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January 25, 2021

Mark D. Marini, Secretary
Department of Public Utilities
One South Station, 5th Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid, D.P.U. 20-120

Dear Secretary Marini:

On behalf of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid (“Company”), enclosed please find the Return of Service for the Notice of Filing, Public Hearings, and Procedural Conference (“Notice”) issued by the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) on November 24, 2020 in the above-referenced proceeding. The Notice was published in the Worcester Telegram and The Daily Item on December 2, 2020; The Cape Cod Times, The Salem News, The Lowell Sun, Sentinel & Enterprise, the Eagle-Tribune and El Mundo on December 3, 2020; and The Boston Globe and The Patriot Ledger on December 4, 2020, all of which were no later than December 4, 2020. The Notice was published in El Planeta on December 11, 2020, which was no later than December 12, 2020. The Notice was published a second time in El Planeta on January 15, 2021, The Eagle-Tribune and The Salem News on January 18, 2021; and The Daily Item, The Patriot Ledger, The Cape Cod Times, The Lowell Sun, Sentinel & Enterprise, the Worcester Telegram and The Boston Globe on January 19, 2021; and El Mundo on January 21, 2021, all of which were approximately seven days prior to January 26, 2021. Tear sheets of the foregoing newspaper publications are attached.

Copies of the Notice were served by email on December 2, 2020 to the following: (1) the mayors, the chairs of the boards of selectmen, and the city and town clerks of the cities and towns in Boston Gas Company and the former Colonial Gas Company’s service areas; and (2) the service list in Boston Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 17-170 (2018). The Company did not receive any requests for notices from any person.

Also, within three business days of receipt of the Notice, the Company placed a copy of the Notice on its website at <https://www.nationalgridus.com/Our-Company/DPU-Filing>, where it will remain through the end of the comment period.

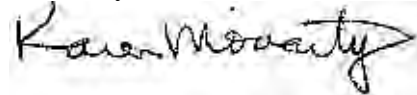
The Company provided notice to customers through a bill insert mailed to customers in each customer’s first billing cycle following the date of the Order of Notice. In addition, the Company sent an email to all customers with email addresses on file with the Company on

January 21, 2021. The Company also followed its Communication Plan regarding its use of social media.

Accordingly, the Company has substantially complied with the Order of Notice issued on November 24, 2020.¹

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Moriarty", written in a cursive style.

Karen Moriarty

Enclosures

cc: Marc Tassone, Hearing Officer

¹ On January 25, 2021, the Department granted the Company's Motion Regarding a Determination of Substantial Compliance with Notice Requirements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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seq. for Approval of a General Increase in
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D.P.U. 20-120

RETURN OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the service of the order of notice of adjudication in the above-referenced proceeding has been made and given as therein directed by the Department of Public Utilities.

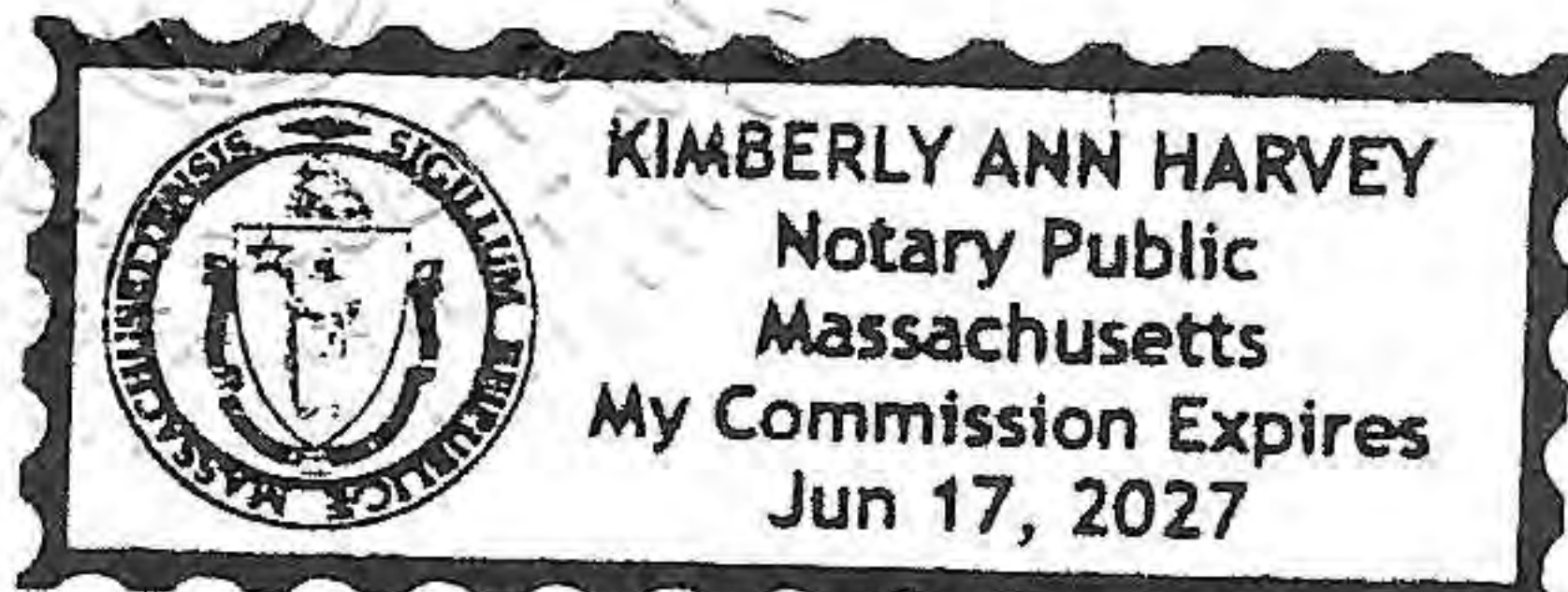
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Dated: January 25, 2021

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 25th day of January 2021.

Kimberly Ann Harvey
Notary Public



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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Ordinarily, all parties would follow Sections B.1 and B.4 of the Department's Standard Ground Rules (D.P.U. 15-184-A, App. 1 (March 4, 2020)); until further notice, however, parties must retain the original paper version and the Department will later determine when the paper version must be filed with the Department Secretary.

Due to the ongoing state of emergency, a paper copy of the Company's filing or the Attorney General's notice of retention of experts and consultants will not be available for public viewing at the Company's offices, the Department's offices, or at any location (e.g., public library, town hall) within the Company's service area. All documents, pleadings and filings submitted to the Department or issued by the Department related to these proceedings will be available on the Department's website at <https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "20-120"). To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Cheryl M. Kimball at (617) 951-1400 or ckimball@keeganwerlin.com. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Marc J. Tassone, Hearing Officer, at marc.tassone@mass.gov.

DEAR ANNIE

Hard to listen to friend's complaints

By Annie Lane

Dear Annie: My good friend, who happens to be in her 40s, moved back in with her parents over five years ago because of her health and for financial reasons. Her parents have allowed her to live with them and don't require her to pay rent.

My friend is constantly complaining about her mother. She makes her mom out to be one of the worst moms ever. She feels her mom isn't very nice to her and that her mom finds fault in everything that she does. This gets hard to listen to every time we're together.

Her parents are in their late 70s and early 80s. Perhaps her mom just wants to enjoy being retired together with her husband — to not have to take care of, or tiptoe around, a

daughter who doesn't appreciate what she has done for her.

I would love to say these things to my friend, but I am afraid she won't take it well from me. I really think she would have a better relationship with her mom if she moved out. What do you think? — Concerned Friend

Dear Concerned Friend: You are probably correct that some distance between your adult friend and her mother might be a good thing for their relationship. If she is really a good friend, and you are concerned about her unhappiness, then suggest that she move out. In the end, it is up to your friend and her mother to communicate better and try and live in peace.

However, you do not have to allow her to complain about her mom every time you

are together. Next time you are with her and she starts to share negative commentary about her mom, let her know that you appreciate her being open with but you're wanting to talk about more positive topics. Focusing on the positive doesn't discount the difficult, though it can remind us of the good.

You don't need to stay in these toxic conversations. The best thing you can do is be patient with your friend, but don't let her dump all of her negativity onto you. And encourage her to seek the help of a professional. We all need to share our feelings, and a counselor or therapist can offer an empathetic ear.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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			7			2	
			5			9	1
	5	9			4	3	
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Difficulty Level ★★ ★ 12/02

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the puzzle increases from Monday to Sunday.

Answers for Sudoku & KenKen appear on B9

KENKEN

12X	3-	1-	
		2÷	
3+		12X	
1-			4

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KenKen is a number puzzle that involves a bit of logic and a bit of simple math.

Rules: Monday through Wednesday, each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 without repeating. Thursday through Sunday, each row and column must contain the numbers 1 through 6. The numbers within heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target number in the top-left corner. Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

BRIDGE COLUMN

In today's hand, declarer has to demonstrate considerable foresight to land his game. North's forcing no-trump response, followed by a jump to three hearts on the next round, shows a three-card limit raise, though an initial constructive raise to two hearts would surely suffice. (As an aside, balanced 10-counts do not make game facing balanced minimum openers. To make game, partner needs extra shape or high cards or both. With any of these, he is likely to make a call facing a constructive raise.) Similarly, the direct raise leaves you far better placed if the opponents compete. A fourth trump (of course) or more side-suit shape would

make a huge difference in your potential number of losers. At any rate, South ends in the heart game on the club queen lead. Declarer wins with the club ace and lays down a top trump, ready to claim. When West shows out, he has to adjust his plan. To pull all the trumps would leave declarer no access to the long diamond. He must unblock the diamonds; many declarers would now close their eyes and cash dummy's three diamond tops to no avail. In fact, they would go two down. But only one of dummy's diamond honors need be cashed. Declarer can then throw the others on the trumps and run the diamonds from

NORTH ♠ J 10 6 ♥ 7 4 3 ♦ A K Q ♣ 8 7 4 2

WEST ♠ K 8 3 2 ♥ — ♦ 7 6 5 3 2 ♣ Q J 10 5

EAST ♠ A Q 9 ♥ 9 8 6 5 2 ♦ 8 ♣ K 9 6 3

SOUTH ♠ 7 5 4 ♥ A K Q J 10 ♦ J 10 9 4 ♣ A

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 1NT Pass
2♣ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥ All pass

Opening Lead: Club queen

hand. To cash any more diamonds before drawing trumps is needlessly risky and would be punished here. Without the diamond nine, declarer would need to cash two diamonds early, then unblock the remaining honor on the trumps.

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: Carefully choose who you associate with. Align yourself with people who feel as passionate as you do about your beliefs and goals. Look for alternative ways to protect against illness and injury. Be part of the solution, not the problem, and you will accomplish what you set out to do. Adjustments at home will encourage better relationships with loved ones. Your numbers are 7, 12, 22, 29, 34, 38, 45. **ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Address pending issues, and proceed with your plans. Initiate a move or lifestyle change. Pool your funds with someone you love, and you will reach a common goal. Speak up and close the gap between uncertainty and positive change. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** The changes you make may not line up with what others want. Don't be afraid to go it alone if you can't convince others to get involved in your plans. Once you get things up and running, support will come your way. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Balance and integrity will matter when dealing with partnerships. Speak the truth, and you will avoid a misunderstanding. A promise someone makes is likely to be broken. Have a backup plan in place when dealing with others. **CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Be

creative, innovative and willing to do things differently, and accomplishments will follow. Reach out to someone from your past who can influence your life or inspire you to resurrect an old idea you still want to pursue. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** How you deal with others will determine how much you accomplish. Channel energy into work, and challenge yourself to go above and beyond the call of duty to reach your goal. Action will lead to positive results. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Be careful how you handle the people with whom you live or work. Emotions will be close to the surface and cause an untimely turn of events if someone is upset. Listen, and make changes based on facts. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Aim to make progress. Refuse to let uncertainty take over or allow someone to push you down a questionable path. Less talk and more action will help you reach your goal. An unexpected financial, health or legal matter will take you by surprise. **SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** A change to where or how you live looks inviting. Consider how you can use your skills to improve your position. Get involved in a conversation with someone heading down a similar path. A joint

venture is encouraged. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Take charge of what's going on around you. If you give in to someone's persuasive tactics, you will lose sight of what matters to you. Stay strong, be safe and do what's best for you. Home improvements are favored. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Change begins with you. Size up your situation at work and home, and consider how you can improve your life and relationships. Concentrate on diet, fitness and maintaining good health, and it will lead to a unique opportunity. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Speak up and take action. A chance to improve your position or status looks promising. Check out job opportunities and educational pursuits that will encourage a better lifestyle. Don't take a risk with your health or physical well-being. Fact-checking will make a difference. **PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Take care of matters personally. Someone will lead you down the wrong path if you are insecure or think someone knows more than you. Do your research, and follow what feels right. A commitment will improve your life. **Birthday Baby:** You are persistent, entertaining and competitive. You are convincing and charismatic.

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Item: December 2, 2020

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Petition 20-25 by JACQUELYNN HENKE and KYLE WOLFF c/o BLOOM ARCHITECTURE for a Dimensional Special Permit and Use Special Permit to construct addition to single-family dwelling located above existing garage. Property located at 13 CUTTING ROAD (Parcel ID: 32-10A)

Petition 20-26 by THOMAS GROOM for a dimensional special permit, special permit for nonconforming use/structure, special permit for wetland protection overlay district, and site plan special permit for the construction of a single-family home. Property located at 10 PALMER ROAD (Parcel ID: 33-13D)

And the following CONTINUED petitions will be heard:

Petition 12-5 (2) by DIGIORGIO & MESSINA CONSTRUCTION CORP. to amend prior decision to (i) extend the term of the special permit and to (ii) modify the site plan to increase the number of units from 15 to 22. Property is located at ARCHER STREET (Map 7, Lots 213-248 and 250-255). [NOTE: There are two separate petitions entitled 12-5 requesting separate relief.]

Petition 20-11 by ARTHUR GOLDBERG, NATHANSON & GOLDBERG, PC, for a dimensional special permit, special permit (site plan) for the construction of 4 townhouse condominiums (reduced from original 8).Property is located at 9 BOYNTON STREET (Parcel ID: 3-6).

Petition 20-19 by PAUL SAULNIER for a §2.2.3.0(2) special permit to change the principal use from commercial to a two-family dwelling, a dimensional special permit, a special permit (2.2.7.0), and a special permit (Site Plan) to add a one-story addition to the existing structure. Property located at 19 RAILROAD AVE (Parcel ID: 3-90).

Marc Kornitsky, Chairman

Item: December 2, and 9, 2020.

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/s/ Daniel B. Doucette
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Item: November 25 and December 2, 2020

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Item: November 11, 18, 25 and December 2, 2020

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NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

D.P.U. 20-120 November 24, 2020

Petition of Boston Gas Company, doing business as National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.00, for Approval of a General Increase in Base Distribution Rates for Gas Service and a Performance-Based Rate-making Plan.

On November 13, 2020, Boston Gas Company ("Boston Gas"), doing business as National Grid ("National Grid" or "Company"), filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for an increase in gas distribution rates. The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 20-120 and has suspended the effective date of the proposed rate increase until October 1, 2021, to investigate the propriety of the Company's request. The Company represents that it will implement any change in rates beginning November 1, 2021. The Company was last granted an increase in distribution rates in **Boston Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 17-170 (2018)**.

National Grid seeks to increase its rates to generate \$220,736,830 in additional revenues. The Company proposes to transfer \$81,908,027 recovered through the Gas System Enhancement Program ("GSEP") to base distribution rates, effective October 1, 2021. Because there is a delay in recovery through the GSEP, however, the Company proposes to not fully recover the remaining balance in the GSEP until May 1, 2022. Based on these GSEP-related proposals, the proposed overall increase to distribution revenues is \$138,828,803, which the Company states represents an 18.1 percent incremental increase in distribution revenue.

The Company also proposes to implement a performance-based rate-making ("PBR") mechanism that would allow National Grid to adjust its base distribution rates on an annual basis through the application of a revenue-cap formula and to put in place a set of metrics to evaluate the Company's performance. The Company proposes to implement the PBR plan for five years with the possibility for extension. Additionally, National Grid's filing contains four demonstration programs that the Company states are intended to further the Commonwealth's greenhouse gas emissions goals. Additional information regarding these and all other proposals can be found in the Company's filing.

In **Boston Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 19-69 (2019)**, the Department approved the consolidation of Boston Gas and Colonial Gas Company ("Colonial Gas"). In the instant filing, National Grid proposes to combine the revenue requirement for the two companies, although Boston Gas and Colonial Gas will continue to maintain separate rates.

National Grid states that if its petition is approved as requested, the proposed revenue increase will have the following effects from November 1, 2021, through April 30, 2022:

For Boston Gas Customers, the Company states:

- a typical residential non-heating customer using 94 therms per year will experience an annual bill increase of \$16.55, or 6.2 percent;
- a typical residential heating customer using 871 therms per year will experience an annual bill increase of \$122.49, or nine percent; and
- Most commercial and industrial ("C&I") customers will experience annual increases in the range of one percent to 13.4 percent, depending on their rate classification and level of therm usage.

For Former Colonial Gas Customers, the Company states:

- a typical residential non-heating customer using 76 therms per year will experience an annual bill increase of \$30.39, or 14.4 percent;
- a typical residential heating customer using 795 therms per year will experience an annual bill increase of \$106.50, or 9.5 percent; and
- C&I customers will experience annual increases in the range of 8.6 percent to 39.8 percent, depending on their rate classification and level of therm usage.

