



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT

D.P.U. 16-188

December 1, 2016

Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unutil for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its 2017 Annual Net Metering Recovery Surcharge.

On November 17, 2016, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unutil (“Unutil” or “Company”) filed its 2017 net metering recovery surcharge (“NMRS”) rate adjustment with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”). This filing was made pursuant to G.L. c. 164 §§ 138, 139; 220 C.M.R. § 18.00 *et seq.*; and the Company’s net metering tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 273.

The NMRS tariff allows the Company to recover an annual surcharge for: (1) credits paid to net metering customers; and (2) prior period reconciliation adjustments. Bill impacts for residential customers range from 0.3 percent to 0.4 percent across Unutil’s service territory.

The Company proposes that the following NMRS rates for each customer class to take effect on January 1, 2017:

Rate Classes	NMRS Rates (\$/kWh)
R-1/R-2	\$0.00554
G-1/G-2/G-4/G-5	\$0.00397
G-3/Special Contracts	\$0.00162
SD/SDC	\$0.00451

Comparing the proposed NMRS to the current NMRS results in a monthly bill increase of approximately \$0.53 or 0.4 percent for an average residential (R-1) customer using 600 kilowatt hours (“kWh”) per month.

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 two (2) copies of all written documents must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary,

Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. In addition, one (1) copy of all written documents must be sent to counsel for the Company, Gary Epler, Esq., 6 Liberty Lane West, Hampton, New Hampshire 03842.

A copy of the filing is available at the Department's offices, One South Station, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts for public view during normal business hours and on the Department's website (insert Docket Number 16-188), at <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber>. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact counsel for the Company, Gary Epler, Esq., at (603) 773-6440. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Jennifer Cargill, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3602.

All documents should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by email attachment to [dpu.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dpu.efiling@state.ma.us) and the hearing officer [Jennifer.Cargill@state.ma.us](mailto:Jennifer.Cargill@state.ma.us) or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the email or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 16-188); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website at the location identified above.