

FITCHBURG GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY
ATTORNEY GENERAL CONSULTANT EXPENSE FACTOR

SCHEDULE AGCEF

1.01 Purpose

The purpose of the Attorney General Consultant Expense Factor (“AGCEF”) is to provide Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company (the “Company”) a mechanism to adjust, on an annual basis and subject to the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Utilities (the “Department”), its rates for the recovery of expenses associated with consultants or experts retained by the Attorney General to assist with cases before the Department, as allowed pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 12, Section 11E(b) and Section 4 of Chapter 169 of the Acts of 2008.

1.02 Applicability

This AGCEF shall be applicable to all firm gas, as measured in therms, delivered by the Company unless otherwise designated. For billing purposes, the AGCEF shall be included in the Local Distribution Adjustment Clause.

1.03 Effective Date of Annual Adjustment Factor

The date on which the annual AGCEF becomes effective shall be November 1st of each year, unless otherwise ordered by the Department.

1.04 Attorney General Consultant Expenses Allowable for Recovery

Attorney General Consultant Expenses include all reasonable and proper costs and expenses that have been approved by the Department during the pendency of a docket involving the Company, including generic proceedings before the Department.

1.05 Attorney General Consultant Expense Factor (“AGCEF”) Formula

$$\text{AGCEFs} = [(\text{AGCE} + \text{RAAGCE}) * \text{DRAs}] / \text{Ftherms}$$

Where:

AGCEF = The annual Attorney General Consultant Expense Factor.

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F_{therm} = The forecasted therms is the forecasted amount of therms to be distributed to the Company's distribution customers for the upcoming annual AGCEF billing period.

AGCE = Attorney General Consultant Expenses; all reasonable costs and expenses associated with the Attorney General's retention of an expert or consultant to assist with a proceeding before the Department. The Department, after hearing comments from the full parties to the proceeding, may approve the costs. The costs for a consultant shall not exceed \$150,000 per proceeding, unless approved by the Department based on exigent circumstances, including the complexity of the proceeding. Once the costs have been approved by the Department, these costs shall be recognized by the Department for all purposes as proper business expenses of the Company, and are recoverable through rates without further approval by the Department. AGCE shall include actual expenses through June 30 of the same year in which the Company's proposed AGCEF will take effect.

RAAGCE = The Attorney General Consultant Expense Reconciliation Adjustment shall be the amount of over/undercollection of the prior year's AGCE. Account 173.01.34 shall contain the accumulated difference between actual revenues received by the Company through application of the AGCEF to customer bills and Attorney General Consultant Expenses allowed, plus interest calculated on the average monthly balance using the prime rate computed in accordance with 220 C.M.R. § 6.08(2), and added to each end-of-month balance.

DRA = The Distribution Revenue Allocator is derived from the Company's most recent base rate case, as approved by the Department, and shall be as follows:

	For scheduled rate changes on and after November 1, 2023	For scheduled rate changes on and after November 1, 2024
Residential	60.28%	61.17%
Small General Service	13.53%	13.23%
Medium General Service	14.54%	14.41%
Large General Service	11.65%	11.19%

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s = The Rate Class Group is the combination of similar rate classes, as follows:
The Residential group is the combination of R-1, R-2, R-3 and R-4; the
Small General Service group is the combination of G-41 and G-51; the
Medium General Service group is the combination of G-42 and G-52; and
the Large General Service group is the combination of G-43 and G-53.

1.06 Application of AGCEF to Bills

The AGCEF (\$ per therm) shall be calculated to the nearest one one-hundredth of a cent per therm (\$0.0001) and will be applied to the monthly firm sales and firm transportation throughput. If, during any twelve-month period commencing on November 1, the projected AGCEF is less than one one-hundredth of a cent (\$0.0001) per therm, the AGCEF account balance shall remain in Account 173.01.34.

1.07 Information to be Filed with the Department

Information pertaining to the Attorney General Consultant Expenses will be filed with the Department at least 90 days before the date on which the new AGCEF is to be effective. This information shall be submitted with the Company's peak period Local Distribution Adjustment Clause filing, including complete documentation of the reconciliation adjustment calculations.

1.08 Customer Notification

The Company shall notify customers in simple terms of changes to the AGCEF, including the nature of the change and the manner in which the AGCEF is applied to the bill. In the absence of a standard format, the Company shall submit this notice for approval at the time of each AGCEF filing. Upon approval by the Department, the Company shall immediately distribute these notices to all of its distribution customers either through direct mail or with its bills, or as a bill message.