The Company states that the estimated recovery of the remaining balance in the GSEP on May 1, 2022, would reduce the bill increases customers experience after the Company's proposed rates change on November 1, 2021, depending upon their rate classification and usage. In addition, bill impacts for C&I customers will vary depending upon their rate classification and level of usage. For specific impacts, please contact the Company as indicated below.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("Attorney General") has filed a notice of intervention in this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E. Further, pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the Attorney General has filed a notice of retention of experts and consultants to assist in her investigation of the Company's filing, and has requested Department approval to spend up to \$550,000 in this regard. Pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the costs incurred by the Attorney General relative to her retention of experts and consultants may be recovered in the Company's rates.

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 two virtual public hearings to receive comments on the Company's petition. The Department will conduct the hearings using Zoom videoconferencing on **January 26, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and January 28, 2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m.** Attendees can join the January 26, 2021 hearing by entering the link, <https://zoom.us/j/98694278163>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. Attendees can join the January 28, 2021 hearing by entering the link, <https://zoom.us/j/96160228604>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet.

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Any person who seeks to intervene in this matter and also desires to comment on the Attorney General's notice of retention of experts and consultants must file the comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **December 18, 2020**.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket No. 20 SM 001824
ORDER OF NOTICE
TO: Sandra A. Cirignano
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for GSRPM Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-1 claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Peabody, numbered 2 Clifton Circle, given by Sandra A. Cirignano to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc., dated June 30, 2006, and recorded in Essex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 25864, Page 470, as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated July 1, 2010, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 29595, Page 333, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 1/4/2021 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER
Chief Justice of this Court on 11/23/2020
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder
SN - 12/3/2020

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The RFQ is available to download at www.lhma.org/bids. An on-site Briefing Session shall take place on **Thursday, December 3, 2020 @ 10:00 AM**. Interested parties shall meet at the South Common Village Community Room located at 198 South Street, Lowell, MA.

Sealed applications will be accepted at the Lowell Housing Authority, Office of Finance & Procurement, 350 Moody Street, Lowell, MA 01854 on or before 11:00 AM, Friday, December 18, 2020. All proposals submitted in response to this RFQ will be evaluated and awarded in accordance with the provisions established under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 7C. Proposers will be required to abide by the guidelines established under this statute.

The LHA reserves the right to amend or cancel this RFQ, accept or reject any and all submissions and waive minor informalities.

By: Rita V. Brousseau, Chief Procurement Officer (978) 364-5341.

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Public Notice

TYNGSBOROUGH PLANNING BOARD HEARING
Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 5 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Tyngsborough Planning Board will conduct a remote hearing on December 17, 2020 starting at 7:00pm via the Zoom Meeting Application where it will act as Special Permit Granting Authority as specified in Section 1.16.00 of the Tyngsborough Zoning By-Laws. Please visit www.tyngsboroughma.gov/calendar for meeting participation information. Or call 978-649-2300 x151

50 Westford Rd. (Map 21, Parcel 23-1A) – Request by BAPS Development, Inc., applicant for a Site Plan Special Permit under Sections 1.16.00 and 2.16.00 of the Tyngsborough Zoning By-Laws to construct a 55,600 sq. ft. 2-story religious building with associated utilities and parking in a Mixed Use Overlay Zoning District.
Complete text and plans relative to the proposed project may be examined on the Town of Tyngsborough website: <https://www.tyngsboroughma.gov/departments/inspctional-services/planning/>, by email (pberman@tyngsboroughma.gov), or in Planning Board office during regular business hours at Tyngsborough Town Hall, 25 Bryants Lane, Tyngsborough, MA.
Kimberly O'Brien
Chairman
Tyngsborough Planning Board

December 3 10 2020

Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE
DRACUT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on December 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at 62 Peter's Pond Dr. – Variance of dimensional requirements of Zoning Bylaw 2.12.50 and Special Permit (2.16.25) to expand an existing non-conforming single family home.
Pettitioner: Sean Stowe.
Public Information: You are invited either by link below or telephone www.zoom.us/join or by Telephone: 888-475-4499 Webinar ID: 873 8682 7961
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Dracut Board of Appeals
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court - Probate and Family Court Docket No. M120P5260EA Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA 02141 (617)768-5800 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Lisa Marie Swan Also known as: Lisa M Swan Date of Death: 07/16/2019. To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Karen N. Swan-Son of Tyngsboro MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Karen N. Swan-Son of Tyngsboro MA be appointed as Personal Representatives of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE: You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/21/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. Unsupervised Administration under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code (MUPC): A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Witness, Hon. Maureen H Monks, First Justice of this Court, Date: November 23, 2020.
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

December 3 2020

TYNGSBOROUGH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Notice is hereby given that under the provision of Chapter 40A, Section 11 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Tyngsborough Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Remote Public Hearing on December 10, 2020 starting at 6:30pm via The Zoom Meeting Application where it will hear requests for Variances and/or Special Permits. Please visit www.tyngsboroughma.gov/calendar for meeting participation information. Or call 978-649-2300 x151.

33 Phalanx St. (Map 19, Parcel 86, Lot 0) – Fred Perrault, applicant for a Special Permit under Section 2.15.24 (changes, extensions & alterations of a nonconforming structure: residential dwelling) of the Tyngsborough Zoning By-Laws for the construction of a 1,655 sq. ft. single family dwelling and garage in an R-1 Zoning District. Copies of the application may be examined on the Town of Tyngsborough website. <http://www.tyngsboroughma.gov/departments/inspctional-services/zoning/>, or by email (pberman@tyngsboroughma.gov).

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Public Notice

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT DOCKET NO. M120E0056PP MIDDLESEX SS: To: Olga Frias Deaquino and to all other persons interested.
A petition has been presented to said Court by, Nelson Pantoja of Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, representing that they hold as co-tenant in a 50% undivided part or share of certain land lying in Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, and briefly described Property: 34 Midland Street, Lowell, MA 01851 Description Of Land

The land in said Lowell with the building thereon situated on the southerly side of Midland Street and bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a stake on the southerly side of Midland Street which is one hundred eighty-six and 38/100 (186.38) feet easterly from the intersection of the southerly line of Midland Street with the easterly line of Linwood Street; thence running southerly along Lot 22 on said plan of the land hereinafter mentioned one hundred thirty-three and 58/100 (133.58) feet to a stake at Lot 25; thence running easterly along Lot 25 at an angle of 88°15' fifty five and 44/100 (55.440) feet to a stake at land of one Aubrey now or formerly, thence turning at an angle of 100°06' northerly along land of one Aubrey now or formerly, and on Fox, now or formerly, one hundred and twenty-one and 53/100 (121.53) feet to a stake on said Midland Street, thence turning at an angle of 90° and running northwesterly along said Midland Street seventy-four and 95/100 (74.95) feet to the stake at the point of beginning. Being Lot 23 on a "Plan of Land in Lowell belonging to Bickford Lang Estate, August 1895, sw. veved by Osgood & Snell, C.E.'s Scale 50 feet to an inch", which plan is recorded with the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans, 12, Plan 48.

Containing eight thousand two hundred fifty-five and 43/100 (8255.43) square feet, more or less. Setting forth that the petitioner desires that all said land may be ordered to be sold at private sale or Public auction, for not less than (\$459,900.00) FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end, that commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any portion of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute and pay over the net proceeds thereof in such a manner as to make the partition just and equal.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said Court at Lowell before ten o'clock on the eleventh day of December 2020 the return date of this citation. Witness, Honorable Maureen H. Monks, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this tenth day of November, 2020
MIDDLESEX SS: Tara E DeCristofaro Register Of Probate PROBATE & FAMILY COURT DOCKET NO. M120E0056PP

It is ordered that such notice of said proceedings be given by delivering or mailing by registered or certified mail a copy of the foregoing citation to all persons interested whose addresses are known seven days at least before said return date and if any person is not so served, by mailing a copy thereof to the last known address of such person seven days at least before said return day; and by publishing a copy thereof once in each week for three successive weeks in the Lowell Sun a newspaper published in Lowell last publication to be one day at least before said return date.
Witness, Honorable Maureen H. Monks, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this tenth day of November, 2020
Tara E DeCristofaro Register Of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
Docket No. M120P4825PM
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge St, Cambridge, MA 02141
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATORE OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405

In the matter of **Lorraine Freitas** of Lowell, MA Respondent, Person to be Protected/Minor To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lawrence Memorial Hospital of Medford, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Lorraine Freitas is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Karen Kearns, Esq. of Cambridge, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court **on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 11/24/2020.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. Witness, Hon. Maureen H Monks, First Justice of this Court, Date: October 27, 2020 Tara E DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

December 3 2020

LEGAL NOTICE
DRACUT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on December 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 62 Arlington Street and also using Zoom Platform in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts March 10, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law M.G.L. Ch 30A, Section 20. Said hearing will be heard on: 2020-14 @ 5 Sycamore Dr. – Variance of dimensional requirement of Zoning Bylaw 2.11.50 for a corner of an existing in-ground pool. Petitioner: Joshua & Kristen Deveau. Public Information: You are invited either by link below or telephone www.zoom.us/join or by Telephone: 888-475-4499 Webinar ID: 873 8682 7961
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Docket No. W020P2418EA

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

D.P.U. 20-120

November 24, 2020

Petition of Boston Gas Company, doing business as National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.00, for Approval of a General Increase in Base Distribution Rates for Gas Service and a Performance-Based Rate-making Plan.

On November 13, 2020, Boston Gas Company ("Boston Gas"), doing business as National Grid ("National Grid" or "Company"), filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for an increase in gas distribution rates. The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 20-120 and has suspended the effective date of the proposed rate increase until October 1, 2021, to investigate the propriety of the Company's request. The Company represents that it will implement any change in rates beginning November 1, 2021. The Company was first granted an increase in distribution rates in Boston Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 17-170 (2018).

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Friends are short on sympathy after possible covid exposure

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My husband came down with COVID and has been having a hard time getting over it. When he first started showing the symptoms, I took him to a drive-through medical clinic and got him tested for COVID. The results were negative, so a couple of days later, I carpooled with a friend to another friend's house where seven other friends had gathered. Several days later, when my husband still wasn't improving, I took him to an ER where they did another COVID test. This time it came out positive.

I thought I owed it to whomever I was around at the get-together to tell them about my husband. At this get-together, we all wore masks. We took them off only to eat and then put them back on. It has been more than 14 days since my husband got sick, and although he is not yet over the virus, I haven't come down with it.

I thought my friends would be supportive of me and what my husband is going through. However, I learned from one of these "friends" of more than 20 years that they formed a private Facebook group to discuss how each one has been doing on a daily basis,

and I was not invited to participate. I feel betrayed by these paranoid friends. At this point, I don't think I can ever look at any of them the same way. I have been contemplating ending my friendship with all of them. What do you think?

KICKED WHEN DOWN IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR KICKED: I think you should ask the friend who told you about the private Facebook group whether any of the women got sick after that get-together. If the answer is yes, make an appointment and have yourself COVID-tested — twice, if necessary — to ensure that you are not a symptomless carrier. If it turns out that you are positive, tell your friends.

If you test negative, your first priority should be to help your husband get well and protect yourself from getting the virus. As to whether you should end your relationship with these "distanced" friends, from the way they are behaving, it appears they may have ended their relationship with YOU, and for that you have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: I recently had my hair dyed by my brother-in-law who is a great hairstylist. I have seen his work on other clients, and he knows what he's doing. I have received a lot of compliments on my new "do."

Problem is, I didn't get what I ASKED for. I was a coward at the time and didn't speak up. Now my roots are starting to show, and I'll be needing a touch-up soon. How do I go about going to another salon for what I want without hurting his feelings or causing hard feelings with my sister-in-law?

COWARD IN KANSAS

DEAR COWARD IN KANSAS: Make the appointment and have your hair done the way you prefer. If your sister- or brother-in-law asks about it, say you know he is terrific and how busy he is and didn't want to "impose" further. If he's as good as you say he is, he will notice that the color is different from what he used on you.

You're not a coward for wanting to spare your BIL's feelings. You do a disservice to him, however, as a professional for not being truthful about your opinion of his work on you. If he mentions it, explain that this is a color you are more comfortable with. Your head, your choice.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Key staff members with COVID-19 force Salem High into remote learning

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SALEM, N.H. — Salem High School will transition to remote learning for two weeks after key staff members became infected with COVID-19 or are self-isolating after coming into close contact with the virus, Superintendent Michael Delahanty announced.

The numbers of cases and affected individuals remain relatively low, Delahanty explained, however, "the responsibilities of those affected have necessitated this decision."

High School Principal Tracy Collyer wrote in her own note to the school community that she anticipates in-person classes will resume Thursday, Dec. 17.

Students were informed of the change at 2 p.m., Collyer said, allowing them to gather necessary materials for home.

This is the first time districtwide remote learning

has been implemented in Salem this academic year.

"We have had an excellent start to the year," Collyer said. "Students have had access to in-person instruction for a third of the school year up to this point."

She specified "classroom routines, academic and behavior expectations, and established relationships with teachers" will help smooth the transition to temporary remote learning.

For high school students already opted into the remote program, their schedules will not change.

Thursday, Dec. 3, there will be no school for the high school students. If necessary, they can return to school to pick up supplies or materials they may need.

Friday will be a "transition day," meaning, "this day is not a typical school day and your child will not have a full day of Zoom classes or independent work," the principal

said.

Students will have required virtual office hours to discuss the transition.

"This is a good time to check in with each teacher, confirm that students have the correct Zoom information for each teacher, and review expectations in the remote environment," Collyer said in her note.

From Monday through Wednesday, students will be expected to follow their normal schedule, including directions given by teachers during the transition day.

Collyer said the school will continue to conduct wellness checks, a tool used for all students to monitor their mental well-being.

"From the beginning of the year, in-school students and their teachers have been working with the remote learning tools to prepare for this situation," Delahanty said.

A complete class schedule is posted on the school district's website.

Derry man formerly accused of killing wife dies at state facility

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DERRY — Roderick Munstis, 81, formerly of Derry, died recently at Glenclyff Home for the Elderly, three months after he was admitted to the state facility following a superior court decision to drop murder charges against him because he was deemed unfit to stand trial.

According to a single-line obituary published online, Munstis died Friday, Nov. 20.

Allegations that he fatally shot his wife were dropped in August with the condition that he live at the state elder care facility for the developmentally disabled and mentally ill, court documents explain.

Munstis was held without bail at the Rockingham County House of Corrections for a year prior, records show. He was facing alternative counts of knowing and reckless second-degree murder.

Investigators said he called 911 for help at 12:03 p.m. on Aug. 10, 2019, and admitted to shooting and killing his wife, 74-year-old Ellen



STAFF FILE PHOTO

Roderick Munstis appeared for his arraignment at Rockingham County Superior Court where he pleaded not guilty to second degree murder in the death of his wife Ellen Munstis, 74. Roderick died recently at a state mental health facility.

Munstis. According to her obituary, she was buried in her native country, Ireland.

Only this summer — after months of awaiting an open bed at the mental health facility — was Munstis admitted to Glenclyff Home for the

Elderly, according to court documents.

The placement followed a finding by State Forensic Examiner Dr. Shannon Bader that he was not competent to stand trial.

Attorneys in the case agreed there was probable cause to convict Munstis, but Senior Assistant Attorney General Benjamin Agati requested that Superior Court Judge Daniel St. Hilaire dismiss the case based on the forensic examiner's findings.

In addition, Munstis was made a ward of the state following the probate court's appointment of the Office of the Public Guardian to protect both his person and his estate. The probate court had ordered that he reside in the secure residence of Glenclyff Home.

Several other investigations stemming from the Munstis' home at 15 Bypass 28 are ongoing following the arrest, including a fire and subsequent explosion at the vacant property as well as a car stolen from the driveway.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

D.P.U. 20-120

November 24, 2020

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EL ESTADO DE MASSACHUSETTS - DEPARTAMENTO DE SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS

NOTIFICACIÓN DE PRESENTACIÓN, AUDIENCIAS PÚBLICAS Y CONFERENCIA DE PROCEDIMIENTO

D.P.U. 20-120

24 de noviembre de 2020

Petición de Boston Gas Company, que opera como National Grid, de conformidad con G.L. c. 164, § 94 y 220 CMR 5.00, para la aprobación de un aumento general en las tarifas de distribución base para el servicio de gas y un plan tarifario basado en el desempeño.

El 13 de noviembre de 2020, Boston Gas Company ("Boston Gas"), que opera como National Grid ("National Grid" o "Compañía"), presentó una petición ante el Departamento de Servicios Públicos ("Departamento") para un aumento en tarifas de distribución de gas. El Departamento ha registrado este asunto como D.P.U. 20-120 y ha suspendido la fecha de vigencia del aumento de tarifas propuesto hasta el 1 de octubre de 2021, para investigar la idoneidad de la solicitud de la Compañía. La Compañía declara que implementará cualquier cambio en las tarifas a partir del 1 de noviembre de 2021. La última vez que la Compañía recibió un aumento en las tarifas de distribución fue en Boston Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 17-170 (2018).

National Grid busca incrementar sus tarifas para generar \$220,736,830 en ingresos adicionales. La Compañía propone transferir \$81,908,027 recuperados a través del Programa de Mejora del Sistema de Gas ("GSEP") a las tarifas de distribución base, a partir del 1 de octubre de 2021. Debido a que hay un retraso en la recuperación a través del GSEP, sin embargo, la Compañía propone no recuperar completamente el saldo restante en el GSEP hasta el 1 de mayo de 2022. Con base en estas propuestas relacionadas con GSEP, el aumento general propuesto a los ingresos por distribución es de \$138,828,803, que según la Compañía representa un aumento incremental del 18.1 por ciento en los ingresos por distribución.

La Compañía también propone implementar un mecanismo de determinación de tarifas basado en el desempeño ("PBR") que permitiría a National Grid ajustar sus tarifas de distribución base anualmente mediante la aplicación de una fórmula de tope de ingresos y establecer un conjunto de métricas para evaluar el desempeño de la Compañía. La Compañía propone implementar el plan PBR por cinco años con posibilidad de extensión. Además, la presentación de National Grid contiene cuatro programas de demostración que, según afirma la Compañía, están destinados a promover los objetivos de emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero de la Commonwealth. Se puede encontrar información adicional sobre estas y todas las demás propuestas en la presentación de la Compañía.

