

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

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The Berkshire Gas Company

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**PETITION OF THE BERKSHIRE GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF  
MID-TERM MODIFICATIONS OF ITS 2022-2024 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN**

Pursuant to § 3.8.2(c) of the Department of Public Utilities’ (the “Department”) Energy Efficiency Guidelines (the “Guidelines”) as approved in Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion into Updating its Energy Efficiency Guidelines (the “Guidelines”), D.P.U. 20-150-A (2021), the Berkshire Gas Company (“Berkshire” or “Company”) respectfully requests approval from the Department for Mid-Term Modifications (“MTM(s)”) to the Company’s 2022-2024 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan to meet an unexpected increase in demand for its Residential Existing Buildings Program and its C&I Existing Buildings Program and for anticipated increased spending in its Income Eligible Existing Buildings Program and Residential Hard-to-Measure Program. In support of this Petition, the Company states the following:

1. The Company is a natural gas distribution company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1, with a principal place of business at 115 Cheshire Road, Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201.
2. The Company is organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is engaged in the business of selling and distributing natural gas at retail in Massachusetts.
3. The design, implementation, and cost recovery of the Company’s energy efficiency programs are subject to the jurisdiction of the Department under the provisions of G.L. c. 164 and G.L. c. 25, §§ 21 and 22.

4. On January 31, 2022, the Department approved Berkshire's Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan for calendar years 2022 through 2024, which provides energy efficiency programs for the Company's residential, income-eligible, and commercial and industrial ("C&I") customer sectors. The Berkshire Gas Company, D.P.U. 21-120 (2022).

5. In accordance with the Guidelines, the Company submits this Petition requesting the approval of the following budget increases:

- an increase of \$2,660,000 to the Residential Existing Buildings Program budget, representing a 32% increase to the approved budget;
- an increase of \$140,000 to the Residential Hard-to-Measure Program budget, representing a 28% increase to the approved budget; and
- an increase of \$4,350,000 to the C&I Existing Buildings Program budget, representing a 139% increase to the approved budget.

6. In accordance with Three Year Plans Order, D.P.U. 21-120 through D.P.U. 21-129 at 225, n.138, 139 (2022), the Company also requests approval of the following budget increases:

- an increase of \$450,000 to the Income Eligible Existing Buildings Program budget, representing a 10% increase to the approved budget.

7. Pursuant to § 3.8.2(c) of the Guidelines, a Program Administrator shall submit proposed modifications at the same time to both the Department for its approval and to the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council ("EEAC") for its review. As such, the Company is submitting this petition and its attachments concurrently to the Department and the EEAC.

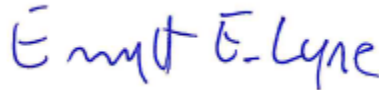
8. Berkshire has included with this Petition the Pre-Filed Testimony of Hammad Chaudhry and Jillian Winterkorn describing in more detail Berkshire's requested MTMs.

9. This Petition is consistent with G.L. c. 25, § 21(b)(1) that gas Program Administrators pursue “the acquisition of all available energy efficiency” as well as the Department’s Guidelines for MTMs, as updated in D.P.U. 20-150-A (2021).

Accordingly, Berkshire respectfully requests that the Department approve the Company’s proposed modifications to increase its 2022-2024 budgets for the Residential Existing Buildings Program and the C&I Existing Buildings Program.

Respectfully submitted by,

THE BERKSHIRE GAS COMPANY



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 220 CMR 1.05(1) (Department's Rules of Practice and Procedure).

Dated this 28th day of August, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Lyons", is written over a horizontal line.

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