

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

ORDER OF NOTICE

D.P.U. 20-59 July 24, 2020

Joint Petition of Eversource Energy, NiSource Inc., Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts, and Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of (1) the sale of Bay State Gas Company to Eversource Energy; and (2) a settlement agreement resolving the proposed sale and two pending Department investigations into the Merrimack Valley Incident: <u>Bay State Gas</u> Company, D.P.U. 19-140 and Bay State Gas Company, D.P.U. 19-141.

Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts ("Bay State") shall no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to August 25, 2020, publish the attached Notice of Filing and Public Hearing in the following newspapers: (1) either The Boston Globe or the Boston Herald; (2) The Eagle-Tribune; (3) The Lowell Sun; (4) The Republican (formerly The Springfield Union News & Sunday Republican); (5) El Mundo; (6) El Planeta; and (7) the Portuguese Times.

Within the same time frame, Bay State shall serve a copy of the Notice on the following: (1) the Massachusetts Attorney General; (2) the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lawrence; (3) the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Andover; (4) the Board of Selectmen of the Town of North Andover; (5) the Lawrence Resident Petitioners as defined in Bay State Gas Company, D.P.U. 19-141 (October 25, 2019) c/o Lawrence City Councilor Marc LaPlante; (6) the service lists in Bay State Gas Company, D.P.U. 18-45, Bay State Gas Company, D.P.U. 19-141; and (7) on any person who has asked to be notified by the Bay State. Bay State's service may be by electronic distribution, which the Department finds reasonable and consistent with the public interest.

Finally, Bay State shall prominently display the notice on its website from three business days following receipt of the notice from the Department through the end of the comment period. On or before August 21, 2020, the Bay State shall provide the Department with return of service and proof of publication of the Notice. At the same time, the Bay State shall provide appropriate verification that the Notice and Orders were made available for viewing according to this Order of Notice.

By Order of the Department,

/s/

Mark D. Marini, Secretary