



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 19-106

August 23, 2019

Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval of its Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2019 Peak Period, November 1, 2019, through April 30, 2020.

On August 2, 2019, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (“Company”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of its revenue decoupling adjustment factors (“RDAFs”), for effect November 1, 2019. This filing was made pursuant to: Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.P.U. 15-80/15-81 (2016); Reduction in Federal Income Tax Rates, D.P.U. 18-15-A (2018); and the Company’s revenue decoupling adjustment clause (“RDAC”) tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 217. The RDAC allows the Company to modify, on a semi-annual basis, its base distribution rates as a result of changes in customer usage, in order to promote the efficient deployment of demand resources. D.P.U. 15-80/15-81, at 25. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 19-106.

The Company proposes RDAF credits of \$0.0904 per therm for the residential non-heating class; \$0.0359 per therm for the residential heating class; \$0.0200 per therm for the high winter use general service class; and \$0.0197 per therm for the low winter use general service class, effective November 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020. As a result of the proposed changes to the RDAF, the average residential heating customer using 125 therms per month during the peak period will experience a bill decrease of \$2.03 or 1.02 percent as compared to the previously effective peak RDAF. The Company states that the average monthly bill impact for all rate classes at each class’s average use will range from a decrease of 0.48 percent to a decrease of 3.50 percent as compared to last year’s peak period RDAF. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as shown below.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **October 16, 2019**. One original copy of all written documents must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. In addition, one copy of all written comments should be sent to the Company’s attorney, Gary Epler, Esq., Unitil, 6 Liberty West Lane, 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@mass.gov and to the Hearing Officer, Jessica.Ellis@mass.gov 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. 19-106); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

A copy of the filing is available for public viewing during regular business hours at the Department, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. The filing is also available on the Department's website, <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "19-106"). To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) contact the Department's ADA Coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov or (617) 305-3500.

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 Jessica Ellis, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.