

D.P.U. 26-XX Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil

Tier 1 Proceeding Plain Language Summary and Outreach Plan

Plain Language Summary

In compliance with the Department of Public Utility's Order in D.P.U. 20-80-B, on March 1, 2026, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil ("Unitil") plans to file with the Department a proposal for a pilot project to decommission a segment of its gas distribution system through targeted electrification. The proposed pilot project targets a segment of the system with leak-prone pipe serving eight customers. If implemented as proposed, the pilot project will not affect reliability for other customers. During the pilot project, participating customers will transition from gas to all-electric service with support from Unitil, including converting heating systems to heat pumps, gas hot water to electric hot water, and cooking and clothes drying to electric appliances. The Company anticipates documenting customer fuel choice preferences and interest in electric alternatives to inform future gas decommissioning and integrated energy planning efforts.

The Company proposes to include the costs associated with the pilot project in rates for all electric customers. Estimated project costs and bill impacts will be included in the Company's filing.

The above plain language summary is provided for **informational purposes only** and is not intended to replace any official notice issued by the Department in this matter. Consistent with the Tier 1 Outreach Plan, a copy of the official Notice of Proceeding will be posted to the Company's website.

Tier 1 Outreach Plan

The Department has classified Unitil's Targeted Electrification Pilot filing as a Tier 1 Proceeding. Consistent with that designation, the Company will plan to conduct the following outreach:

- To publish the Notice of Filing issued in this proceeding prominently on the Company's website;¹
- Translate the plain language summary into Spanish, Portuguese, and Mandarin Chinese;
- Provide interpretation services as required by the Department;
- Distribute the plain language summary via email to those who have signed up to receive Tier 1 notifications;
- Distribute the plain language summary and conduct outreach to municipal officials;

¹ <https://unitil.com/our-company/filing-notices>

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- To publish the Notice of Filing in a newspaper as may be required by the Department;
- To serve a copy of the Notice of Filing on any required service lists as dictated by the Department; and
- Any other publication or outreach that the Department may require.

Consistent with outreach previously conducted, the Company will provide a copy of the Notice of Proceeding to any other individuals who have requested to receive information on the Company's filings. The Company will list this proceeding on its website as directed by the Department.