



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 17-12

February 13, 2017

Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, for review and approval of their five-year Forecast and Supply Plan for the period November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2021.

On January 13, 2017, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil ("Company"), filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of the Company's Long-Range Forecast and Supply Plan ("Plan") for the five-year forecast period from November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2021. Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69I, the Department must ensure a necessary energy supply for the Commonwealth at the lowest possible cost. Accordingly, the Department will review the Company's Plan to ensure that the forecast accurately projects the gas sendout requirements of the utility's market area. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 17-12.

Copies of the Company's petition and accompanying exhibits are 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. 17-12) in the file room at <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber>. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact Theresa Kelly at Theresa.Kelly@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3642.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's petition on **Wednesday, March 8, 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, March 8, 2017**. A procedural conference will immediately follow the public hearing.

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, March 1, 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: (1) Lauren Morris, Hearing Officer at the Department of Public Utilities; and, (2) the Company's attorney, Patrick Taylor, Esq., 6 Liberty Lane, West Hampton, New Hampshire, 03842.

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, Lauren Morris, Lauren.Morris@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. 17-12); (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 Patrick Taylor at (603) 773-6544. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Lauren Morris, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.

Reasonable accommodations at public or evidentiary hearings for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can. Also include a way the Department can contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be able to be accommodated. Contact Theresa Kelly at Theresa.Kelly@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3642.