



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 16-184

December 9, 2016

Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (electric division) for approval to implement demand response demonstration offerings and associated budget.

On January 28, 2016, the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) approved a three-year energy efficiency plan (“Three-Year Plan”) and associated budget for 2016 through 2018 for Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (electric division) (“Company”). Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.P.U. 15-167 (2016). On November 9, 2016, the Company filed a petition with the Department seeking to modify its Three-Year Plan in order to implement certain demand response demonstration offerings. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 16-184.

The Company proposes to deploy demand response demonstration offerings for the residential and commercial and industrial (“C&I”) sectors. In the residential sector, the Company proposes to install up to six separate residential battery storage systems at customer homes that have previously installed solar photovoltaic systems. In the C&I sector, the Company proposes to implement an active demand response program for up to two customers which will employ technology to assist the customers in shifting load during certain peak hours. The Company proposes a budget of \$114,000 for the residential offerings and \$32,000 for the C&I offerings. The Company proposes to recover these costs through its energy efficiency surcharges, M.D.P.U. No. 287. On October 19, 2016, the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council passed a resolution supporting the Company’s proposal.

If the Department approves the Company’s demand response demonstration offerings and associated budget as proposed, the Company states that customers will experience the following bill impacts.

- A typical residential (RD-1) customer using 587 kilowatt hours (“kWh”) of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.15, or approximately 0.1 percent in 2017.
- A typical low-income (RD-2) customer using 587 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.12 or approximately 0.1 percent in 2017.

- C&I bill impacts will vary. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company.

A copy of the Company's petition is available for public viewing during regular business hours at the Department's offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 and on the Department's website at <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. Documents on the Department's website may be accessed by docket number (D.P.U. 16-184) in the file room at <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber>.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's petition on **Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Department's offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the time and place noted above or submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, January 11, 2017**. The public hearing will be immediately followed by a procedural conference.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, January 4, 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.

An original hard copy of all comments or petitions to intervene must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. One copy of all comments or petitions to intervene must also be sent to Sarah A. Smegal, Hearing Officer at the Department of Public Utilities. One copy of all comments or petitions to intervene must also be sent to the Company's attorney, Danielle C. Winter, Esq., Keegan Werlin LLP, 265 Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

All documents must 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 and to the Hearing Officer, Sarah A. Smegal, Sarah.Smegal@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. 16-184); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing must 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: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact Danielle C. Winter, Esq. at (617) 951-1400. Any person desiring further information regarding

this notice should contact Sarah A. Smegal, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities,
at (617) 305-3653

