



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 17-138

September 12, 2017

Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for review and approval of its basic service costs adder rate adjustment for effect December 1, 2017.

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On September 1, 2017, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (“Company”), filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”), its annual basic service costs adder (“BSCA”) rate adjustment and reconciliation filing. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 17-138.

The Company proposes to recover through its BSCA the reconciliation of its electric supply-related costs and revenues from June 2016 through May 2017 and its supply-related forecasted costs from December 2017, through November 2018, which include: (1) cash working capital; (2) bad debt; (3) hardship protected account payments; (4) administration of basic service; (5) conducting the competitive bidding processes; and (6) regulatory compliance.

The Company proposes a BSCA of \$0.00570 per kilowatt-hour (“kWh”) to take effect on December 1, 2017 for all customer classes, a decrease of \$0.00062 per kWh from the current rate. As a result of the proposed change to the BSCA, a typical average basic service residential customer using 600 kWh per month would experience a bill decrease of approximately \$0.37, or 0.3 percent per month. The Company states that the impact for the average customer for each rate class on basic service will range from a decrease of 0.2 percent to a decrease of 0.5 percent depending on class and usage. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as shown below.

Any person interested in submitting written comments regarding the Company’s filing must do so not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, November 3, 2017**. One (1) original and one (1) copy of all documents must be delivered to Mark Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. One (1) copy of all documents also must be sent to counsel for the Company, Gary Epler, Esq., 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](mailto:dpu.efiling@state.ma.us) and the hearing officer [[krista.hawley@state.ma.us](mailto:krista.hawley@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. 17-138); (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 (enter "17-138") <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber>.

The Company's filing is available at the Department's offices, One South Station – 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, for public inspection during regular business hours and on the Department's website as referenced above. 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 Krista L. Hawley, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3620.



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Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (“Company”), shall, not later than **Tuesday, September 19, 2017**, provide a copy of the attached notice to all persons on the distribution list in (1) Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.P.U. 16-150; (2) Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.P.U. 15-80; (3) all licensed competitive suppliers and brokers in the Company’s service territory; and (4) any person who has filed a request for notice with the Company. The Company also is directed to post the Notice on its website for the duration of the comment period.

The Company shall make return of service on or before **September 28, 2017**.

By Order of the Department,

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Mark D. Marini, Secretary