



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 17-EC-01

March 28, 2017

Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, d/b/a Unitil pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94, for approval of a second amendment to an existing special contract for standby delivery service and supplemental delivery service with Caraustar Industries, Inc. (successor-in-interest to The Newark Group d/b/a Newark America).

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On February 20, 2017, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, d/b/a Unitil (“Company”), pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94, filed a request for approval from the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) of a second amendment of an existing special contract with Caraustar Industries, Inc. (“Caraustar”) (successor-in-interest to The Newark Group d/b/a Newark America (“Newark”)). Caraustar owns a cogeneration facility that is operated in parallel and interconnected to the Company’s electric distribution system. The special contract sets forth the rates that Caraustar will be billed for supplemental and standby delivery service, i.e., for the portion of Caraustar’s electric load that is not served by its cogeneration facility. The Department previously reviewed and approved the initial contract in Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, D.T.E./D.P.U. 07-EC-2 (2007), and an amendment to the contract in Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, D.P.U. 14-EC-02 (2014). The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 17-EC-01.

According to the Company, the second amendment supports a cost-effective energy efficiency measure in the Company’s service territory. Furthermore, the Company states that proposed rates associated with the second amendment will benefit the Company’s existing customers by producing revenues that exceed the Company’s marginal costs, resulting in a net benefit to the Company’s fixed costs.

The Petition and accompanying exhibits are available for inspection at Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, d/b/a Unitil, 285 John Fitch Highway, Fitchburg, Massachusetts 01420. A copy of the Company’s filing, and other documents filed in this proceeding may be viewed at the Department’s offices at One South Station, Boston, MA 02110, or on the Department’s electronic docket database by entering the docket number “17-EC-01” at <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber>. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, or audio format) contact Theresa Kelly at [Theresa.Kelly@state.ma.us](mailto:Theresa.Kelly@state.ma.us) or (617) 305-3642.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's petition. The hearing will take place on **April 21, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Department's offices, One South Station, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. A procedural conference will follow immediately thereafter.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **April 21, 2017**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All documents should be addressed to: Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. In addition, two (2) copies of all materials filed with the Department should be sent to Clayton Hale, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110; and one (1) copy should be sent to the Company's counsel, Patrick H. Taylor, Esq., Unitol Service Corporation, 6 Liberty Lane West, Hampton, NH 03842.

Further, in addition to paper filings with the Department, all documents should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dpu.efiling@state.ma.us) and [clayton.hale@state.ma.us](mailto:clayton.hale@state.ma.us). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 17-EC-01); (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. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Clayton Hale, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.

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