En Boston Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 19-69 (2019), el Departamento aprobó la consolidación de Boston Gas y Colonial Gas Company ("Colonial Gas"). En la presentación actual, National Grid propone combinar el requisito de ingresos para las dos compañías, aunque Boston Gas y Colonial Gas continuarán manteniendo tarifas separadas.

National Grid establece que si su petición es aprobada según lo solicitado, el aumento de ingresos propuesto tendrá los siguientes efectos desde el 1 de noviembre de 2021 hasta el 30 de abril de 2022:

Para los clientes de Boston Gas, la Compañía declara:

- un cliente residencial típico sin calefacción que usa 94 termias por año experimentará un aumento anual en la factura de \$16.55, o 6.2 por ciento;
- un cliente típico de calefacción residencial que usa 871 termias por año experimentará un aumento anual en la factura de \$122.49, o nueve por ciento; y
- la mayoría de los clientes comerciales e industriales ("C&I") experimentarán aumentos anuales en el rango de uno por ciento a 13.4 por ciento, dependiendo de su clasificación de tarifas y nivel de uso de termias.

Para los clientes anteriores de Colonial Gas, la Compañía declara:

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- un cliente típico de calefacción residencial que usa 795 termias por año experimentará un aumento anual en la factura de \$106.50, o 9.5 por ciento; y
- los clientes de C&I experimentarán aumentos anuales en el rango del 8.6 por ciento al 39.8 por ciento, dependiendo de su clasificación de tarifas y el nivel de uso de termias.

La Compañía declara que la recuperación estimada del saldo restante en el GSEP el 1 de mayo de 2022 reducirá los aumentos en las facturas que los clientes experimentarían después del cambio de tarifas propuesto por la Compañía el 1 de noviembre de 2021, dependiendo de su clasificación de tarifas y uso. Además, los impactos en las facturas de los clientes de C&I variarán según la clasificación de tarifas y el nivel de uso. Para impactos específicos, comuníquese con la Compañía como se indica a continuación.

La Procuradora General del Commonwealth de Massachusetts ("Procuradora General") ha presentado una notificación de intervención en este asunto de conformidad con G.L. c. 12, § 11E. Además, de conformidad con G.L. c. 12, § 11E (b), la Procuradora General ha presentado una notificación de retención de expertos y consultores para ayudar en su investigación de la presentación de la Compañía, y ha solicitado la aprobación del Departamento para gastar hasta \$550,000 en este sentido. De acuerdo con G.L. c. 12, § 11E (b), los costos incurridos por la Procuradora General en relación con su retención de expertos y consultores pueden recuperarse en las tarifas de la Compañía.

Debido al estado de emergencia COVID-19 emitido por el gobernador Baker el 10 de marzo de 2020, y ciertas restricciones y medidas de seguridad en curso que están relacionadas con eventos en persona, el Departamento llevará a cabo dos audiencias públicas virtuales para recibir comentarios sobre la petición de la Compañía. El Departamento llevará a cabo las audiencias mediante videoconferencia de Zoom el **26 de enero de 2021, a partir de las 6:00 p.m. y el 28 de enero de 2021, a partir de las 10:00 a.m.** Los participantes pueden unirse a la audiencia del 26 de enero de 2021 usando el enlace, <https://zoom.us/j/98694278163>, desde una computadora, teléfono inteligente o tableta. Los participantes pueden unirse a la audiencia del 28 de enero de 2021 usando el enlace, <https://zoom.us/j/96160228604>, desde una computadora, teléfono inteligente o tableta.

Al utilizar la plataforma Zoom, podrá escuchar la audiencia en inglés o español. Para acceder a los servicios de interpretación a través de Zoom durante la audiencia, haga clic en el botón "Interpretación" en la barra de menú en la parte inferior de la pantalla de la aplicación Zoom y seleccione su idioma (por ejemplo, inglés o español).

Para acceso de audio solamente, los participantes pueden marcar al (312) 626-6799 (no gratuito) para la audiencia del 26 de enero de 2021 y luego ingresar el número de identificación del seminario web # 986 9427 8163. Los participantes pueden marcar el mismo número para la audiencia del 28 de enero de 2021 y luego ingrese el número de identificación del seminario web # 961 6022 8604.

Si prevé proporcionar comentarios a través de Zoom o por teléfono durante las audiencias públicas, envíe un correo electrónico antes del **22 de enero de 2021**, con su nombre, dirección de correo electrónico y dirección postal a marc.tassone@mass.gov.

El Departamento también aceptará comentarios escritos sobre la petición de la Compañía. Cualquier persona interesada en comentar sobre este asunto puede enviar comentarios por escrito a más tardar al cierre de operaciones (5:00 p.m.) del **29 de enero de 2021**. En este momento, todas las presentaciones deben presentarse solo en formato electrónico en reconocimiento de la dificultad que las partes y el Departamento pueden tener para presentar y recibir copias originales debido al estado de emergencia en curso (consulte las instrucciones de presentación adicionales a continuación).

Toda persona que desee participar en la fase probatoria de este proceso deberá presentar una solicitud de permiso para intervenir a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m. el **18 de diciembre de 2020**. Una petición de permiso para intervenir debe satisfacer los requisitos sustantivos y de tiempo de 220 CMR 1.03. La recepción por parte del Departamento, no el envío por correo, constituye la presentación y determina si una petición se ha presentado a tiempo. Una petición presentada tarde puede ser rechazada por ser fuera de tiempo, a menos que se demuestre una buena causa para la exención bajo 220 CMR 1.01 (4). Para ser permitida, una petición bajo 220 CMR 1.03 (1) debe satisfacer los requisitos legales de G.L. c. 30A, § 10. Todas las respuestas a las peticiones de intervención deben presentarse antes del cierre de operaciones (5:00 p.m.) del segundo día hábil posterior a la presentación de la petición de intervención.

Cualquier persona que busque intervenir en este asunto y también desee comentar sobre la notificación de retención de expertos y consultores de la Procuradora General debe presentar los comentarios a más tardar al cierre de operaciones (5:00 p.m.) del **18 de diciembre de 2020**.

Debido al estado de emergencia en curso, el Departamento llevará a cabo una conferencia de procedimiento virtual sobre este asunto el **7 de enero de 2021 a las 2:00 p.m.** El Departamento se comunicará con las partes por separado con instrucciones sobre cómo asistir a la conferencia de procedimiento.

Todos los documentos enviados al Departamento de conformidad con este Aviso deben enviarse en **formato pdf** por correo electrónico adjunto a petertray@mass.gov y marc.tassone@mass.gov. El texto del correo electrónico debe especificar: (1) los números de expediente del proceso (D.P.U. 20-120); (2) el nombre de la persona o empresa que presenta la presentación; y (3) un breve título descriptivo del documento. Todos los documentos presentados en formato electrónico se publicarán en el sitio web del Departamento tan pronto como sea posible en <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. Es importante destacar que todos los archivos grandes enviados deben desglosarse en archivos electrónicos que no superen los 20 MB. Una copia de cualquier documento enviado al Departamento también debe enviarse por correo electrónico a la abogada de la Compañía, Cheryl M. Kimball, Esq., en ckimball@keeganwerlin.com.

Por lo general, todas las partes seguirán las Secciones B.1 y B.4 de las Reglas básicas estándar del Departamento (D.P.U. 15-184-A, Ap. 1 (4 de marzo de 2020); Sin embargo, hasta nuevo aviso, las partes deben conservar la versión en papel original y el Departamento determinará más adelante cuándo se debe presentar la versión en papel al Secretario del Departamento.

Debido al estado de emergencia en curso, una copia impresa de la presentación de la Compañía o del aviso de retención de expertos y consultores de la Procuradora General no estará disponible para la vista del público en las oficinas de la Compañía, las oficinas del Departamento o en cualquier lugar (por ejemplo, en la biblioteca, ayuntamiento) dentro del área de servicio de la Compañía. Todos los documentos, alegatos y presentaciones presentados al Departamento o emitidos por el Departamento relacionados con estos procedimientos estarán disponibles en el sitio web del Departamento en <https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (ingrese "20-120"). Para solicitar materiales en formatos accesibles para personas con discapacidades (Braille, letra grande, archivos electrónicos, formato de audio), comuníquese con el coordinador de la ADA del Departamento en DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov.

Cualquier persona que desee obtener más información sobre la presentación de la Compañía o una copia impresa de la presentación debe comunicarse con Cheryl M. Kimball al (617) 951-1400 o ckimball@keeganwerlin.com. Para obtener más información sobre este aviso, comuníquese con Marc J. Tassone, Oficial de Audiencias, en marc.tassone@mass.gov.

Ex-French leader Giscard d’Estaing dies at 94

By Sylvie Corbet
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS – Valéry Giscard d’Estaing, the president of France from 1974 to 1981 who became a champion of European integration, died on Wednesday. He was 94.

Giscard d’Estaing’s office said he passed away in his family home in the Loir-et-Cher region, in central France, after contracting COVID-19.

“In accordance with his wishes, his funeral will take place in strict privacy,” his office said.

Giscard d’Estaing was hospitalized last month with heart problems, but remained vigorous deep into old age.

In a January 2020 interview with The Associated Press, he displayed a firm handshake and sharp eye, recounting details from his meetings as French president in the 1970s with then-U.S. President Jimmy Carter and then-Egyptian leader Anwar Sadat, whose photos graced his office walls.

He wrote the article in the EU charter that allowed Brexit to happen – the brief measure that allows a member state to leave the bloc.

On the eve of Britain’s departure this year, Giscard told AP it was a “step backward” geopolitically, but took the long view. “We functioned without Britain during the first years of the European Union ... So we will rediscover a situation that we have already known.”

Born in Germany in the



FILE PHOTO

■ U.S. President Jimmy Carter, right, and Britain’s Queen Elizabeth II are photographed with French President Valéry Giscard d’Estaing at Buckingham Palace in London in 1977.

wake of World War I, Giscard d’Estaing helped liberate Paris from the Nazis in the next world war, and later laid the groundwork for the shared euro currency and helped integrate Britain into what became the EU in the 1970s.

Seeing the Britons leave, “I feel great regret,” he said.

He remained unfailingly optimistic in the European project, forecasting that the EU and the euro would bounce back and gradually grow stronger and bigger despite the challenges of losing a major member.

When he took office in 1974, Giscard d’Estaing began as the model of a modern French president, a conservative with liberal views on so-

cial issues.

Abortion and divorce by mutual consent were legalized under his term, and he reduced the age of majority from 21 to 18.

He played his accordion in working class neighborhoods. One Christmas morning, he invited four passing garbage men to breakfast at the presidential palace.

He lost his re-election bid in 1981 to Socialist Francois Mitterrand.

Born in 1926 in Coblenz, Germany, where his father was a financial director of the post-World War I French occupation administration, he grew up with a pan-European view. After joining the French Resistance during World War

II, he next saw Germany as a tank commander in the French military in 1944.

In 1952, he married Anne-Aymone de Brantes, the daughter of a count and heirless to a steel fortune. They had four children: Valerie-Anne, Louis, Henri and Jacinte.

Young Giscard d’Estaing studied at the prestigious Polytechnical Institute and then the elite National School of Administration, before mastering economics at Oxford.

President Charles de Gaulle named him finance minister at the age of 36.

After his defeat in the 1981 presidential election, he temporarily retired from politics.

He then found a second calling in the European Union. He

Pelosi, McConnell discuss medium-sized COVID aid

By Andrew Taylor
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON – Capitol Hill’s top leaders spoke about COVID-19 relief and other unfinished business Thursday, adding to tentative optimism that a medium-sized aid package might break free after months of Washington toxicity and deadlock.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell – frequent rivals but proven dealmakers – spoke on the phone, a conversation that came the day after Pelosi signaled a willingness to make major concessions in search of a COVID rescue package.

Pelosi’s spokesman announced the telephone conversation, tweeting that it was “about their shared commitment to completing an omnibus and COVID relief as soon as possible.” McConnell’s office would not comment.

With COVID-19 caseloads spiraling and the daily death toll equaling records, the momentum for finally passing a second major relief bill is undeniably building, especially after President-elect Joe Biden and top congressional Democrats endorsed a \$908 billion bipartisan framework to build an agreement.

The path forward is cluttered with obstacles, however, including a tight time window and hard feelings from months of futile talks and a poisonous election.

McConnell, R-Ky., his leverage bolstered after the election, continues to take a hard line, insisting in a Thursday floor speech that any relief package be limited to consensus items like another round of “paycheck protection” aid to businesses, funding to distribute vaccines, and aid to schools.

“Why should these impactful and noncontroversial life-preservers be delayed one second longer?” McConnell said. “At long last, let’s do what Congress does when we want an outcome. Let’s make law on all the subjects where

we agree.”

Later, McConnell met with Republicans who are working the scaled-back, bipartisan measure, including Susan Collins, R-Maine, Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, and Mitt Romney, R-Utah. Across Capitol Hill, an allied bipartisan “problem solvers” group claimed growing momentum at an outdoor news conference.

A key McConnell ally, Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said he is negotiating with fellow Judiciary Committee member Dick Durbin, D-Ill., over a provision much sought by Republicans and McConnell in particular that would give a liability shield to businesses, universities and other organizations against COVID-related lawsuits. McConnell himself said a huge drop in Democratic demands – from more than \$2 trillion to less than \$1 trillion – was “at least movement in the right direction.”

And Trump weighed in to support the idea. Obtaining his necessary signature can be a bit of a high-wire act, especially since any COVID relief is likely to be added to a catch-all spending bill.

“I think they are getting very close and I want it to happen,” Trump said.

At stake is whether to provide at least some COVID aid now rather than wait until Biden takes office. Businesses, especially airlines, restaurants and health providers, are desperate for help as caseloads spiral and deaths spike. Money to help states distribute vaccines is needed, and supplemental pandemic unemployment aid that provides additional weeks of jobless benefits expires at the end of the month.

Biden is supporting an additional aid package that’s as

large as possible now. He said Wednesday that an aid package developed by moderates “wouldn’t be the answer, but it would be the immediate help for a lot of things.” He wants a relief bill to pass Congress now, with more aid to come next year.

Biden’s remarks followed an announcement by Pelosi, D-Calif., and Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York supporting an almost \$1 trillion approach as the “basis” for discussions. The announcement appeared aimed at budging McConnell, who so far has been unwilling to abandon a \$550 billion Senate GOP plan that failed twice this fall.

The Democrats embraced a \$908 billion approach from moderate Sens. Collins and Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., among others. It would establish a \$300 per week jobless benefit, send \$160 billion to help state and local governments, boost schools and universities, revive popular “paycheck protection” subsidies for businesses, and bail out transit systems and airlines.

“In the spirit of compromise we believe the bipartisan framework introduced by Senators yesterday should be used as the basis for immediate bipartisan, bicameral negotiations,” Pelosi and Schumer said. They said they would try to build upon the approach, which has support in the House from the bipartisan “problem solvers” coalition.

The statement was a significant concession by Pelosi and Schumer, who played hardball this fall during failed preelection discussions with the administration on a costlier bill. They wanted a more generous unemployment benefit and far more for state and local governments. Their embrace of the \$908 billion measure was

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worked on writing a European Constitution which was formally presented in 2004, but rejected by French and Dutch voters. However, it paved the way for the adoption of the Treaty on European Union in

2007.

At age 83, he published a romance novel called “The Princess and the President,” which he said was based on Princess Diana, with whom he said he discussed writing a love story.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

D.P.U. 20-120 November 24, 2020

Petition of Boston Gas Company, doing business as National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.00, for Approval of a General Increase in Base Distribution Rates for Gas Service and a Performance-Based Ratemaking Plan.

On November 13, 2020, Boston Gas Company (“Boston Gas”), doing business as National Grid (“National Grid” or “Company”), filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for an increase in gas distribution rates. The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 20-120 and has suspended the effective date of the proposed rate increase until October 1, 2021, to investigate the propriety of the Company’s request. The Company represents that it will implement any change in rates beginning November 1, 2021. The Company was last granted an increase in distribution rates in Boston Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 17-170 (2018).

National Grid seeks to increase its rates to generate \$220,736,830 in additional revenues. The Company proposes to transfer \$81,908,027 recovered through the Gas System Enhancement Program (“GSEP”) to base distribution rates, effective October 1, 2021. Because there is a delay in recovery through the GSEP, however, the Company proposes to not fully recover the remaining balance in the GSEP until May 1, 2022. Based on these GSEP-related proposals, the proposed overall increase to distribution revenues is \$138,828,803, which the Company states represents an 18.1 percent incremental increase in distribution revenue.

The Company also proposes to implement a performance-based ratemaking (“PBR”) mechanism that would allow National Grid to adjust its base distribution rates on an annual basis through the application of a revenue-cap formula and to put in place a set of metrics to evaluate the Company’s performance. The Company proposes to implement the PBR plan for five years with the possibility for extension. Additionally, National Grid’s filing contains four demonstration programs that the Company states are intended to further the Commonwealth’s greenhouse gas emissions goals. Additional information regarding these and all other proposals can be found in the Company’s filing.

In Boston Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 19-69 (2019), the Department approved the consolidation of Boston Gas and Colonial Gas Company (“Colonial Gas”). In the instant filing, National Grid proposes to combine the revenue requirement for the two companies, although Boston Gas and Colonial Gas will continue to maintain separate rates.

