



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

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March 21, 2014

Petitions of the Town of Barre, Town of Belchertown, Town of Brookfield, Town of Charlemont, Town of Chesterfield, Town of Conway, Town of Cummington, Town of Deerfield, Town of East Brookfield, Town of Gill, Town of Goshen, Town of Granby, Town of Great Barrington, Town of Hadley, Town of Hampden, Town of Hatfield, Town of Heath, Town of Huntington, Town of Leverett, Town of Mendon, Town of Middlefield, Town of Montague, Town of New Braintree, Town of North Brookfield, City of Northampton, Town of Northfield, Town of Pelham, Town of Plainfield, Town of Rowe, Town of Upton, Town of Warwick, Town of Wendell, Town of West Brookfield, Town of Westhampton, Town of Whately, and Town of Williamsburg for approval of municipal aggregation plans pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §134.

On March 6, 2014, the Town of Barre, Town of Belchertown, Town of Brookfield, Town of Charlemont, Town of East Brookfield, Town of Goshen, Town of Granby, Town of Great Barrington, Town of Heath, Town of Mendon, Town of New Braintree, Town of North Brookfield, City of Northampton, Town of Rowe, Town of Upton, Town of Warwick, Town of Wendell, Town of West Brookfield, Town of Williamsburg, Town of Hampden, Town of

Chesterfield, Town of Conway, Town of Cummington, Town of Deerfield, Town of Gill, Town of Hadley, Town of Hatfield, Town of Huntington, Town of Leverett, Town of Middlefield, Town of Montague, Town of Northfield, Town of Pelham, Town of Plainfield, Town of Westhampton, and Town of Whately (collectively, the “Municipalities”) each filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) a petition seeking approval of a municipal aggregation plan (“Plan”). The Department docketed these petitions as D.P.U. 14-10, D.P.U. 14-11, D.P.U. 14-12, D.P.U. 14-13, D.P.U. 14-30, D.P.U. 14-31, D.P.U. 14-32, D.P.U. 14-33, D.P.U. 14-14, D.P.U. 14-35, D.P.U. 14-15, D.P.U. 14-16, D.P.U. 14-17, D.P.U. 14-36, D.P.U. 14-29, D.P.U. 14-37, D.P.U. 14-18, D.P.U. 14-38, D.P.U. 14-39, D.P.U. 14-19, D.P.U. 14-40, D.P.U. 14-41, D.P.U. 14-20, D.P.U. 14-21, D.P.U. 14-22, D.P.U. 14-42, D.P.U. 14-43, D.P.U. 14-44, D.P.U. 14-23, D.P.U. 14-24, D.P.U. 14-25, D.P.U. 14-26, D.P.U. 14-27, D.P.U. 14-46, D.P.U. 14-47, and D.P.U. 14-28, respectively.

General Laws c. 164, § 134 authorizes a municipality to procure a contract for electric supply on behalf of electricity consumers within its municipal borders. Eligible consumers not already enrolled with an alternative electric supplier will be automatically enrolled in the municipal aggregation program unless they chose to “opt-out” in which case they would remain enrolled on basic service provided by their electric distribution company (*i.e.*, Western Massachusetts Electric Company or Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, depending on the customer’s location).

To implement each aggregation program, the Municipalities each seek Department approval of their respective Plans. The Municipalities’ filings include a form competitive electric service agreement, which will be negotiated with potential electrical supplier(s). The Municipalities have retained the Hampshire Council of Governments to serve as its agent in this proceeding. Under the Plans, the Hampshire Council of Governments will assist in the implementation of the municipal aggregation programs and may serve as the competitive supplier. The Municipalities seek a waiver, on behalf of its competitive supplier, of certain information disclosure requirements contained in G.L. c. 164, § 1F(6) and 220 C.M.R. § 11.06(4)(c).

The Department will conduct a public hearing for all of the Plans at the City of Northampton’s Municipal Building, Council Chambers, located at 212 Main Street, Northampton, Massachusetts 01060, on **Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.**, to receive comments on the Municipalities’ petitions. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the public hearing noted above or submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, April 15, 2014**.

Any person wishing to participate in 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 **Monday, April 7, 2014**. 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 of all written 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. Three copies of all written comments and petitions to intervene must also be sent to Jonathan Goldberg, Hearing Officer, at the Department of Public Utilities. One copy of all written comments should also be sent to the attorney for the Hampshire Council of Governments, James M. Avery, Esq., Brown Rudnick LLP, One Financial Center, Boston, Massachusetts 02111.

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@state.ma.us and to the Hearing Officers, Jonathan Goldberg, Jonathan.Goldberg@state.ma.us, and Elizabeth Enos, Elizabeth.Enos@state.ma.us, or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number(s) of the proceeding(s) (e.g., D.P.U. 14-10); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should 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>.

A copy of the Municipalities' petitions are available for public viewing at the Department's offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, during regular business hours. A copy of each Municipality's petition is also available for public viewing at its municipal offices, as follows:

Town of Barre, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005;
Town of Belchertown, 2 Jabish Street, Belchertown, MA 01007;
Town of Brookfield, 6 Central Street, Brookfield, MA 01506;
Town of Charlemont, 157 Main Street, Charlemont, MA 01339;
Town of Chesterfield, 422 Main Road, Chesterfield, MA 01012;
Town of Conway, 32 Main Street, Conway, MA 01341;
Town of Cummington, Main Street, Cummington, MA 01026;
Town of Deerfield, 8 Conway Street, Deerfield, MA 01373;
Town of East Brookfield, 122 Connie Mack Drive, East Brookfield, MA 01515;
Town of Gill, 325 Main Road, Gill, MA 01354;
Town of Goshen, 40 Main Street, Goshen, MA 01032;
Town of Granby, 10 West State Street, Granby, MA 01033;
Town of Great Barrington, 334 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230;
Town of Hadley, 100 Middle Street, Hadley, MA 01035;
Town of Hampden, 650 Main Street, Hampden, MA 01036;
Town of Hatfield, 59 Main Street, Hatfield, MA 01038;
Town of Heath, 1 East Main Street, Heath, MA 01346;
Town of Huntington, 24 Russell Road, Huntington, MA 01050;
Town of Leverett, 9 Montague Road, Leverett, MA 01054;

Town of Mendon, 20 Main Street, Mendon, MA 01756;
Town of Middlefield, 188 Skyline Trail, Middlefield, MA 01243;
Town of Montague, 1 Avenue A, Montague, MA 01376;
Town of New Braintree, 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, MA 01531;
Town of North Brookfield, 215 North Main Street, North Brookfield, MA 01535;
City of Northampton, 210 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060;
Town of Northfield, 69 Main Street, Northfield, MA 01360;
Town of Pelham, 351 Amherst Road, Pelham, MA 01002;
Town of Plainfield, 304 Main Street, Plainfield, MA 01070;
Town of Rowe, 321 Zoar Road, Rowe, MA 01367;
Town of Upton, 1 Main Street, Upton, MA 01568;
Town of Warwick, 12 Athol Road, Warwick, MA 01378;
Town of Wendell, 9 Morse Village Road, Wendell, MA 01379;
Town of West Brookfield, 2 East Main Street, West Brookfield, MA 01585;
Town of Westhampton, One South Road, Westhampton, MA 01027;
Town of Whately, 218 Chestnut Plain Road, Whately, MA 01093; and
Town of Williamsburg, 141 Main Street, Haydenville, MA 01039.

In addition, electronic filings are available on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact either Jonathan Goldberg or Elizabeth Enos, Hearing Officers, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.