

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 20-117

June 8, 2021

Petition of the City of Fitchburg for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c 164, § 134.

On December 31, 2020, the City of Fitchburg (“City”) filed a request with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134. General Laws c. 164, § 134 authorizes a municipality to procure electric supply on behalf of consumers within its municipal borders through a municipal aggregation program (“Program”). Eligible electricity consumers not already enrolled with a competitive electric supplier would be automatically enrolled in the Program unless they chose to opt-out, in which case they would continue to receive basic service provided by their electric distribution company, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, d/b/a Unitil. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 20-117.

The City has retained Good Energy, L.P. to serve as its agent and consultant in this proceeding and to assist in the implementation of the Program. The City seeks a waiver on its own behalf and on behalf of the competitive electric supplier(s) chosen for the Program, of certain information disclosure requirements contained in G.L. c 164 § 1F(6) and 220 CMR 11.06(4)(c).

Due to the COVID-19 state of emergency issued by Governor Baker on March 10, 2020, and certain ongoing restrictions and safety measures relating to in-person events, the Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the City’s filing. The Department will conduct the hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on **Wednesday, July 21, 2021** beginning at **7:00 p.m.** Attendees can join by entering the link, <https://zoom.us/j/93400341377>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at (646) 558-8656 (not toll free) and then enter the **Meeting ID#** 934 0034 1377. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, please send an email by the close of

business (5:00 p.m.) on Monday, July 19, 2021, to alice.davey@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address.

When using the Zoom platform, you will be able to listen to the hearing and provide comments in English or Spanish. To access interpretation services through Zoom during the hearing, click on the “Interpretation” button on the menu bar at the bottom of the Zoom application screen and select your language (i.e., English or Spanish)

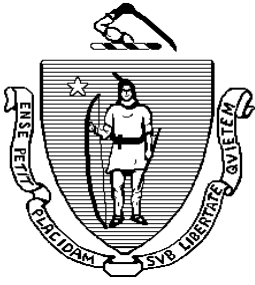
Alternatively, any person who desires to comment on this matter may submit written comments to the Department via email no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **July 22, 2021**. To the extent a person wishes to submit comments in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed below, is sufficient.

All written comments or other documents should be submitted to the Department in **PDF format** by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and alice.davey@mass.gov. In addition, all written comments should be emailed to counsel for the City’s agent, Scott Mueller, Esq., at scott@sjmuellerlaw.com. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 20-117); (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>. 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. Importantly, all large files must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20MB.

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. Ordinarily, parties would follow Sections B.1 and B.4 of the Department’s Standard Ground Rules regarding the filing of original paper versions (D.P.U. 15-184-A, App. 1 (March 4, 2020)). However, due to the Commonwealth’s state of emergency, 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.

The City’s filing and all related documents submitted to or issued by the Department will be available at the Department’s website as soon as is practicable at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter “20-117”). A paper copy of the filing will not be available for public viewing at the City’s offices or the Department due to the state of emergency. 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.

Any person desiring further information regarding the City’s filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Scott Mueller, Esq. at scott@sjmuellerlaw.com or (978) 460-0693. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Alice Davey, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at alice.davey@mass.gov.



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ORDER OF NOTICE

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The City of Fitchburg ("City") shall, not later than **June 29, 2021**, publish the attached Notice of Filing and Public Hearing ("Notice") in (1) either The Boston Globe or the Boston Herald; (2) the Fitchburg Sentinel; (3) the Worcester Telegram & Gazette; and (4) El Mundo Boston (Spanish).

In addition, not later than **June 11, 2021**, the City shall serve a copy of the attached Notice on the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, d/b/a Unitil. Such service may be by electronic distribution, which the Department finds reasonable and consistent with the public interest.

The City shall from **three days** following the receipt of the Notice from the Department through **July 22, 2021** prominently display the attached Notice on the City's official website and the Program website, as well as any additional locations where the City typically publishes local notices, in both English and Spanish.

The City is directed to make proof of publication (including posting on the City's website) and return of service not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **July 19, 2021**.

By Order of the Department,

/s/

Mark D. Marini, Secretary