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June 15, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY¹

RE: Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion into Initiatives to Promote and Protect Consumer Interests in the Retail Electric Competitive Supply Market, D.P.U. 19-07 and 2019 Arrearage Management Plans, D.P.U. 19-AMP.

Dear Massachusetts Electric and Local Gas Distribution Companies:

Enclosed is the first set of information requests issued by the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") to NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (together "Electric Distribution Companies") and Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas, Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid, The Berkshire Gas Company, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities, and Blackstone Gas Company (together "Local Gas Distribution Companies") in the above-referenced matter.

The Electric Distribution Companies are directed to provide responses to information requests DPU 1-1 through DPU 1-3. The Local Gas Distribution Companies are directed to provide responses to information requests DPU 1-4 through DPU 1-6. Please provide responses to the Department before **5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2020.**

¹ Individual company addresses are listed at the end of this document.

As a reminder, please use **peter.ray@mass.gov** in lieu of dpu.efiling@mass.gov. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at katie.zilgme@mass.gov.

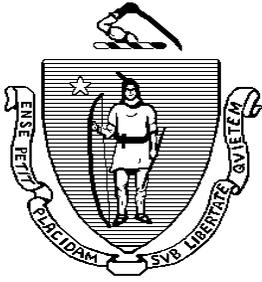
Sincerely,

/s/

Katie Zilgme
Hearing Officer

Enc.

cc: Service List, D.P.U. 19-07
Service List, D.P.U. 19-AMP
Mark D. Marini, Secretary



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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FIRST SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
TO NSTAR ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY, MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC
COMPANY, NANTUCKET ELECTRIC COMPANY, BOSTON GAS COMPANY,
COLONIAL GAS COMPANY, FITCHBURG GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY,
NEW ENGLAND NATURAL GAS COMPANY, BAY STATE GAS COMPANY, THE
BERKSHIRE GAS COMPANY, AND BLACKSTONE GAS COMPANY
D.P.U. 19-07/19-AMP

Pursuant to 220 CMR 1.06(5)(c), the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) submits to NSTAR Electric and Gas Company, Massachusetts Electric Company, Nantucket Electric Company, Boston Gas Company, Colonial Gas Company, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, New England Natural Gas Company, Bay State Gas Company, The Berkshire Gas Company, and Blackstone Gas Company (together “Companies”) its First Set of Information Requests.

Instructions

The following instructions apply to this set of information requests and all subsequent information requests issued by the Department to the Companies in this proceeding.

1. Each request should be answered in writing on a separate page with a recitation of the request, a reference to the request number **followed by the Company’s name**, the docket number of the case, and the name of the person responsible for the answer. Consistent with the Department’s March 12, 2020 directive regarding paper filings (see Instruction 9 below), please do not send the paper copy of the response.
2. Please do not wait for all answers to be completed before supplying answers. Provide the answers as they are completed.
3. These requests shall be deemed continuing so as to require further supplemental responses if the Companies or their witnesses receive or generate additional information within the scope of these requests between the time of the original response and the close of the record in this proceeding.
4. The term “provide complete and detailed documentation” means:

Provide all data, assumptions, and calculations relied upon. Provide the source of and basis for all data and assumptions employed. Include all studies, reports and planning documents from which data, estimates, or assumptions were drawn and support for how the data or assumptions were used in developing the projections or estimates. Provide and explain all supporting workpapers. Where applicable, provide supporting workpapers and calculations in the form of working Microsoft Excel spreadsheets with all cell references and formulae intact.

5. The term “document” is used in its broadest sense and includes, without limitation, writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, phono-records, microfilm, microfiche, computer printouts, correspondence, handwritten notes, records or reports, bills, checks, articles from journals or other sources, other data compilations from which information can be obtained, and all copies of such documents that bear notations or other markings that differentiate such copies from the original.
6. If the Companies find that any one of these requests is ambiguous, please notify the Hearing Officer so that the request may be clarified prior to the preparation of a written response.
7. If a question refers to an information request of another party, please provide that response and answer with information that supplements the previous response.
8. All responses must contain an internally consistent and usable form of referencing. Documents of three pages or more without a preexisting referencing system must be marked with consecutive page numbers. Where it is necessary to supply page numbers for a document, the numbers should be added in some way that differentiates the additions from the preexisting text. The Department will not accept documents without an acceptable referencing system.
9. 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. 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..
10. All documents should be submitted to the Department in electronic format by e-mail attachment to peter.ray@mass.gov and the hearing officer, katie.zilgme@mass.gov. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 19-07/19-AMP); (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

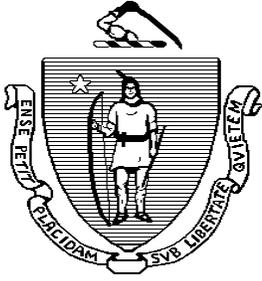
name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. The electronic file name should identify the document but should not exceed 50 characters in length. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom> (enter "19-07" or "19-AMP").

11. Each individual information request response should be submitted in a separate PDF file. In addition, the entire set of information request responses should be submitted as a single PDF file (or, in the case of large sets, as few separate PDF files as possible). In each instance, the electronic file name should identify the document, but should not exceed 50 characters in length.

Requests

- DPU 1-1 Electric Distribution Companies refer to Attachment A, Table 1. Please indicate the number of basic service customers, customers on individual competitive supply, and customers served by a competitive supplier through a municipal aggregation by rate class for January 2018 through March 2020.
- DPU 1-2 Electric Distribution Companies refer to Attachment A, Table 2. Please provide the information specified in columns B through E, and columns J through K (see instructions provided at the bottom of the worksheet).
- DPU 1-3 Electric Distribution Companies refer to Attachment A, Table 3.
- (a) Please provide the information specified in columns B through G, and columns J through M (see instructions provided at the bottom of the worksheet).
 - (b) Also provide any relevant supporting documentation used to calculate values entered into Table 3.
- DPU 1-4 Local Gas Distribution Companies refer to Attachment B, Table 1. Please indicate the number of default service customers and customers served by a competitive supplier by rate class for January 2018 through March 2020.
- DPU 1-5 Local Gas Distribution Companies refer to Attachment B, Table 2. Please provide the information specified in columns B through H, and columns M through N (see instructions provided at the bottom of the worksheet).
- DPU 1-6 Local Gas Distribution Companies refer to Attachment B, Table 3.
- (a) Please provide the information specified in columns B through G, and columns J through M (see instructions provided at the bottom of the worksheet).
 - (b) Also provide any relevant supporting documentation that was used to calculate values entered into Table 3.

Dated: June 15, 2020



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