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March 3, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

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

Dear Massachusetts Local Gas Distribution Companies:

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

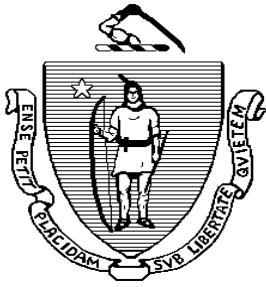
Please provide responses to the Department via dpu.efiling@mass.gov and greggory.wade@mass.gov before 5:00 p.m. on March 17, 2021.

Sincerely,

/s/
Greggory Wade
Hearing Officer

Enc.

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



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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

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

Requests

- DPU 2-1 **NSTAR Gas:** Refer to the Company’s response to information request DPU 1-6, Table 3, Column F. The “Illustrative RAAF (\$/therm)” for both 2019 and 2020 are calculated by summing the 2019 Actual RAAF amounts with the “Incremental AMP Costs Recovered through RAAF (\$)” calculated in Table 2, Column P. Please recalculate the “Illustrative RAAF” for both 2019 and 2020, such that it represents the applicable RAAF amounts in the scenario where all R-2 and R-4 customers received default service (i.e., the 2019 and 2020 actual RAAF amounts adjusted to remove the data presented in Table 2, column L).
- DPU 2-2 **National Grid Gas:** Refer to the Company’s response to information request DPU 1-5. Please verify the accuracy of the data provided in Table 2 for the months of May, March, and April 2018. The average competitive supply price for these months drops below \$0.5/therm, despite maintaining an average price of approximately \$1/therm for every other month of data provided.
- DPU 2-3 **National Grid Gas:** Refer to the Company’s response to information request DPU 1-6, tabs “2019 RAAFs” and “2020 RAAFs”, cell G16. Please explain why the Company calculated 80 percent of the incremental cost, instead of 75 percent (representing a 25 percent low-income (“LI”) discount rate).

- DPU 2-4 **Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts:** Refer to the Company's response to information request DPU 1-4, Table 1. To the extent practicable, please explain why, beginning in June 2019, the number of R-1 and R-3 competitive supply customers drops significantly, and the number of R-2 and R-4 competitive customers drops to zero.
- DPU 2-5 **All Local Gas Distribution Companies:** Refer to Attachment DPU IR 2, Table 4. Please provide the information requested in columns B through E, and G through H.
- DPU 2-6 **All Local Gas Distribution Companies:** Refer to Attachment DPU IR 2, Table 5a. Please indicate the number of competitive supply customers paying above the applicable default service price (columns B, C, E, F, H, I, K, and L).
- DPU 2-7 **All Local Gas Distribution Companies:** Refer to Attachment DPU IR 2, Table 5b. Please provide the information in columns B through E, and G through H.
- DPU 2-8 **All Local Gas Distribution Companies:** Refer to Attachment DPU IR 2, Table 6. Please provide the share of LI customers on a variable rate contract.
- DPU 2-9 **All Local Gas Distribution Companies:** Discuss the costs associated with, and the operational feasibility of, returning LI customers to default service.

Dated: March 3, 2021