National Grid states that if its petition is approved as requested, the proposed revenue increase will have the following effects from November 1, 2021, through April 30, 2022:

For Boston Gas Customers, the Company states:

- a typical residential non-heating customer using 94 therms per year will experience an annual bill increase of \$16.55, or 6.2 percent;
- a typical residential heating customer using 871 therms per year will experience an annual bill increase of \$122.49, or nine percent; and
- Most commercial and industrial (“C&I”) customers will experience annual increases in the range of one percent to 13.4 percent, depending on their rate classification and level of therm usage.

For Former Colonial Gas Customers, the Company states:

- a typical residential non-heating customer using 76 therms per year will experience an annual bill increase of \$30.39, or 14.4 percent;
- a typical residential heating customer using 795 therms per year will experience an annual bill increase of \$106.50, or 9.5 percent; and
- C&I customers will experience annual increases in the range of 8.6 percent to 39.8 percent, depending on their rate classification and level of therm usage.

The Company states that the estimated recovery of the remaining balance in the GSEP on May 1, 2022, would reduce the bill increases customers experience after the Company’s proposed rates change on November 1, 2021, depending upon their rate classification and usage. In addition, bill impacts for C&I customers will vary depending upon their rate classification and level of usage. For specific impacts, please contact the Company as indicated below.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (“Attorney General”) has filed a notice of intervention in this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E. Further, pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the Attorney General has filed a notice of retention of experts and consultants to assist in her investigation of the Company’s filing, and has requested Department approval to spend up to \$550,000 in this regard. Pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the costs incurred by the Attorney General relative to her retention of experts and consultants may be recovered in the Company’s rates.

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 two virtual public hearings to receive comments on the Company’s petition. The Department will conduct the hearings using Zoom videoconferencing on **January 26, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and January 28, 2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m.** Attendees can join the January 26, 2021 hearing by entering the link, <https://zoom.us/j/98694278163>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. Attendees can join the January 28, 2021 hearing by entering the link, <https://zoom.us/j/96160228604>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet.

When using the Zoom platform, you will be able to listen to the hearing 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 (e.g., English or Spanish).

For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at (312) 626-6799 (not toll free) for the January 26, 2021 hearing and then enter the Webinar ID# 986 9427 8163. Attendees can dial the same number for the January 28, 2021 hearing and then enter the Webinar ID# 961 6022 8604.

If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom or via phone during the public hearings, please send an email by **January 22, 2021**, with your name, email address, and mailing address to marc.tassone@mass.gov.

The Department also will accept written comments on the Company’s petition. Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **January 29, 2021**. At this time, all filings must be submitted only in electronic format in recognition of the difficulty that parties and the Department may have filing and receiving original copies because of the ongoing state of emergency (please see further filing instructions below).

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene no later than 5:00 p.m. on **December 18, 2020**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 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 CMR 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 CMR 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10. All responses to petitions to intervene must be filed by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the second business day after the petition to intervene was filed.

Any person who seeks to intervene in this matter and also desires to comment on the Attorney General’s notice of retention of experts and consultants must file the comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **December 18, 2020**.

Due to the ongoing state of emergency, the Department will conduct a virtual procedural conference in this matter on **January 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** The Department will contact the parties under separate cover with instructions on how to attend the procedural conference.

All documents submitted to the Department pursuant to this Notice must be submitted in **pdf format** by e-mail attachment to peter.ray@mass.gov and marc.tassone@mass.gov. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket numbers of the proceedings (D.P.U. 20-120); (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>. Importantly, all large files submitted must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20 MB. A copy of any documents submitted to the Department also should be emailed to the Company’s attorney Cheryl M. Kimball, Esq. at ckimball@keeganwerlin.com.

Ordinarily, all parties would follow Sections B.1 and B.4 of the Department’s Standard Ground Rules (D.P.U. 15-184-A, App. 1 (March 4, 2020)); until further notice, however, parties must retain the original paper version and the Department will later determine when the paper version must be filed with the Department Secretary.

Due to the ongoing state of emergency, a paper copy of the Company’s filing or the Attorney General’s notice of retention of experts and consultants will not be available for public viewing at the Company’s offices, the Department’s offices, or at any location (e.g., public library, town hall) within the Company’s service area. All documents, pleadings and filings submitted to the Department or issued by the Department related to these proceedings will be available on the Department’s website at <https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Filesroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter “20-120”). To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department’s ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Company’s filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Cheryl M. Kimball at (617) 951-1400 or ckimball@keeganwerlin.com. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Marc J. Tassone, Hearing Officer, at marc.tassone@mass.gov.

El Estado de Massachusetts DEPARTAMENTO DE SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS

NOTIFICACIÓN DE PRESENTACIÓN, AUDIENCIAS PÚBLICAS Y CONFERENCIA DE PROCEDIMIENTO

D.P.U. 20-120

24 de noviembre de 2020

Petición de Boston Gas Company, que opera como National Grid, de conformidad con G.L. c. 164, § 94 y 220 CMR 5.00, para la aprobación de un aumento general en las tarifas de distribución base para el servicio de gas y un plan tarifario basado en el desempeño.

El 13 de noviembre de 2020, Boston Gas Company ("Boston Gas"), que opera como National Grid ("National Grid" o "Compañía"), presentó una petición ante el Departamento de Servicios Públicos ("Departamento") para un aumento en tarifas de distribución de gas. El Departamento ha registrado este asunto como D.P.U. 20-120 y ha suspendido la fecha de vigencia del aumento de tarifas propuesto hasta el 1 de octubre de 2021, para investigar la idoneidad de la solicitud de la Compañía. La Compañía declara que implementará cualquier cambio en las tarifas a partir del 1 de noviembre de 2021. La última vez que la Compañía recibió un aumento en las tarifas de distribución fue en Boston Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 17-170 (2018).

National Grid busca incrementar sus tarifas para generar \$220,736,830 en ingresos adicionales. La Compañía propone transferir \$81,908,027 recuperados a través del Programa de Mejora del Sistema de Gas ("GSEP") a las tarifas de distribución base a partir del 1 de octubre de 2021. Debido a que hay un retraso en la recuperación a través del GSEP, sin embargo, la Compañía propone no recuperar completamente el saldo restante en el GSEP hasta el 1 de mayo de 2022. Con base en estas propuestas relacionadas con GSEP, el aumento general propuesto a los ingresos por distribución es de \$138,828,803, que según la Compañía representa un aumento incremental del 18.1 por ciento en los ingresos por distribución.

La Compañía también propone implementar un mecanismo de determinación de tarifas basado en el desempeño ("PBR") que permitiría a National Grid ajustar sus tarifas de distribución base anualmente mediante la aplicación de una fórmula de tope de ingresos y establecer un conjunto de métricas para evaluar el desempeño de la Compañía. La Compañía propone implementar el plan PBR por cinco años con posibilidad de extensión. Además, la presentación de National Grid contiene cuatro programas de demostración que, según afirma la Compañía, están destinados a promover los objetivos de emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero de la Commonwealth. Se puede encontrar información adicional sobre estas y todas las demás propuestas en la presentación de la Compañía.

En Boston Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 19-69 (2019), el Departamento aprobó la consolidación de Boston Gas y Colonial Gas Company ("Colonial Gas"). En la presentación actual, National Grid propone combinar el requisito de ingresos para las dos compañías, aunque Boston Gas y Colonial Gas continuarán manteniendo tarifas separadas.

National Grid establece que si su petición es aprobada según lo solicitado, el aumento de ingresos propuesto tendrá los siguientes efectos desde el 1 de noviembre de 2021 hasta el 30 de abril de 2022:

Para los clientes de Boston Gas, la Compañía declara:

- un cliente residencial típico sin calefacción que usa 94 termias por año experimentará un aumento anual en la factura de \$16.55, o 6.2 por ciento;
- un cliente típico de calefacción residencial que usa 871 termias por año experimentará un aumento anual en la factura de \$122.49, o nueve por ciento; y
- la mayoría de los clientes comerciales e industriales ("C&I") experimentarán aumentos anuales en el rango de uno por ciento a 13.4 por ciento, dependiendo de su clasificación de tarifas y nivel de uso de termias.

Para los clientes anteriores de Colonial Gas, la Compañía declara:

- un cliente residencial típico sin calefacción que usa 76 termias por año experimentará un aumento anual en la factura de \$30.39, o 14.4 por ciento;
- un cliente típico de calefacción residencial que usa 795 termias por año experimentará un aumento anual en la factura de \$106.50, o 9.5 por ciento; y
- los clientes de C&I experimentarán aumentos anuales en el rango del 8.6 por ciento al 39.8 por ciento, dependiendo de su clasificación de tarifas y el nivel de uso de termias.

La Compañía declara que la recuperación estimada del saldo restante en el GSEP el 1 de mayo de 2022 reduciría los aumentos en las facturas que los clientes experimentarían después del cambio de tarifas propuesto por la Compañía el 1 de noviembre de 2021, dependiendo de su clasificación de tarifas y uso. Además, los impactos en las facturas de los clientes de C&I variarían según la clasificación de tarifas y el nivel de uso. Para impactos específicos, comuníquese con la Compañía como se indica a continuación.

La Procuradora General del Commonwealth de Massachusetts ("Procuradora General") ha presentado una notificación de intervención en este asunto de conformidad con G.L. c. 12, § 11E. Además, de conformidad con G.L. c. 12, § 11E (b), la Procuradora General ha presentado una notificación de retención de expertos y consultores para ayudar en su investigación de la presentación de la Compañía, y ha solicitado la aprobación del Departamento para gastar hasta \$550,000 en este sentido. De acuerdo con G.L. c. 12, § 11E (b), los costos incurridos por la Procuradora General en relación con su retención de expertos y consultores pueden recuperarse en las tarifas de la Compañía.

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audiencias públicas virtuales para recibir comentarios sobre la petición de la Compañía. El Departamento llevará a cabo las audiencias mediante videoconferencia de Zoom el **26 de enero de 2021, a partir de las 6:00 p.m.**, y el **28 de enero de 2021, a partir de las 10:00 a.m.** Los participantes pueden unirse a la audiencia del 26 de enero de 2021 usando el enlace, <https://zoom.us/j/98694278163>, desde una computadora, teléfono inteligente o tableta. Los participantes pueden unirse a la audiencia del 28 de enero de 2021 usando el enlace, <https://zoom.us/j/96160228604>, desde una computadora, teléfono inteligente o tableta.

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Toda persona que desee participar en la fase probatoria de este proceso deberá presentar una solicitud de permiso para intervenir a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m. el **18 de diciembre de 2020**. Una petición de permiso para intervenir debe satisfacer los requisitos sustantivos y de tiempo de 220 CMR 1.03. La recepción por parte del Departamento, no el envío por correo, constituye la presentación y determina si una petición se ha presentado a tiempo. Una petición presentada tarde puede ser rechazada por ser fuera de tiempo, a menos que se demuestre una buena causa para la exención bajo 220 CMR 1.01 (4). Para ser permitida, una petición bajo 220 CMR 1.03 (1) debe satisfacer los requisitos legales de G.L. c. 30A, § 10. Todas las respuestas a las peticiones de intervención deben presentarse antes del cierre de operaciones (5:00 p.m.) del segundo día hábil posterior a la presentación de la petición de intervención.

Cualquier persona que busque intervenir en este asunto y también desee comentar sobre la notificación de retención de expertos y consultores de la Procuradora General debe presentar los comentarios a más tardar al cierre de operaciones (5:00 p.m.) del **18 de diciembre de 2020**.

Debido al estado de emergencia en curso, el Departamento llevará a cabo una conferencia de procedimiento virtual sobre este asunto el **7 de enero de 2021** a las 2:00 p.m. El Departamento se comunicará con las partes por separado con instrucciones sobre cómo asistir a la conferencia de procedimiento.

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Por lo general, todas las partes seguirán las Secciones 8.1 y 8.4 de las Reglas básicas estándar del Departamento (D.P.U. 15-184-A, Ap. 1 (4 de marzo de 2020)). Sin embargo, hasta nuevo aviso, las partes deben conservar la versión en papel original y el Departamento determinará más adelante cuándo se debe presentar la versión en papel al Secretario del Departamento.

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El Estado de Massachusetts DEPARTAMENTO DE SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS

NOTIFICACIÓN DE PRESENTACIÓN, AUDIENCIAS PÚBLICAS Y CONFERENCIA DE PROCEDIMIENTO

D.P.U. 20-120

24 de noviembre de 2020

Petición de Boston Gas Company, que opera como National Grid, de conformidad con G.L. c. 164, § 94 y 220 CMR 5.00, para la aprobación de un aumento general en las tarifas de distribución base para el servicio de gas y un plan tarifario basado en el desempeño.

El 13 de noviembre de 2020, Boston Gas Company ("Boston Gas"), que opera como National Grid ("National Grid" o "Compañía"), presentó una petición ante el Departamento de Servicios Públicos ("Departamento") para un aumento en tarifas de distribución de gas. El Departamento ha registrado este asunto como D.P.U. 20-120 y ha suspendido la fecha de vigencia del aumento de tarifas propuesto hasta el 1 de octubre de 2021, para investigar la idoneidad de la solicitud de la Compañía. La Compañía declara que implementará cualquier cambio en las tarifas a partir del 1 de noviembre de 2021. La última vez que la Compañía recibió un aumento en las tarifas de distribución fue en Boston Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 17-170 (2018).

National Grid busca incrementar sus tarifas para generar \$220,736,830 en ingresos adicionales. La Compañía propone transferir \$81,908,027 recuperados a través del Programa de Mejora del Sistema de Gas ("GSEP") a las tarifas de distribución base a partir del 1 de octubre de 2021. Debido a que hay un retraso en la recuperación a través del GSEP, sin embargo, la Compañía propone no recuperar completamente el saldo restante en el GSEP hasta el 1 de mayo de 2022. Con base en estas propuestas relacionadas con GSEP, el aumento general propuesto a los ingresos por distribución es de \$138,828,803, que según la Compañía representa un aumento incremental del 18.1 por ciento en los ingresos por distribución.

La Compañía también propone implementar un mecanismo de determinación de tarifas basado en el desempeño ("PBR") que permitiría a National Grid ajustar sus tarifas de distribución base anualmente mediante la aplicación de una fórmula de tope de ingresos y establecer un conjunto de métricas para evaluar el desempeño de la Compañía. La Compañía propone implementar el plan PBR por cinco años con posibilidad de extensión. Además, la presentación de National Grid contiene cuatro programas de demostración que, según afirma la Compañía, están destinados a promover los objetivos de emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero de la Commonwealth. Se puede encontrar información adicional sobre estas y todas las demás propuestas en la presentación de la Compañía.

En Boston Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 19-69 (2019), el Departamento aprobó la consolidación de Boston Gas y Colonial Gas Company ("Colonial Gas"). En la presentación actual, National Grid propone combinar el requisito de ingresos para las dos compañías, aunque Boston Gas y Colonial Gas continuarán manteniendo tarifas separadas.

National Grid establece que si su petición es aprobada según lo solicitado, el aumento de ingresos propuesto tendrá los siguientes efectos desde el 1 de noviembre de 2021 hasta el 30 de abril de 2022:

Para los clientes de Boston Gas, la Compañía declara:

- un cliente residencial típico sin calefacción que usa 94 termias por año experimentará un aumento anual en la factura de \$16.55, o 6.2 por ciento;
- un cliente típico de calefacción residencial que usa 871 termias por año experimentará un aumento anual en la factura de \$122.49, o nueve por ciento; y
- la mayoría de los clientes comerciales e industriales ("C&I") experimentarán aumentos anuales en el rango de uno por ciento a 13.4 por ciento, dependiendo de su clasificación de tarifas y nivel de uso de termias.

Para los clientes anteriores de Colonial Gas, la Compañía declara:

- un cliente residencial típico sin calefacción que usa 76 termias por año experimentará un aumento anual en la factura de \$30.39, o 14.4 por ciento;
- un cliente típico de calefacción residencial que usa 795 termias por año experimentará un aumento anual en la factura de \$106.50, o 9.5 por ciento; y
- los clientes de C&I experimentarán aumentos anuales en el rango del 8.6 por ciento al 39.8 por ciento, dependiendo de su clasificación de tarifas y el nivel de uso de termias.

La Compañía declara que la recuperación estimada del saldo restante en el GSEP el 1 de mayo de 2022 reduciría los aumentos en las facturas que los clientes experimentarían después del cambio de tarifas propuesto por la Compañía el 1 de noviembre de 2021, dependiendo de su clasificación de tarifas y uso. Además, los impactos en las facturas de los clientes de C&I variarían según la clasificación de tarifas y el nivel de uso. Para impactos específicos, comuníquese con la Compañía como se indica a continuación.

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Take a deep dive into some of the best films from Black filmmakers

By CHRIS HEWITT
Tribune News Service

Julie Dash launched her career with the widely acclaimed “Daughters of the Dust” in 1991 and has only made one movie since. Charles Burnett’s “Killer of Sheep” made a huge splash in 1978, but he has struggled to complete a handful of features since then.

Dash’s lyrical fable and Burnett’s tough-minded drama are nothing alike, but they do have one thing in common: Both overlooked filmmakers are Black.

Even getting their debut features into the Library of Congress’ National Film Registry, which lists just 775 movies of historic and artistic importance, hasn’t made it easier for those two in Hollywood, and they’re not alone. Only in the past few years have directors such as Regina King (“One Night in Miami,” in theaters and streaming now); Barry Jenkins (the Oscar-winning “Moonlight”); Jordan Peele (“Get Out”); and others begun to chip away at inequities demonstrated by a 2019 study that found that only 6% of the movies in the previous 12 years were directed by Black artists. (Sixteen of 2018’s top 100 films were made by Black directors, a high-water mark that doubled the previous peak.)

In other words, it has never been easy for a Black artist to make a career as a director in Hollywood. If their name wasn’t Spike Lee, it was impossible until quite recently — and if the filmmaker was a woman, the situation was even worse. Of the 1,200 movies included in the study, five were made by Black women.

