

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 20-42

April 17, 2020

Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, d/b/a Unitil, for Approval of its 2020 Energy Efficiency Reconciling Factors, for effect June 1, 2020.

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On April 2, 2020, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (“Unitil” or “Company”), filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) a petition seeking approval of revised electric energy efficiency reconciling factors (“EERFs”) for effect June 1, 2020. The Department docketed the Company’s petition as D.P.U. 20-42.

An EERF collects additional funds for approved energy efficiency programs when the cost of implementing those programs exceeds other funding sources. See G.L. c. 25, § 19(a). The Company proposes to implement the following revised EERFs for its electric division customers: (1) 1.947 cents per kilowatt-hour (“kWh”) for the residential rate class; (2) 0.326 cents per kWh for the low-income rate class; and (3) 0.601 cents per kWh for the commercial and industrial (“C&I”) rate class.

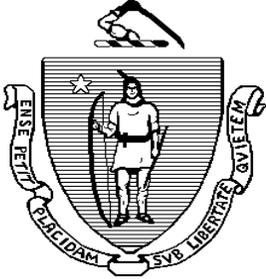
If the Department approves the 2020 EERFs as proposed, a residential (RD-1) customer using 600 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$1.63, or approximately 1.0 percent, and a residential low-income (RD-2) customer using 600 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$1.22 or approximately 1.0 percent. C&I customers will experience bill impacts of approximately 0.0 percent. For specific C&I 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 **Friday, May 8, 2020**. At this time, all filings will be submitted only in electronic format in recognition of the difficulty that parties and the Department may have filing and receiving original copies. On March 10, 2020, Governor Baker issued a state of emergency related to COVID-19 for the entire Commonwealth. Ordinarily, all parties would follow Sections B.1 and B.4 of the Department’s Standard Ground Rules (D.P.U. 15-184-A, App. 1 (March 4, 2020)); however, until further notice, parties must retain the original paper version and the Department will later determine when the paper version must be filed with the Department Secretary. Importantly, all large files submitted must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20 MB.

In addition, one copy of all written comments should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Gary Epler, Esq. at [epler@unitil.com](mailto:epler@unitil.com).

All documents must be submitted to the Department in **pdf format** by e-mail attachment to [peter.ray@mass.gov](mailto:peter.ray@mass.gov) and [krista.hawley@mass.gov](mailto:krista.hawley@mass.gov). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 20-42); (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 as soon as practicable at <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient. To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) for people with disabilities contact Department's ADA coordinator at [DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us](mailto:DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us).

The Company's filing and all subsequent related documents, pleadings and/or filings submitted to the Department and/or issued by the Department will be available on the Department's website as soon as is practicable at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (insert 20-42). A paper copy of the filing will not be available for public viewing at the Company's offices or the Department due to the state of emergency. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Gary Epler, Esq., at 603-773-6440 or [epler@unitil.com](mailto:epler@unitil.com). For further information regarding this notice, please contact Krista Hawley, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at [krista.hawley@mass.gov](mailto:krista.hawley@mass.gov).



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### ORDER OF NOTICE

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Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, d/b/a Unitil (“Company”), shall, not later than **Friday, April 24, 2020**, provide a copy of the attached notice to all persons on (1) the service lists in Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.P.U. 18-117; and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.P.U. 19-53; and (2) members of the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 22. In addition, the Company must serve a copy of the Notice to any person who has filed a request for notice with the Company.

The Company’s service may be by electronic distribution, which the Department finds reasonable and consistent with the public interest. Finally, the Company shall prominently display the notice on its website within business three days following receipt of the notice from the Department through the end of the comment period. The Company must make return of service at the close of the comment period.

By Order of the Department,

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Mark D. Marini, Secretary