment factor (“CCAF”) (D.P.U. 16-106), net metering recovery surcharge (“NMRS”) (D.P.U. 16-188), pension and post-retirement benefits other than pension adjustment factor (“PAF”) (D.P.U. 16-162), and residential assistance adjustment factor (“RAAF”) (D.P.U. 16-RAAF-08), effective January 1, 2017, that will also impact ratepayers’ bills.

Approval of all of the Company’s proposed rate adjustments for effect January 1, 2017 would result in the bill of a residential basic service customer with an average usage of 600 kilowatt-hours (“kWh”) per month to increase by \$4.26 or 3.1 percent. The Company states that the average bill impacts for all customers ranges from an increase of 1.0 percent to an increase of 6.2 percent depending on rate 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 **Thursday, December 22, 2016**. One original and one (1) copy 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 (1) copy of all written documents must be sent to counsel for the Company, Gary Epler, Chief Regulatory Counsel, Unitil Corporation, 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, Elizabeth Lydon at Elizabeth.Lydon@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. 16-187); (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>.

Copies of the filing are available for inspection during regular business hours at Unitil’s offices, 6 Liberty Lane West, Hampton, New Hampshire, 03842, and the offices of the Department, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. The petition is also available on the Department’s website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. For further information regarding the filing, please contact counsel for Unitil, Gary Epler, at (603) 773-6440. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Elizabeth Lydon, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.