That lack of representation hurts artists, obviously, but movie fans are also missing out on the stories that they could tell. In more than 50 years on screen, Morgan Freeman said he’s only played a couple of love scenes. Where is Viola Davis’ rom-com? Burnett hasn’t made a feature in 14 years (although he’s currently at work on a doc called “After the Lockdown: Black in L.A.”). And the idea of a Black James Bond such as Idris Elba or Rege-Jean Page remains controversial.

We’ll never know what Dash would have produced if she’d been able to make features instead of shifting to commercials that paid the bills. What we do know is that against the odds, Black directors have produced many singular works, way too many to note in this space.

In addition to those named above, here are seven greats worth getting your hands on:



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Michael Ward and Amarah-Jae St-Aubyn star in “Lovers Rock,” one of the five movies in Steve McQueen’s “Small Axe” anthology.

‘Fruitvale Station’ (2013)

Ryan Coogler has made three features, all starring Michael B. Jordan and all landmarks (the others are “Black Panther” and the terrific “Rocky” sequel “Creed”). His toughest and most political work, this Sundance Award winner finds a measure of hope in the fact-based, sickeningly suspenseful account of the last day of Oscar Grant III, who was killed by police at an Oakland light-rail station in the first hours of 2009.

‘Eve’s Bayou’ (1997)

Another entry in the National Film Registry, “Eve’s Bayou” introduced moviegoers to Jurnee Smollett, who was 10 when she made it and most recently starred in HBO’s “Lovecraft Country.” Kasi Lemmons’ supernatural-tinged family drama uses its bayou setting to bring a mythic quality to the story of Eve, whose child’s view of the world is shattered by a series of confusing events. The standout cast includes Samuel L. Jackson, Diahann Carroll, Debbi Morgan, Lynn Whitfield, Penumbra Theatre artist Roger Guenveur Smith and Branford Marsalis.

‘13th’ (2016)

If anything, Ava DuVernay’s nonfiction movie, which can be viewed for free on YouTube, is more relevant now than when it was released. Named for the amendment that abolished slavery, it contends that slavery has continued to flourish in the form of the prison system, which disproportionately punishes Black Americans and allows for a newer form of involuntary servitude.

‘Lovers Rock’ (2020)

Is “Small Axe,” Steve McQueen’s five-part project for Amazon, a quintet of movies or a TV series? I lean toward the former, since the parts are separate stories, but let’s just call it “great.” The best is this ecstatic romance, nearly all of which takes place at a 1980 house party where Black

Brits dance, eat, sing “Silly Games” and smooch. It’s one of last year’s sexiest movies, and particularly in a scene choreographed to “Kung Fu Fighting,” one of its most joyful.

‘Boy n the Hood’ (1991)

One way to gauge the impact of a movie: Virtually everyone involved in it ended up becoming a star, including Cuba Gooding Jr., Angela Bassett, Morris Chestnut, Ice Cube, Regina King, Nia Long and writer/director John Singleton. The late Singleton’s first film, a riveting drama about the toll racism takes on a Los Angeles community, also made him the first Black person nominated for the best director Oscar.

‘I Like It Like That’ (1994)

A vibrant debut like this romantic comedy/drama would usually lead to conquering the movie business, but Darnell Martin has made just three features since becoming the first female African American director ever hired by a studio. That could be her choice — she’s been incredibly successful directing TV, including “Law and Order” and “Zoey’s Extraordinary Playlist” — but the movies could use more of the fresh, quirky energy she gave the tale of Lisette (the extraordinary Lauren Velez), who realizes she must take the reins of her struggling family.

‘Tongues Untied’ (1989)

Google “gay Black filmmaker,” and you get Marlon Riggs. The late writer/director was way ahead of his time in depicting the racism and homophobia that affect Black men who love each other. “Tongues Untied” is a poetic essay that uses literary and conversational excerpts as a free-flowing kind of narration. It’s a documentary, if you need to classify it, and Riggs’ experimental moviemaking has heavily influenced later works such as the Oscar-nominated “I Am Not Your Negro” and even Blood Orange’s song “With Him.”

Stars return to inauguration, with J. Lo, Gaga set to perform

By JOCELYN NOVECK
Associated Press

The A-list is back. How A-list? Try Lady Gaga and J. Lo.

Inauguration officials have announced that the glittery duo will appear in person on Jan. 20, with Gaga singing the national anthem as Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are sworn in on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol and Jennifer Lopez giving a musical performance.

Foo Fighters, John Legend and Bruce Springsteen will offer remote performances, and Eva Longoria and Kerry Washington will introduce segments of the event.

Later that day, Tom Hanks will host a 90-minute prime-time TV special celebrating Biden’s inauguration. Other performers include Justin Timberlake, Jon Bon Jovi, Demi Lovato and Ant Clemons.

Despite a raging pandemic that is forcing most inaugural events online, it was a sign that Hollywood was back and eager to embrace the new president-elect four years after many big names stayed away from the inauguration of President Donald Trump, hugely unpopular in Hollywood.

The question: How would the star wattage play across the country as Biden seeks to



Lady Gaga will sing the national anthem at Joe Biden’s presidential inauguration on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol when Biden is sworn in as the nation’s 46th president on Wednesday.

Andrew Harnik/
Associated Press

unite a bruised nation? Eric Dezenhall, a Washington crisis management consultant and former Reagan administration official, predicted reaction would fall “along tribal lines.”

“I think it all comes down to the reinforcement of preexisting beliefs,” Dezenhall said. “If you’re a Biden supporter, it’s nice to see Lady Gaga perform.” But, he added, “what rallied Trump supporters was the notion of an uber-elite that had nothing to do at all with them and that they couldn’t relate to.”

Presidential historian Tevi Troy quipped that the starry Gaga-J. Lo lineup was not A-list, but D-list — “for Democratic.”

“When Democrats win, you get the more standard celebrities,” said Troy, author of “What Jefferson Read, Ike Watched and Obama Tweeted: 200 Years of Popular Culture in the White House.”

“With Republicans, you tend to get country music

stars and race-car drivers.” Referring to Lady Gaga’s outspoken support for the Biden-Harris ticket, he said he was nostalgic for the days when celebrities were not so political.

“Call me a hopeless romantic, but I liked the old days when Bob Hope or Frank Sinatra would come to these events and they were not overtly political,” he said.

Still, he said, Biden’s unity message won’t be derailed. “In the end, I don’t think having Lady Gaga or J. Lo is all that divisive,” he said.

Attendance at the inauguration will be severely limited, due to both the pandemic and fears of continued violence, following last week’s storming of the Capitol.

Outside the official events, one of the more prominent galas each inauguration is The Creative Coalition’s quadrennial ball, a benefit for arts education. This year, the ball is entirely virtual.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

D.P.U. 20-120

November 24, 2020

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- Most commercial and industrial (“C&I”) customers will experience annual increases in the range of one percent to 13.4 percent, depending on their rate classification and level of therm usage.

For Former Colonial Gas Customers, the Company states:

- a typical residential non-heating customer using 76 therms per year will experience an annual bill increase of \$30.39, or 14.4 percent;
- a typical residential heating customer using 795 therms per year will experience an annual bill increase of \$106.50, or 9.5 percent; and
- C&I customers will experience annual increases in the range of 8.6 percent to 39.8 percent, depending on their rate classification and level of therm usage.

The Company states that the estimated recovery of the remaining balance in the GSEP on May 1, 2022, would reduce the bill increases customers experience after the Company’s proposed rates change on November 1, 2021, depending upon their rate classification and usage. In addition, bill impacts for C&I customers will vary depending upon their rate classification and level of usage. For specific impacts, please contact the Company as indicated below.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (“Attorney General”) has filed a notice of intervention in this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E. Further, pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the Attorney General has filed a notice of retention of experts and consultants to assist in her investigation of the Company’s filing, and has requested Department approval to spend up to \$550,000 in this regard. Pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the costs incurred by the Attorney General relative to her retention of experts and consultants may be recovered in the Company’s rates.

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 inperson events, the Department will conduct two virtual public hearings to receive comments on the Company’s petition. The Department will conduct the hearings using Zoom videoconferencing on **January 26, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and January 28, 2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m.** Attendees can join the January 26, 2021 hearing by entering the link, <https://zoom.us/j/98694278163>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. Attendees can join the January 28, 2021 hearing by entering the link, <https://zoom.us/j/96160228604>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet.

When using the Zoom platform, you will be able to listen to the hearing 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 (e.g., English or Spanish).

For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at (312) 626-6799 (not toll free) for the January 26, 2021 hearing and then enter the Webinar ID# 986 9427 8163. Attendees can dial the same number for the January 28, 2021 hearing and then enter the Webinar ID# 961 6022 8604

If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom or via phone during the public hearings, please send an email by **January 22, 2021**, with your name, email address, and mailing address to marc.tassone@mass.gov.

The Department also will accept written comments on the Company’s petition. Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **January 29, 2021**. At this time, all filings must be submitted only in electronic format in recognition of the difficulty that parties and the Department may have filing and receiving original copies because of the ongoing state of emergency (please see further filing instructions below).

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene no later than 5:00 p.m. on **December 18, 2020**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 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 CMR 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 CMR 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10. All responses to petitions to intervene must be filed by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the second business day after the petition to intervene was filed.

Any person who seeks to intervene in this matter and also desires to comment on the Attorney General’s notice of retention of experts and consultants must file the comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **December 18, 2020**.

Due to the ongoing state of emergency, the Department will conduct a virtual procedural conference in this matter on **January 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** The Department will contact the parties under separate cover with instructions on how to attend the procedural conference.

All documents submitted to the Department pursuant to this Notice must be submitted in **pdf format** by email attachment to peter.ray@mass.gov and marc.tassone@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceedings (D.P.U. 20-120); (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>. Importantly, all large files submitted must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20 MB. A copy of any documents submitted to the Department also should be emailed to the Company’s attorney Cheryl M. Kimball, Esq. at ckimball@keeganwerlin.com.

Ordinarily, all parties would follow Sections B.1 and B.4 of the Department’s Standard Ground Rules (D.P.U. 15-184-A, App. 1 (March 4, 2020)); until further notice, however, parties must retain the original paper version and the Department will later determine when the paper version must be filed with the Department Secretary.

Due to the ongoing state of emergency, a paper copy of the Company’s filing or the Attorney General’s notice of retention of experts and consultants will not be available for public viewing at the Company’s offices, the Department’s offices, or at any location (e.g., public library, town hall) within the Company’s service area. All documents, pleadings and filings submitted to the Department or issued by the Department related to these proceedings will be available on the Department’s website at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter “20-120”). To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department’s ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Company’s filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Cheryl M. Kimball at (617) 951-1400 or ckimball@keeganwerlin.com. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Marc J. Tassone, Hearing Officer, at marc.tassone@mass.gov.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

Take notice, they could affect you!

PUBLIC NOTICES

ALIGN CREDIT UNION ANNUAL MEETING

When: Tuesday, January 26th, 2021

Where: Virtual Meeting held via GoToMeeting

To register to attend: E-mail Marketing@AlignCU.com by January 22nd, 2021

Time: 5:00 PM

Purpose of Meeting:

1. To vote the monthly dividend on full Regular Shares in effect December 31, 2020 at a rate of 0.25%
2. To vote the maximum amount to be loaned to any one member per statute.
3. To elect three (3) Directors for a three (3) year term.
4. To act upon any other business that may be brought before this meeting.

ET - 01/18/2021, SN - 01/18/2021, NT - 01/18/2021

CITY OF BEVERLY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION AND PETITION:

Thomas and Ann Wilder

In a petition for a request for a Variance to construct a 12'x16' screen covered patio with a rear setback of 22.7' where 25' is required. The property is located at 6 Gary Avenue in the R10 zoning district.

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 7pm remotely. Please see calendar on City website for remote access and participation information.

Leanna Harris,
Administrative Assistant
Zoning Board of Appeals
SN - 01/11, 01/18/21

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF BEVERLY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Pursuant to the Regulations and procedures set forth in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131 § 40, (the Wetlands Protection Act) and Beverly's Wetlands Ordinance, c. 287, a public hearing will be held on: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., or at a time thereafter at which this agenda item is reached, relative to a Notice of Intent, filed by: Edge Cable Holdings USA, LLC c/o Kevin Salvadori, to install a fiber optic telecommunications submarine cable system within Offshore waters/ Atlantic Ocean. The work will occur within the Land Containing Shellfish and Land Under the Ocean.

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Jenna Pirrotta
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SN - 1/18/2021

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PUBLIC NOTICES

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Patrick A. Chasse N/K/A Patrick A. Chasse Sr. and Michelle L. Chasse to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for EquiFirst Corporation, dated August 25, 2006 and recorded in Essex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 26054, Page 550 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-EFC2 is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for EquiFirst Corporation, its successors and/or assigns to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-EFC2 dated April 28, 2014 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 33275, Page 012, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 14 Cleveland Street, Salem, MA 01970 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on February 8, 2021, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Salem, Essex County, Massachusetts, together with the buildings thereon, situated on Cleveland Street and shown as Lot B on a plan entitled "Subdivision Plan of Land located in Salem, Mass. Prepared by Eastern Land Survey Associates, Christopher R. Mell, PLS 104 Lowell Street, Peabody, MA 01960, Scale 1"=20" dated May 25, 2001", and recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 356, Page 43.

Being the same premises conveyed to Patrick A. Chasse and Michelle L. Chasse from Linda Marie Raby, Dianne Michelle Pero, Arthur Joseph Raby and Steven Michael Raby dated November 17, 1996 recorded in Book 13866, Page 515 with the Essex South Registry of Deeds.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Essex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 13866, Page 515.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee's) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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(978) 256-1500

SN - 1/18, 1/25, 2/1/21

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 282 Lynnfield Street, Peabody, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Stephen Souland to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Neighborhood Mortgage Acceptance Company LLC, said mortgage dated September 13, 2011, and recorded in the Essex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 30668 at Page 319 and now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust, by virtue of an assignment from Citibank, N.A., as trustee for CMLTI Asset Trust, to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust, dated June 17, 2019 and recorded Book 37627 Page 178 in the Essex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds, previously assigned by U.S. Bank Trust, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, to Citibank, N.A., as trustee for CMLTI Asset Trust, by virtue of an assignment dated September 11, 2018 and recorded in Book 37029 at Page 1 in the Essex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds, previously assigned by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, by virtue of an assignment dated July 21, 2016 and recorded in Book 35326 at Page 102 in the Essex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds, previously assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Neighborhood Mortgage Acceptance Company, Limited Liability Company, to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., by virtue of an assignment dated April 9, 2014 and recorded in Book 33215 at Page 260 in the Essex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on February 9, 2021 at 12:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon in Peabody, Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly by a way leading from Lynnfield Street about fifty-five (55.00) feet; Northwesterly by land now or formerly of Little about one hundred ninety-eight (198.00) feet; Northeasterly by land now or formerly of Abot about fifty-five (55.00) feet and Southeasterly by land now or formerly of Howard about one hundred ninety-eight (198.00) feet.

Being the same premises as described as Deed recorded in Book 15836, Page 255.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title, see deed dated 7/22/1999, and recorded in Book 15836 at Page 255 with the Essex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC
270 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032
Attorney for Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust
Present Holder of the Mortgage
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SN 1/18, 1/25, 2/1/21

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Mark and Jaclyn Braatz

In a petition for a request for a Variance to replace a rear addition and deck with a 1-story addition and to add a 3rd story to an existing nonconforming dwelling with a right side setback less than 1/2 of what is required. Additions will be no closer to the property lines than the existing structure. The property is located at 37 Crescent Avenue in the R10 zoning district.

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WHO chief lambasts vaccine profits, demands elderly go first

By Jamey Keaten
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Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus kicked off the WHO's week-long executive board meeting — virtually from its headquarters in Geneva — by lamenting that one poor country received a mere 25 vaccine doses while over 39 million doses have been administered in nearly 50 richer nations.

"Just 25 doses have been given in one lowest income country — not 25 million, not 25,000 — just 25. I need to be blunt: The world is on the brink of a catastrophic moral failure," Tedros said. He did not specify the country, but a WHO spokeswoman identified it as Guinea.

"It's right that all governments want to prioritize vaccinating their own health workers and older people first," he said. "But it's not right that younger, healthier adults in rich countries are vaccinated before health workers and older people in poorer countries. There will be enough vaccine for everyone."

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A man receives the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination against COVID-19 at a vaccination center in Bayonne, southwestern France.

an who goes by his first name, nonetheless hailed the scientific achievement behind rolling out coronavirus vaccines less than a year after the pandemic erupted in China, where a WHO-backed team has now been deployed to look into origins of the coronavirus.

"Vaccines are the shot in the arm we all need, literally and figuratively," Tedros said. "But we now face the real danger that even as vaccines bring hope to some, they become another brick in the wall of inequality between the worlds of the world's haves and have-nots."

He noted the WHO-backed COVAX program, which aims to get vaccines out to all countries, rich or poor, based on need, has so far secured 2 billion vaccine doses from five producers and options on a billion doses more.

"We aim to start deliver-

ies in February," he said. "COVAX is ready to deliver what it was created for."

That target date could be a tall order, because a key producer of vaccines for the developing world — the Serum Institute of India — has not confirmed a date and predicted that its rollout might not happen before March or April.

In his opening remarks, Tedros aired some of his toughest public words yet toward vaccine makers, criticizing "bilateral deals" between them and countries that the WHO says can deplete the effectiveness of the COVAX facility — and went further to raise the issue of profits.

"The situation is compounded by the fact that most manufacturers have prioritized regulatory approval in rich countries, where the profits are highest, rather than submitting full dossiers to WHO," he said.

Israel trades Pfizer doses for medical data in vaccine blitz

By Ilan Ben Zion
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JERUSALEM — After sprinting ahead in the race to inoculate its population against the coronavirus, Israel has struck a deal with Pfizer, promising to share vast troves of medical data with the international drug giant in exchange for the continued flow of its hard-to-get vaccine.

