



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 20-135

November 20, 2020

Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (electric division) for approval of its annual Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for effect January 1, 2021.

On October 31, 2020, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (“Unitil” or “Company”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of its electric division’s annual Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors (“RDAFs”) for effect January 1, 2021. This filing was made pursuant to the Company’s Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Clause (“RDAC”) tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 358. The RDAC allows the Company to adjust, on an annual basis, its base distribution rates as a result of changes in customer usage, in order to promote the efficient deployment of demand resources. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.P.U. 11-01/11-02, at 113 (2011). The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 20-135.

The Company proposes the following RDAF charges, effective January 1, 2021:

Rate Classes	RDAFs (\$/kilowatt-hour (“kWh”))
Residential (RD-1 and RD-2)	\$0.00442
General Service (GD-1, GD-2, GD-4, GD-5)	\$0.00326
Large General Service (GD-3) and Special Contract	\$0.00128
Outdoor Lighting (SD)	\$0.00328

As a result of the changes to the RDAF, the average residential customer using 600 kWh per month will experience a bill decrease of \$0.26, or 0.15 percent. The Company states that, depending on class and usage, the impact on the total bill will range from a decrease of 0.01 percent to a decrease of 0.61 percent for all customers. 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 close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **December 16, 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 20MB. In addition, one copy of all written comments should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Gary Elper, Esq. at epler@unitil.com.

All documents should also be submitted to the Department in **PDF format** by e-mail attachment to peter.ray@mass.gov and alice.davey@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 20-135); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; (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 is practicable at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "20-135"). The e-mail must also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. 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 the Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov.

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> (enter "20-135"). 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 should contact counsel for the Company, Gary Elper, Esq. at epler@unitil.com or (603) 773-6440. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Alice Davey, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at alice.davey@mass.gov.