Proponents say the deal could allow Israel to become the first country to vaccinate most of its population, while providing valuable research that could help the rest of the world. But critics say the deal raises major ethical concerns, including possible privacy violations and a deepening of the global divide that enables wealthy countries to stockpile vaccines as poorer populations, including Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza, have to wait longer to be inoculated.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu — who is stumping ahead of the country's March elections as Israel's vaccinator-in-chief — said earlier this month that he reached the deal with Pfizer's chief executive to

speed up vaccine deliveries to Israel.

"Israel will be a global model state," he said. "Israel will share with Pfizer and with the entire world the statistical data that will help develop strategies for defeating the coronavirus."

Israeli Health Minister Yuli Edelstein told The Associated Press the government will turn over data to "see how it influences, first of all, the level of the disease in Israel, the possibility to open the economy, different aspects of social life, and whether there are any effects of the vaccination."

Pfizer's vaccine, developed with German partner BioNTech, has received emergency approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the European Union's regulatory agency and is believed to provide up to 95 percent protection against COVID-19. But much remains unknown, including its long-term protection and whether it can prevent transmission of the virus.

Israel, home to some 9.3 million people, is considered an ideal place for studying these questions. Its mandatory universal health care is provided

by four publicly funded HMOs with meticulously digitized medical records. This centralized system has helped Israel administer more than 2 million doses of the vaccine in under a month. Israel has also purchased doses of the Moderna and Astra-Zeneca vaccines.

The inoculation blitz is a matter of national pride. It also is at the center of Netanyahu's reelection campaign as he seeks to deflect attention from his ongoing corruption trial, Israel's deep economic crisis and the latest virus surge.

The Health Ministry has recorded over 551,000 cases since the beginning of the pandemic and more than 4,000 deaths. Israeli officials say they aim to have most of the country vaccinated by the end of March, just around election day.

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Israelis receive the second Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, in Netanya, Israel.

Biden names 2 more picks

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■ Shoppers wearing face masks to help curb the spread of the coronavirus walk past the Chinese toy-maker POP Mart display booth at a shopping mall in Beijing last month.

China economy grew in 2020 as rebound from virus accelerated

By Joe McDonald
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIJING — China eked out 2.3 percent economic growth in 2020, likely becoming the only major economy to expand as shops and factories reopened relatively early from a shutdown to fight the coronavirus while the United States, Japan and Europe struggled with rising infections.

Growth in the three months ending in December rose to 6.5 percent over a year earlier as consumers returned to shopping malls, restaurants and cinemas, official data showed Monday. That was up from the previous quarter's 4.9 percent and stronger than many forecasters expected.

In early 2020, activity contracted by 6.8 percent in the first quarter as the ruling Communist Party took the then-unprecedented step of shutting down most of its economy to fight the virus. The following quarter, China became the first major country to grow again with a 3.2 percent expansion after the party declared victory over the virus in March and allowed factories, shops and offices to reopen.

Restaurants are filling up while cinemas and retailers struggle to lure customers back. Crowds are thin at shopping malls, where guards check visitors for signs of the disease's tell-tale fever.

Domestic tourism is reviving, though authorities have urged the public to stay home during the Lunar New Year holiday in February, normally the busiest travel season, in response to a spate of new infections in some Chinese cities.

Exports have been boosted by demand for Chinese-made masks and other medical goods.

The growing momentum "reflected improving private consumption expenditure as well as buoyant net exports," said Rajiv Biswas of IHS Markit in a report. He said China is likely to be the only major economy to grow in 2020 while developed countries and most major emerging markets were in recession.

The economy "recovered



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■ Workers arrange face masks at a factory in China's Hebei province on Jan. 8.

steadily" and "living standards were ensured forcefully," the National Bureau of Statistics said in a statement. It said the ruling party's development goals were "accomplished better than expectation" but gave no details.

2020 was China's weakest growth in decades and below 1990's 3.9 percent following the crackdown on the Tiananmen Square pro-democracy movement, which led to China's international isolation.

Despite growth for the year, "it is too early to conclude that this is a full recovery," said Iris Pang of ING in a report. "External demand has not yet fully recovered. This is a big hurdle."

Exporters and high-tech manufacturers face uncertainty about how President-elect Joseph Biden will handle conflicts with Beijing over trade, technology and security. His predecessor, Donald Trump, hurt exporters by hiking tariffs on Chinese goods and manufacturers including telecom equipment giant Huawei by imposing curbs on access to U.S. components and technology.

"We expect the newly elected U.S. government will continue most of the current policies on China, at least for the first quarter," Pang said.

The International Monetary Fund and private sector forecasters expect economic growth to rise further this year to above 8 percent.

China's quick recovery

brought it closer to matching the United States in economic output.

Total activity in 2020 was \$15.6 trillion, according to the government. That is about 75 percent the size of the \$20.8 trillion forecast by the IMF for the U.S. economy, which is expected to shrink by 4.3 percent from 2019. The IMF estimates China will be 90 percent of the size of the U.S. economy by 2025, though with more than four times as many people average income will be lower.

Exports rose 3.6 percent last year despite the tariff war with Washington. Exporters took market share from foreign competitors that still faced anti-virus restrictions.

Retail spending contracted by 3.9 percent over 2019 but gained 4.6 percent in December over a year earlier as demand revived. Consumer spending recovered to above the previous year's levels in the quarter ending in September.

Online sales of consumer goods rose 14.8 percent as millions of families who were ordered to stay home shifted to buying groceries and clothing on the internet.

Factory output rose 2.8 percent over 2019. Activity accelerated toward the end of the year. Production rose 7.3 percent in December.

Despite travel controls imposed for some areas after new cases flared this month most of the country is unaffected.

Authorities: Man lived inside Chicago airport for 3 months

By Christy Gutowski
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — A California man who police said claimed to be too afraid to fly due to COVID-19 hid out for three months in a secured area of O'Hare International Airport until his weekend arrest, prosecutors said Sunday.

Aditya Singh, 36, is charged with felony criminal trespass to a restricted area of an airport and misdemeanor theft.

In bond court Sunday, prosecutors said Singh arrived at O'Hare on a flight from Los Angeles on Oct. 19 and allegedly has lived in the airport's security zone ever since, without detection.

Cook County Judge Susana Ortiz reacted incredulously Sunday after a prosecutor detailed the allegations.

"So if I understand you correctly," Ortiz said, "you're telling me that an unauthorized, nonemployee individual was allegedly living within a secure part of the O'Hare airport terminal from Oct. 19, 2020, to Jan. 16, 2021, and was not detected? I want to understand you correctly."

Early Saturday afternoon, two United Airlines employees approached Singh and asked to see his identification.

Assistant State's Attorney Kathleen Hagerty said Singh lowered his face mask and showed them an airport ID badge that he was wearing around his neck.

The badge actually belonged to an operations manager who had reported it missing Oct. 26.

The two United Airlines employees called 911.

Police took Singh into custody Saturday morning in Terminal 2 near Gate F12.

Hagerty said Singh reportedly found the badge in the airport and was scared to go home due to COVID. She told the judge other passengers were giving him food.

Singh lives in the Los Angeles suburb of Orange with roommates and does not have a criminal background, according to Assistant Public Defender Courtney Smallwood.

She said he has a master's degree in hospitality and is unemployed.

Smallwood acknowledged the circumstances were unusual but noted the allegations were nonviolent.

It was unclear what brought Singh to Chicago and if he has any ties to the area.

As a condition of bail, Ortiz barred Singh from stepping foot in the airport again if he is able to post the \$1,000 he needs for his release.

He is due back in court Jan. 27.

"The court finds these facts and circumstances quite shocking for the alleged period of time that this occurred," the judge said.

"Being in a secured part of the airport under a fake ID badge allegedly, based upon the need for airports to be absolutely secure so that people feel safe to travel, I do find those alleged actions do make him a danger to the community."

Parler website back online with 'lovers and haters' note

By David Matthews
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

The website for Parler, the social media app popular with right-wing groups, returned to the internet Sunday afternoon with a message for the company's lovers and haters.

"Now seems like the right time to remind you all — both lovers and haters — why we started this platform," the message reads. "We believe privacy is paramount and free speech essential, especially on social media. Our aim has

always been to provide a non-partisan public square where individuals can enjoy and exercise their rights to both. We will resolve any challenge before us and plan to welcome all of you back soon. We will not let civil discourse perish!"

Parler, which refers to itself as a free speech alternative to Twitter, was booted out of the Apple App Store and the Google Play store and kicked off of Amazon Web Services last week after the Jan. 6 Capitol riot in Washington, D.C.

According to CNN, Parler

is now hosted by Epik, which supports Gab and 8chan, which are popular among far-right groups because of their lax moderation standards.

Parler filed an anti-trust lawsuit against Amazon last week after AWS cut off Parler's service, but Amazon fired back, defending its decision because Parler had shown an unwillingness and inability to remove violent content.

Several Parler users encouraged bloodshed during the D.C. riot.

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Public Notice

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to collocate wireless communications antennas on a building with an overall height of 93 feet at the approx. vicinity of 220 Pawtucket Street, Lowell, Middlesex County, MA 01854. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Kayla, k.lauer@trileaf.com, 8600 LaSalle Road, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21286, 410-853-7128.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Middlesex Division Docket No. M120P5846EA INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Estate of: Erin Michelle Jordan Also Known As: Erin M. Jordan Date of Death: November 03, 2020

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Megan K Jordan of Lowell MA. A will has been admitted to informal probate. Megan K Jordan of Lowell MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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LEGAL NOTICE
The CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH in NORTH CHELMSFORD located at 15 Princeton St., North Chelmsford, MA 01863, WILL HOLD IT'S ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021, AT 7:30pm VIA remote meeting using ZOOM platform <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86584130780> as well as IN-PERSON in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts March 10, 2020 Order suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Section 20. Judy A. Metz, Clerk.

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Align Credit Union Annual Meeting
When: Tuesday, January 26th, 2021
Where: Virtual Meeting held via GoToMeeting
To register to attend: E-mail Marketing@AlignCU.com by January 22nd, 2021)
Time: 5:00 PM
Purpose of Meeting:
1. To vote the monthly dividend on full Regular Shares in effect December 31, 2020 at a rate of 0.25%.
2. To vote the maximum amount to be loaned to any one member per statute.
3. To elect three (3) Directors for a three (3) year term.
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

D.P.U. 20-120

November 24, 2020

Petition of Boston Gas Company, doing business as National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.00, for Approval of a General Increase in Base Distribution Rates for Gas Service and a Performance-Based Rate-making Plan.

On November 13, 2020, Boston Gas Company ("Boston Gas"), doing business as National Grid ("National Grid" or "Company"), filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for an increase in gas distribution rates. The Department has deemed this matter as D.P.U. 20-120 and has suspended the effective date of the proposed rate increase until October 1, 2021, to investigate the propriety of the Company's request. The Company represents that it will implement any change in rates beginning November 1, 2021. The Company has last granted an increase in distribution rates in Boston Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 17-170 (2018).

National Grid seeks to increase its rates to generate \$220,736,830 in additional revenues. The Company proposes to transfer \$81,908,027 recovered through the Gas System Enhancement Program ("GSEP") to base distribution rates, effective October 1, 2021. Because there is a delay in recovery through the GSEP, however, the Company proposes to not fully recover the remaining balance in the GSEP until May 1, 2022. Based on these GSEP-related proposals, the proposed overall increase to distribution revenues is \$138,828,803, which the Company states represents an 18.1 percent incremental increase in distribution revenue.

The Company also proposes to implement a performance-based rate-making ("PBR") mechanism that would allow National Grid to adjust its base distribution rates on an annual basis through the application of a revenue-cap formula and to put in place a set of metrics to evaluate the Company's performance. The Company proposes to implement the PBR plan for five years with the possibility for extension. Additionally, National Grid's filing contains four demonstration programs that the Company states are intended to further the Commonwealth's greenhouse gas emissions goals. Additional information regarding these and all other proposals can be found in the Company's filing.

In Boston Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 19-69 (2019), the Department approved the consolidation of Boston Gas and Colonial Gas Company ("Colonial Gas"). In the instant filing, National Grid proposes to combine the revenue requirement for the two companies, although Boston Gas and Colonial Gas will continue to maintain separate rates.

National Grid states that if its petition is approved as requested, the proposed revenue increase will have the following effects from November 1, 2021, through April 30, 2022:

For Boston Gas Customers, the Company states:

- a typical residential non-heating customer using 94 therms per year will experience an annual bill increase of \$10.55, or 6.2 percent;
- a typical residential heating customer using 871 therms per year will experience an annual bill increase of \$12.49, or nine percent;
- Most commercial and industrial ("C&I") customers will experience annual increases in the range of one percent to 13.4 percent, depending on their rate classification and level of therm usage.

For Former Colonial Gas Customers, the Company states:

- a typical residential non-heating customer using 76 therms per year will experience an annual bill increase of \$30.39, or 14.4 percent;
- a typical residential heating customer using 795 therms per year will experience an annual bill increase of \$106.50, or 9.5 percent; and
- C&I customers will experience annual increases in the range of 8.6 percent to 39.8 percent, depending on their rate classification and level of therm usage.

The Company states that the estimated recovery of the remaining balance in the GSEP on May 1, 2022, would reduce the bill increases customers experience after the Company's proposed rates change on November 1, 2021, depending upon their rate classification and usage. In addition, bill impacts for C&I customers will vary depending upon their rate classification and level of usage. For specific impacts, please contact the Company as indicated below.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("Attorney General") has filed a notice of intervention in this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E, further, pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the Attorney General has filed a notice of retention of experts and consultants to assist in her investigation of the Company's filing, and has requested Department approval to spend up to \$550,000 in this regard. Pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the costs incurred by the Attorney General relative to her retention of experts and consultants may be recovered in the Company's rates.

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 two virtual public hearings to receive comments on the Company's petition. The Department will conduct the hearings using Zoom videoconferencing on **January 26, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m., and January 28, 2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m.** Attendees can join the January 26, 2021 hearing by entering the link, <https://zoom.us/j/98909278163>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. Attendees can join the January 28, 2021 hearing by entering the link, <https://zoom.us/j/96160228604>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet.

When using the Zoom platform, you will be able to listen to the hearing 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 hearing language (e.g., English or Spanish).

For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at (312)-626-6799 (toll toll free) for the January 26, 2021 hearing and then enter the Webinar ID# 986-9427-8163. Attendees can dial the same number for the January 28, 2021 hearing and then enter the Webinar ID# 961-6022-8604.

If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom or via phone during the public hearings, please send an e-mail by **January 22, 2021**, with your name, e-mail address, and mailing address to marc.tassone@mass.gov.

The Department also will accept written comments on the Company's petition. Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **January 29, 2021**. At this time, all filings must be submitted only in electronic form in recognition of the difficulty that parties and the Department may have filing and receiving original copies because of the ongoing state of emergency (please see further filing instructions below).

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene no later than 5:00 p.m. on **December 18, 2020**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 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 CMR 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 CMR 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10. All responses to petitions to intervene must be filed by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the second business day after the petition to intervene was filed.

Any person who seeks to intervene in this matter and also desires to comment on the Attorney General's notice of retention of experts and consultants must file the comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **December 18, 2020**.

Due to the ongoing state of emergency, the Department will conduct a virtual procedural conference in this matter on **January 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** The Department will contact the parties under separate cover with instructions on how to attend the procedural conference.

All documents submitted to the Department pursuant to this Notice must be submitted in **pdf format** by e-mail attachment to petr.ra@mass.gov and marc.tassone@mass.gov. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket numbers of the proceedings (D.P.U. 20-120); (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://dpu.mass.gov/dpu>. Importantly, all large files submitted must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20 MB. A copy of any documents submitted to the Department also should be emailed to the Company's attorney Cheryl M. Kimball, Esq. at ckimball@keeganwerlin.com.

Ordinarily, all parties would follow Sections B.1 and B.4 of the Department's Standard Ground Rules (D.P.U. 15-184-A, App. 1 (March 4, 2020)); until further notice, however, parties must retain the original paper version and the Department will later determine when the paper version must be filed with the Department Secretary.

Due to the ongoing state of emergency, a paper copy of the Company's filing or the Attorney General's notice of retention of experts and consultants will not be available for public viewing at the Company's offices, the Department's offices, or at any location (e.g., public library, town hall) within the Company's service area. All documents, pleadings and filings submitted to the Department or issued by the Department related to these proceedings will be available on the Department's website at <https://ceonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Filesroom/docs/dpynumber> (enter "20-120"). To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at ADA@DPU.Coordinator@mass.gov.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Cheryl M. Kimball at (617) 951-1400 or ckimball@keeganwerlin.com. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Marc J. Tassone, Hearing Officer, at marc.tassone@mass.gov.



Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE
MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Cristiane A. Dasilva Monteiro and Paul Q. Monteiro to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for MortgageIT, Inc., dated May 19, 2006 and recorded in Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20151, Page 193 (the "Mortgage"), as affected by a Reformation Order dated April 16, 2019, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 33034, Page 167 of which mortgage U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Lehman XS Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-16N is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic registration Systems, Inc., its successors and assigns to OneWest Bank, FSB dated April 30, 2009 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 24260, Page 22, and Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for MortgageIT, Inc., its successors and assigns to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the LXS 2006-16N dated December 15, 2011 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 25983, Page 54, and Assignment from OneWest Bank N.A. f/k/a OneWest Bank, FSB n/k/a CIT Bank, National Association to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Lehman XS Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-16N dated November 23, 2015 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 29649, Page 73, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 23 West Fifth Street, Lowell, MA 01852 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on January 26, 2021, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in said Lowell, with the buildings thereon, situated in Lowell, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on the Northeastly side of West Fifth Street, the buildings thereon now supposed to be numbered 23 on said West Fifth Street, and being Lot 17 on a plan of land entitled, "Plan of Land situated in Centralville belonging to Moses Call", dated June 5, 1869, R.W. Baker, C.E., which plan is recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 1, Plan 47, and bounded and described as follows:
BEGINNING at the southerly corner of the premises at said West Fifth Street and at the Westerly corner of Lot 16 on said plan, thence running
NORTHWESTERLY by said West Fifth Street 50 feet to Lot 18, on said plan; thence at a right angle
NORTHEASTERLY by said Lot 18, 86 feet to Lot 11, on said plan; thence at a right angle
SOUTHEASTERLY by said Lot 11, 50 feet to Lot 16, on said plan; thence at a right angle
SOUTHWESTERLY by said Lot 16, 88 feet to the point of beginning.

CONTAINING 4400 square feet, more or less.
For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 13005, Page 126.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.
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January 5, 2021, January 12, 2021, January 19, 2021

TOWN OF LITTLETON
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The Town of Littleton ("Town"), through its Select Board, seeks proposals from qualified individuals and organizations to lease, manage and operate a Town-owned orchard and related structures for agricultural use on approximately 94.18 acres of land located off Nagog Hill Road known as the Nagog Hill Orchard. This Request for Proposals ("RFP") is being issued pursuant to the provisions of the Uniform Procurement Act, M.G.L. c. 30B, § 16. Specifications may be obtained electronically, by emailing jlaydon@littletonma.org, on the Town's website at www.littletonma.org/bids, or in hard copy at the Littleton Town Offices, 37 Shattuck Street, Room 306, Littleton, MA 01460 during the hours of Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Friday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
Proposals must be received by February 19, 2021 no later than 12:00 p.m. and shall be addressed to: Joseph Laydon, Assistant Town Administrator and be clearly marked "Nagog Hill Orchard RFP."
The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Owner pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30B.
JOSEPH LAYDON
ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
LITTLETON, MASSACHUSETTS

January 19 26 2021

TOWN OF TYNGSBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given under the provisions of Chapter 131 Section 40 and Amendments thereto of the Massachusetts General Laws and the Town of Tyngsborough Wetlands Protection By-Law, that the Tyngsborough Conservation Commission will conduct a remote public hearing on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 via The Zoom Meeting Application at 7:00PM. Please visit www.tyngsboroughma.gov/calendar for meeting participation information.
Or call 978-649-2300 x151.
206 Massapoag Rd. (Map 2, Parcel 28-0) – Kym Craven, applicant for a Notice of Intent to repair an existing damaged retaining wall.
33 Phalanx St. (Map 19, Parcel 86-0) – Fred Perrault, applicant for a Notice of Intent to raze an existing dwelling and build a new 1,655 sq. ft. single family dwelling and garage with associated grading and utilities.

Copies of the application may be examined on the Town of Tyngsborough website: <http://www.tyngsboroughma.gov/departments/inspection-services/conservation/>, or by email (pberman@tyngsboroughma.gov).

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Scott Alan Olson, Traci P. Olson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, dated April 18, 2008 and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 22122, Page 273 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, recorded on December 21, 2012, in Book No. 26786, at Page 291 JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to NRZ Pass-Through Trust V, U.S. Bank National Association not in its individual capacity but solely as pass-through trust trustee, recorded on June 2, 2016, in Book No. 30097, at Page 168

NRZ Pass-Through Trust V, U.S. Bank National Association not in its individual capacity but solely as pass-through trustee to U.S. Bank, National Association, as trustee for NRZ Pass-Through Trust V, recorded on August 18, 2016, in Book No. 30346, at Page 135 U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee for NRZ Pass-Through Trust V to Wilmington Trust, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee of MFRA Trust 2014-2, recorded on June 18, 2019, in Book No. 33066, at Page 252 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on February 10, 2021, on the mortgaged premises located at 185 Hilltop Road, Dracut, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:
The land in said Dracut with the buildings thereon, situated on the northerly side of Hilltop Road and being Lot 68 on plan recorded with Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 57, Plan 67, and thus bounded:

SOUTHERLY by Hilltop Road, fifty (50) feet;
EASTERLY by Lot 69 shown on said plan, one hundred two (102) feet, more or less;
NORTHERLY by land now or formerly of Robert C. Mills, (50) fifty feet;

WESTERLY by Lot 67 shown on said plan, one hundred one and 50/100 (101.50) feet, more or less.
Being the same premises conveyed to Scott Alan Olson and Traci P. Olson by deed of Scott Alan Olson, dated October 24, 2005 and recorded with the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds at Book 19446, page 17

For mortgagor's(s)'s title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 19446, Page 17.
These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication

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https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/08/rw/handbook_1.pdf. This is a Chapter 149 public project and experience with public work is required. Work is to begin March, 2021 – exact date to be determined - and includes site, site infrastructure and landscape work, concrete work in basements, building plumbing system alterations and gutters and downspouts. Location is the Green Acres public housing development in Fitchburg, MA. Fee range is \$1,600 - \$1,800 per week depending on experience. Please email letters of interest and qualifications to David Eisen, Abacus Architects + Planners, deisen@abacusarchitects.com.

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Public Notice

Fitchburg City Council
Notice of Public Hearing
A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 2,
2021 at 7:00 PM via the Zoom Meeting Platform, and
livestreamed at FATV, at <https://www.fatv.org/live-streaming> (choose "government channel" and
on cable access Comcast Channel 99, Verizon Channel
37. Register in advance for the Public
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Public comments of not more than 2 minutes in length
may be submitted to the City Clerk via phone at
978-829-1820 or via email to: cityclerk@fitchburgma.gov on the following petition: 006-2021. Unifit, Fitchburg
Gas and Electric Light Company, to petition for a new
pole #15, approximately 45' North of existing pole #14,
at the intersection of Industrial Road and Westminster
Hill Road as outlined in the enclosed petition.
The petition may be inspected in the office of the City
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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D.P.U. 20-120 November 24, 2020

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DEAR ANNIE

Eroded trust

By Annie Lane

Dear Annie: My fiancé and I want to go back to the way we were, but it is more of a struggle for me than for him. We are planning to get an apartment together, but it is hard for me to be around him without getting upset. I have been going through a lot lately, and finding out that my fiancé was lying to me was one of the worst things that has happened. At first, it was something minor, and I just chose to keep my mouth shut, but the next morning he was on his phone, and I saw pictures of naked women that he tried to hide fast. I tried to get the truth out of him, but he lied. We went to the lake to talk about it, and it just kept escalating. He's been doing it for seven months. I found out and was actually

contacting someone to get these pictures. This is cheating, isn't it? He also had multiple accounts for stuff like that which he had to pay for. He promised not to do it again, but I struggle to believe it when he continues to lie to me about different things. I want to move on and be happy with him, but when something similar comes up, I break down. What should I do? — **Confused and Lost.**

Dear Confused and Lost: Of course, you break down when something similar happens. It is unacceptable for your fiancé to lie to you and have other women send him naked pictures. Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me. The best way to move on and be happy with him is to go to counseling together. You can't build a successful

marriage if there is a lack of trust. Stay firm with your boundaries in the relationship. Until that's settled, don't marry the bum. Best of luck to you both.

Dear Annie: Many people are not aware that the strings of surgical masks should be cut before being thrown away to prevent animals from getting entangled in the masks. Alternately, reusable masks help cut down on COVID-19 waste that pollutes waterways and oceans. Please cut the strings on your mask. — **Reduce COVID Waste**
Dear Reduce COVID Waste: Thank you for this unusual but — now that we think about it — obvious tip.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the puzzle increases from Monday to Sunday.

Answers for Sudoku & KenKen appear on B9

BRIDGE

One of the pairs fighting for the big prizes and top honors at the 2000 Cavendish Invitational was Bart Bramley and Sidney Lazard. Bramley drew an interesting inference to bring home this delicate four-diamond contract.

The auction was more typical of a pairs event than an IMP event, except that the diamond suit triumphed over spades. It is rarely right to compete to four of a minor, but Bramley chose the right time to do it, with three spades going only one down. That contract actually might have come home unless North decided to lead a club early, or to shift to a club upon winning his diamond. Even doubling three spades and setting it one would not outscore a possible plus 130

— if Bramley could bring home his contract.

In four diamonds on the spade king lead and a spade continuation, Bramley put up the jack to force the queen and to confirm the location of the spade honors. He ruffed, then drew two rounds of trumps and led a club to the king. Next came a third diamond to dummy and a second club. East took the ace and played a third club. Bramley won and paused to count up the hand.

Since East clearly had both round aces to justify his cue-bid and had also shown up with the spade queen, he was less likely to have the heart jack — he might have opened with that card, bidding a weak no-trump. So Bart advanced the heart 10; whether West

NORTH 01-19-A			
♠ J 8 2			
♥ Q 6 3			
♦ K J 7 6			
♣ 9 5 3			
WEST			
♠ A K 7 5 4			
♥ J 7 2			
♦ 2			
♣ J 7 4 2			
EAST			
♠ Q 10 9 6			
♥ A 9 5 4			
♦ 10 4			
♣ A 10 8			
SOUTH			
♠ 3			
♥ K 10 8			
♦ A Q 8 5 3			
♣ K Q 6			
Vulnerable: North-South			
Dealer: North			
The bidding:			
South	West	North	East
1♠	1♠	2♦	3♦
4♦	All pass		
Opening Lead: Spade king			

covered or not, Bramley had his 10th trick via a backward finesse against the heart nine, if necessary.

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: Choose charm, honesty and loyalty, and you will gain ground this year. A pushy or demanding approach will cause friction between you and those who can influence the outcome of what you want to accomplish. Take better care of your health, possessions and investments. Don't rely on others to do things for you. Strive to maintain peace of mind. Your numbers are 3, 14, 17, 23, 31, 37, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you care, share. Keep emotional issues and personal matters to yourself. Don't take an unnecessary risk. Touch base with people who bring out the best in you. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Put your time and energy to proper use. Take care of unfinished business before starting something new. Look for unique ways to use your skills and knowledge beneficially. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't let confusion take over and ruin your day. Do your best to take care of responsibilities, regardless of what's going on around you. Learn from the experience, and push forward without hesitation. **CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Handle partnerships carefully.

Don't let your emotions take over or lead to assumptions. Be a good listener, gather facts and make wise decisions, and you'll avoid a misunderstanding. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Get organized, and gather the information that will help you make better decisions. A problem with someone you work with will develop if you cannot agree on the best way to advance a project. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Explore the possibilities, but don't make a move prematurely. An offer you receive will interest you, but consider the cost before you get involved. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Use reason when dealing with relationships. Spend time sorting through clutter and letting go of the past before you engage in something new. Avoid making unnecessary purchases. **SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Catch up with an old friend or relative via phone or email. Rethink your situation and what you are up against. Look for alternative lifestyles and personal improvements that will ease stress. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Make a change to how you

earn your living or handle your finances. Sticking to a budget and lowering your overhead will ease tension at home and make your life better. Be smart and distance yourself from individuals who choose excess. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Difficulty with a friend, relative or co-worker will surface if you let your emotions take over. Refuse to get dragged into someone's dilemma. Concentrate on fitness and self-improvement, and maintain peace of mind. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Share your intentions, and you will resolve pending issues. Holding in your feelings will cause stress and anxiety that will affect your health and emotional well-being. **PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Say what's on your mind. Be direct, and the response you receive will be honest and reliable. The more aware you are of the people around you and how they think, the better. Your success depends on trust and accurate information. **Birthday Baby:** You are tenacious, powerful and enthusiastic. You are convincing and comprehensive.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Docket No. WO20P2144EA

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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Estate of: Robert N Graney Sr.
Also Known as: Robert Noel Graney
Date of Death: May 31, 2020

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Robert N Graney, Jr. of Chelmsford, MA a bill has been admitted to informal probate. Robert N Graney, Jr. of Chelmsford, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

January 13, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Docket No. WO20W1166WD

DOMESTIC RELATIONS SUMMONS

Shaine A White
VS.
Misty M Goodwill

To the above named Defendant:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Jacob P Morris, Esq., Rubin, Rubin & Wilcox, P.C., 333 Park Ave., Worcester, MA 01610** a copy of your answer to the complaint for Modification for **Custody/Support/Parenting Time** which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, the Court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Register of this Court at the above named court either before service upon plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney or within a reasonable time thereafter. **WITNESS, Hon. Lelliah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: January 11, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate Court
January 19, 2021



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Remember having fun? Yes, it's still possible

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hood and you'd go out and find your friends on your bike? That's what this is. Isn't that fun?"

Fun. If that isn't one of the least employed words of this bleak winter, I don't know what is. It's only three letters long, one letter fewer than most words used to describe this cursed season.

And, for more than a few frightening moments, it seemed there would be no ski season at all this year. It looked like Wachusett's 27 runs would be deserted, its three high-speed lifts empty.

"We kind of overreacted and basically shut the base lodge down," said Jeff Crowley, 66, whose family has owned the ski resort since 1969. "We heard about the severity of it and we just wanted to be super pro-active. Then the decision was made to shut down nationally. So that was the end of the season."

That was mid-March of last year, when the future seemed decidedly uncertain. The news grew bleaker with each report about disease and death, about despair and economic calamity.

So those smiles you see on the slopes of Wachusett Mountain these days are forged from a mixture of relief and resolve.

They brighten the faces of skiers from across New England who are determined to salvage something fun from this season of darkness and doom.

"I don't feel at risk when I'm outdoors," said Polly Crowninshield, 72, of Marblehead. She is the captain of a ski team called Half Fast and races on the mountain on Wednesday mornings and Monday nights.

"It's not that windy today," she said. "But, still, it doesn't seem anywhere near as bad as sitting in a restaurant, which I wouldn't even consider doing. Maybe I'm turning a blind eye because I love this so much. This is my mountain."

Actually, it's Jeff Crowley's mountain. It has belonged to his family since 1969, when his father, a World War II veteran and chairman of the board of Polar Beverage Corp., submitted a bid of \$16,002 to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and won a five-year lease to operate the ski resort.

It's been the Crowley family's domain ever since. Through Vietnam and political assassinations. Through Watergate and moonwalks. Through economic collapses and, now, a historic pandemic whose global death toll stands at about 2 million.

There are 50 full-time employees and more than 1,000 part-time workers. There are 125 acres. And, in a good year, 350,000 ski-toting customers.

"We have 2,000 of our best friends out here skiing," Jeff Crowley told me the other morning, blinking into a bright winter morning sun. "We hang out with them and ski with them and chat with them."

And, these days, there is this admonition: Don't forget to wear your mask. He's also learned a new way to sleep at night: eyes wide open.

"We essentially have 130 days to make our season," Crowley said. "We restricted the number of season passes. That was one of the things that was a tricky decision to make. And we have a lot of people who were disappointed that they weren't able to get their season passes. Essentially, we have cut it in half. We're trying to reduce the numbers just so we can control when people come."

And people do come.

The parking lot was hardly empty the other day. If I didn't know better, I would never have guessed the economic tightrope the owners are walking, or the restrictions under which skiers now seem to gratefully operate.

"We have half the capacity for twice the payroll," said Carolyn Stimpson, vice president for mountain services and Jeff Crowley's sister. "We're happy to be able to survive this season. And that's basically the rule for the industry. We're just like, 'Get us through it.' Because, more than ever, I can't tell you how strongly I feel about providing this service this year."



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At first, it seemed there would be no ski season this year. But Wachusett's 27 runs are hardly deserted, despite the challenges of operating during a pandemic.



Manfred Schweitzer took advantage of one of the new outdoor warming benches at Wachusett Mountain.



Polly Crowninshield was getting ready for a round of ski racing at Wachusett Mountain.

"It's a sanity service."

That's precisely the way Mel Stephens sees it. He's 88, a retired longtime schoolteacher in Belmont, and as a younger man was a full-time ski instructor at Mount Snow in Vermont.

"Being my age, I'm very worried about COVID," he told me. "So I try to stay away from crowds as much as I can. But skiing seems to be the best way that I can get exercise. To me, it's the greatest sport in the world. It gets you outdoors. You get plenty of exercise. You're among good people. And you can dress very nice."

I must say, Mr. Stephens looked pretty spiffy the other day in his blue knit vest, his dark ski pants, and blue mask. In fact, he fit right in with all the other people smiling behind their masks in Princeton.

People like Terry Hart, 64, of Princeton, who lives in the same house in which he grew up. He's part of a skiing group of guys who dub themselves "Ten by Ten." Translation: 10 runs by 10 a.m.

"I had the COVID about eight weeks ago, so I'm over it," Hart said. "I just need confirmation that I'm not going to get it again. In the meantime, I'm doing everything that I can to stay active. I've actually — during COVID — lost like 30 pounds. So I'm an anomaly. I'm not sitting at a desk or pushing a pencil. I'm skiing or hiking."

That sort of can-do attitude, that positive spirit in a season of doom, is what is propelling people like Jeff Crowley

through this season of social distancing across 120 skiable acres.

He's looking forward to an unusual festival in the not-too-distant future, when COVID has been conquered and normalcy returns.

"We're going to have a mask-burning bonfire," said Crowley, standing at the base of Wachusett Mountain as skiers lined up for another run.

Until that day dawns, simple survival will have to suffice.

"We're at 1,000-foot elevation right here," Crowley told me at the base of the mountain. "It's 2,006 up top. Which really is a jewel. When you look at the history of this, Henry David Thoreau called this place the observatory of Massachusetts."

"He walked over from Concord, Mass., and hung out and hiked up here. And from here you can see all over. You can see Mount Washington in New Hampshire. You can see the Prudential Tower. You can see Mount Monadnock."

And somewhere, out there on the distant horizon, you can see blessed normalcy.

Blue skies. Fresh powder. A world in which the chatter in the lift line has nothing to do with vaccines and quarantines.

Instead, it will be about the spectacular snowscapes of Central Massachusetts and a hot cup of soup and a cold glass of beer in the lodge.

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LEGAL NOTICES

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities

NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

D.P.U. 20-120

November 24, 2020

Petition of Boston Gas Company, doing business as National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.00, for Approval of a General Increase in Base Distribution Rates for Gas Service and a Performance-Based Ratemaking Plan.

On November 13, 2020, Boston Gas Company ("Boston Gas"), doing business as National Grid ("National Grid" or "Company"), filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for an increase in gas distribution rates. The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 20-120 and has suspended the effective date of the proposed rate increase until October 1, 2021, to investigate the propriety of the Company's request. The Company represents that it will implement any change in rates beginning November 1, 2021. The Company was last granted an increase in distribution rates in **Boston Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company**, D.P.U. 17-170 (2018).

National Grid seeks to increase its rates to generate \$220,736,830 in additional revenues. The Company proposes to transfer \$81,908,027 recovered through the Gas System Enhancement Program ("GSEP") to base distribution rates, effective October 1, 2021. Because there is a delay in recovery through the GSEP, however, the Company proposes to not fully recover the remaining balance in the GSEP until May 1, 2022. Based on these GSEP-related proposals, the proposed overall increase to distribution revenues is \$138,828,803, which the Company states represents an 18.1 percent incremental increase in distribution revenue.

The Company also proposes to implement a performance-based ratemaking ("PBR") mechanism that would allow National Grid to adjust its base distribution rates on an annual basis through the application of a revenue-cap formula and to put in place a set of metrics to evaluate the Company's performance. The Company proposes to implement the PBR plan for five years with the possibility for extension. Additionally, National Grid's filing contains four demonstration programs that the Company states are intended to further the Commonwealth's greenhouse gas emissions goals. Additional information regarding these and all other proposals can be found in the Company's filing.

In **Boston Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company**, D.P.U. 19-69 (2019), the Department approved the consolidation of Boston Gas and Colonial Gas Company ("Colonial Gas"). In the instant filing, National Grid proposes to combine the revenue requirement for the two companies, although Boston Gas and Colonial Gas will continue to maintain separate rates.

National Grid states that if its petition is approved as requested, the proposed revenue increase will have the following effects from November 1, 2021, through April 30, 2022:

For Boston Gas Customers, the Company states:

- a typical residential non-heating customer using 94 therms per year will experience an annual bill increase of \$16.55, or 6.2 percent;
- a typical residential heating customer using 871 therms per year will experience an annual bill increase of \$122.49, or nine percent; and
- Most commercial and industrial ("C&I") customers will experience annual increases in the range of one percent to 13.4 percent, depending on their rate classification and level of therm usage.

For Former Colonial Gas Customers, the Company states:

- a typical residential non-heating customer using 76 therms per year will experience an annual bill increase of \$30.39, or 14.4 percent;
- a typical residential heating customer using 795 therms per year will experience an annual bill increase of \$106.50, or 9.5 percent; and
- C&I customers will experience annual increases in the range of 8.6 percent to 39.8 percent, depending on their rate classification and level of therm usage.

The Company states that the estimated recovery of the remaining balance in the GSEP on May 1, 2022, would reduce the bill increases customers experience after the Company's proposed rates change on November 1, 2021, depending upon their rate classification and usage. In addition, bill impacts for C&I customers will vary depending upon their rate classification and level of usage. For specific impacts, please contact the Company as indicated below.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("Attorney General") has filed a notice of intervention in this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E. Further, pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the Attorney General has filed a notice of retention of experts and consultants to assist in her investigation of the Company's filing, and has requested Department approval to spend up to \$550,000 in this regard. Pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the costs incurred by the Attorney General relative to her retention of experts and consultants may be recovered in the Company's rates.

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 two virtual public hearings to receive comments on the Company's petition. The Department will conduct the hearings using Zoom videoconferencing on **January 26, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and January 28, 2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m.** Attendees can join the January 26, 2021 hearing by entering the link, <https://zoom.us/j/98694278163>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. Attendees can join the January 28, 2021 hearing by entering the link, <https://zoom.us/j/96160228604>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet.

When using the Zoom platform, you will be able to listen to the hearing 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 (e.g., English or Spanish).

For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at (312) 626-6799 (not toll free) for the January 26, 2021 hearing and then enter the Webinar ID# 986 9427 8163. Attendees can dial the same number for the January 28, 2021 hearing and then enter the Webinar ID# 961 6022 8604.

If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom or via phone during the public hearings, please send an email by **January 22, 2021**, with your name, email address, and mailing address to marc.tassone@mass.gov.

The Department also will accept written comments on the Company's petition. Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **January 29, 2021**. At this time, all filings must be submitted only in electronic format in recognition of the difficulty that parties and the Department may have filing and receiving original copies because of the ongoing state of emergency (please see further filing instructions below).

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene no later than 5:00 p.m. on **December 18, 2020**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 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 CMR 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 CMR 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10. All responses to petitions to intervene must be filed by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the second business day after the petition to intervene was filed.

Any person who seeks to intervene in this matter and also desires to comment on the Attorney General's notice of retention of experts and consultants must file the comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **December 18, 2020**.

Due to the ongoing state of emergency, the Department will conduct a virtual procedural conference in this matter on **January 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** The Department will contact the parties under separate cover with instructions on how to attend the procedural conference.

All documents submitted to the Department pursuant to this Notice must be submitted in **pdf format** by e-mail attachment to peter.ray@mass.gov and marc.tassone@mass.gov. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket numbers of the proceedings (D.P.U. 20-120); (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>. Importantly, all large files submitted must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20 MB. A copy of any documents submitted to the Department also should be emailed to the Company's attorney Cheryl M. Kimball, Esq. at ckimball@keeganwerlin.com.

Ordinarily, all parties would follow Sections B.1 and B.4 of the Department's Standard Ground Rules (D.P.U. 15-184-A, App. 1 (March 4, 2020)); until further notice, however, parties must retain the original paper version and the Department will later determine when the paper version must be filed with the Department Secretary.

Due to the ongoing state of emergency, a paper copy of the Company's filing or the Attorney General's notice of retention of experts and consultants will not be available for public viewing at the Company's offices, the Department's offices, or at any location (e.g., public library, town hall) within the Company's service area. All documents, pleadings and filings submitted to the Department or issued by the Department related to these proceedings will be available on the Department's website at <https://eaonline.cea.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "20-120"). To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Cheryl M. Kimball at (617) 951-1400 or ckimball@keeganwerlin.com. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Marc J. Tassone, Hearing Officer, at marc.tassone@mass.gov.

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EL ESTADO DE MASSACHUSETTS - DEPARTAMENTO DE SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS

NOTIFICACIÓN DE PRESENTACIÓN, AUDIENCIAS PÚBLICAS Y CONFERENCIA DE PROCEDIMIENTO

D.P.U. 20-120

24 de noviembre de 2020

Petición de Boston Gas Company, que opera como National Grid, de conformidad con G.L. c. 164, § 94 y 220 CMR 5.00, para la aprobación de un aumento general en las tarifas de distribución base para el servicio de gas y un plan tarifario basado en el desempeño.

El 13 de noviembre de 2020, Boston Gas Company ("Boston Gas"), que opera como National Grid ("National Grid" o "Compañía"), presentó una petición ante el Departamento de Servicios Públicos ("Departamento") para un aumento en tarifas de distribución de gas. El Departamento ha registrado este asunto como D.P.U. 20-120 y ha suspendido la fecha de vigencia del aumento de tarifas propuesto hasta el 1 de octubre de 2021, para investigar la idoneidad de la solicitud de la Compañía. La Compañía declara que implementará cualquier cambio en las tarifas a partir del 1 de noviembre de 2021. La última vez que la Compañía recibió un aumento en las tarifas de distribución fue en Boston Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 17-170 (2018).

National Grid busca incrementar sus tarifas para generar \$220,736,830 en ingresos adicionales. La Compañía propone transferir \$81,908,027 recuperados a través del Programa de Mejora del Sistema de Gas ("GSEP") a las tarifas de distribución base, a partir del 1 de octubre de 2021. Debido a que hay un retraso en la recuperación a través del GSEP, sin embargo, la Compañía propone no recuperar completamente el saldo restante en el GSEP hasta el 1 de mayo de 2022. Con base en estas propuestas relacionadas con GSEP, el aumento general propuesto a los ingresos por distribución es de \$138,828,803, que según la Compañía representa un aumento incremental del 18.1 por ciento en los ingresos por distribución.

La Compañía también propone implementar un mecanismo de determinación de tarifas basado en el desempeño ("PBR") que permitiría a National Grid ajustar sus tarifas de distribución base anualmente mediante la aplicación de una fórmula de tope de ingresos y establecer un conjunto de métricas para evaluar el desempeño de la Compañía. La Compañía propone implementar el plan PBR por cinco años con posibilidad de extensión. Además, la presentación de National Grid contiene cuatro programas de demostración que, según afirma la Compañía, están destinados a promover los objetivos de gases de efecto invernadero de la Commonwealth. Se puede encontrar información adicional sobre estas y todas las demás propuestas en la presentación de la Compañía.

En Boston Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 19-69 (2019), el Departamento aprobó la consolidación de Boston Gas y Colonial Gas Company ("Colonial Gas"). En la presentación actual, National Grid propone combinar el requisito de ingresos para las dos compañías, aunque Boston Gas y Colonial Gas continuarán manteniendo tarifas separadas.

National Grid establece que si su petición es aprobada según lo solicitado, el aumento de ingresos propuesto tendrá los siguientes efectos desde el 1 de noviembre de 2021 hasta el 30 de abril de 2022:

Para los clientes de Boston Gas, la Compañía declara:

- un cliente residencial típico sin calefacción que usa 94 termias por año experimentará un aumento anual en la factura de \$16.55, o 6.2 por ciento;
- un cliente típico de calefacción residencial que usa 871 termias por año experimentará un aumento anual en la factura de \$122.49, o nueve por ciento; y
- la mayoría de los clientes comerciales e industriales ("C&I") experimentarán aumentos anuales en el rango de uno por ciento a 13.4 por ciento, dependiendo de su clasificación de tarifas y nivel de uso de termias.

Para los clientes anteriores de Colonial Gas, la Compañía declara:

- un cliente residencial típico sin calefacción que usa 76 termias por año experimentará un aumento anual en la factura de \$30.39, o 14.4 por ciento;
- un cliente típico de calefacción residencial que usa 795 termias por año experimentará un aumento anual en la factura de \$106.50, o 9.5 por ciento; y
- los clientes de C&I experimentarán aumentos anuales en el rango del 8.6 por ciento al 39.8 por ciento, dependiendo de su clasificación de tarifas y el nivel de uso de termias.

La Compañía declara que la recuperación estimada del saldo restante en el GSEP el 1 de mayo de 2022 reduciría los aumentos en las facturas que los clientes experimentarían después del cambio de tarifas propuesto por la Compañía el 1 de noviembre de 2021, dependiendo de su clasificación de tarifas y uso. Además, los impactos en las facturas de los clientes de C&I variarán según la clasificación de tarifas y el nivel de uso. Para impactos específicos, comuníquese con la Compañía como se indica a continuación.

La Procuradora General del Commonwealth de Massachusetts ("Procuradora General") ha presentado una notificación de intervención en este asunto de conformidad con G.L. c. 12, § 11E. Además, de conformidad con G.L. c. 12, § 11E (b), la Procuradora General ha presentado una notificación de retención de expertos y consultores para ayudar en su investigación de la presentación de la Compañía, y ha solicitado la aprobación del Departamento para gastar hasta \$550,000 en este sentido. De acuerdo con G.L. c. 12, § 11E (b), los costos incurridos por la Procuradora General en relación con su retención de expertos y consultores pueden recuperarse en las tarifas de la Compañía.

Debido al estado de emergencia COVID-19 emitido por el gobernador Baker el 10 de marzo de 2020, y ciertas restricciones y medidas de seguridad en curso que están relacionadas con eventos en persona, el Departamento llevará a cabo dos audiencias públicas virtuales para recibir comentarios sobre la petición de la Compañía. El Departamento llevará a cabo las audiencias mediante videoconferencia de Zoom el **26 de enero de 2021, a partir de las 6:00 p.m. y el 28 de enero de 2021, a partir de las 10:00 a.m.** Los participantes pueden unirse a la audiencia del 26 de enero de 2021 usando al enlace, <https://zoom.us/j/98694278163>, desde una computadora, teléfono inteligente o tableta. Los participantes pueden unirse a la audiencia del 28 de enero de 2021 usando al enlace, <https://zoom.us/j/96160228604>, desde una computadora, teléfono inteligente o tableta.

Al utilizar la plataforma Zoom, podrá escuchar la audiencia en inglés o español. Para acceder a los servicios de interpretación a través de Zoom durante la audiencia, haga clic en el botón "Interpretación" en la barra de menú en la parte inferior de la pantalla de la aplicación Zoom y seleccione su idioma (por ejemplo, inglés o español).

Para acceso de audio solamente, los participantes pueden marcar al (312) 626-6799 (no gratuito) para la audiencia del 26 de enero de 2021 y luego ingresar el número de identificación del seminario web # 986 9427 8163. Los participantes pueden marcar el mismo número para la audiencia del 28 de enero de 2021 y luego ingrese el número de identificación del seminario web # 961 6022 8604.

Si prevé proporcionar comentarios a través de Zoom o por teléfono durante las audiencias públicas, envíe un correo electrónico antes del **22 de enero de 2021**, con su nombre, dirección de correo electrónico y dirección postal a marc.tassone@mass.gov.

El Departamento también aceptará comentarios escritos sobre la petición de la Compañía. Cualquier persona interesada en comentar sobre este asunto puede enviar comentarios por escrito a más tardar al cierre de operaciones (5:00 p.m.) del **29 de enero de 2021**. En este momento, todas las presentaciones deben presentarse solo en formato electrónico en reconocimiento de la dificultad que las partes y el Departamento pueden tener para presentar y recibir copias originales debido al estado de emergencia en curso (consulte las instrucciones de presentación adicionales a continuación).

Toda persona que desee participar en la fase probatoria de este proceso deberá presentar una solicitud de permiso para intervenir a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m. el **18 de diciembre de 2020**. Una petición de permiso para intervenir debe satisfacer los requisitos sustantivos y de tiempo de 220 CMR 1.03. La recepción por parte del Departamento, no el envío por correo, constituye la presentación y determina si una petición se ha presentado a tiempo. Una petición presentada tarde puede ser rechazada por ser fuera de tiempo, a menos que se demuestre una buena causa para la exención bajo 220 CMR 1.01 (4). Para ser permitida, una petición bajo 220 CMR 1.03 (1) debe satisfacer los requisitos legales de G.L. c. 30A, § 10. Todas las respuestas a las peticiones de intervención deben presentarse antes del cierre de operaciones (5:00 p.m.) del segundo día hábil posterior a la presentación de la petición de intervención.

Cualquier persona que busque intervenir en este asunto y también desee comentar sobre la notificación de retención de expertos y consultores de la Procuradora General debe presentar los comentarios a más tardar al cierre de operaciones (5:00 p.m.) del **18 de diciembre de 2020**.

Debido al estado de emergencia en curso, el Departamento llevará a cabo una conferencia de procedimiento virtual sobre este asunto el **7 de enero de 2021 a las 2:00 p.m.** El Departamento se comunicará con las partes por separado con instrucciones sobre cómo asistir a la conferencia de procedimiento.

Todos los documentos enviados al Departamento de conformidad con este Aviso deben enviarse en **formato pdf** por correo electrónico adjunto a peter.ray@mass.gov y marc.tassone@mass.gov. El texto del correo electrónico debe especificar: (1) los números de expediente del proceso (D.P.U. 20-120); (2) el nombre de la persona o empresa que presenta la presentación; y (3) un breve título descriptivo del documento. Todos los documentos presentados en formato electrónico se publicarán en el sitio web del Departamento tan pronto como sea posible en <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. Es importante destacar que todos los archivos grandes enviados deben desglosarse en archivos electrónicos que no superen los 20 MB. Una copia de cualquier documento enviado al Departamento también debe enviarse por correo electrónico a la abogada de la Compañía, Cheryl M. Kimball, Esq., en ckimball@keeganwerlin.com.

Por lo general, todas las partes seguirían las Secciones B.1 y B.4 de las Reglas básicas estándar del Departamento (D.P.U. 15-184-A, Ap. 1 (4 de marzo de 2020); Sin embargo, hasta nuevo aviso, las partes deben conservar la versión en papel original y el Departamento determinará más adelante cuándo se debe presentar la versión en papel al Secretario del Departamento.

Debido al estado de emergencia en curso, una copia impresa de la presentación de la Compañía o del aviso de retención de expertos y consultores de la Procuradora General no estará disponible para la vista del público en las oficinas de la Compañía, las oficinas del Departamento o en cualquier lugar (por ejemplo, en la biblioteca, ayuntamiento) dentro del área de servicio de la Compañía. Todos los documentos, alegatos y presentaciones presentados al Departamento o emitidos por el Departamento relacionados con estos procedimientos estarán disponibles en el sitio web del Departamento en <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (ingrese "20-120"). Para solicitar materiales en formatos accesibles para personas con discapacidades (Braille, letra grande, archivos electrónicos, formato de audio), comuníquese con el coordinador de la ADA del Departamento en DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov.

Cualquier persona que desee obtener más información sobre la presentación de la Compañía o una copia impresa de la presentación debe comunicarse con Cheryl M. Kimball al **(617) 951-1400** o ckimball@keeganwerlin.com. Para obtener más información sobre este aviso, comuníquese con Marc J. Tassone, Oficial de Audiencias, en marc.tassone@mass.gov.