



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

RECEIVED
MAR 14 2024
TOWN OF TOWNSEND
TOWN CLERK

NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 24-08

February 26, 2024

Petition of the Town of Townsend for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.

On February 9, 2024, the Town of Townsend ("Town") filed a request with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §134. General Laws c. 164, § 134 authorizes a municipality to procure electric supply on behalf of consumers within its municipal borders through a municipal aggregation program ("Program"). Eligible electricity consumers not already enrolled with a competitive electric supplier would be automatically enrolled in the Program unless they chose to opt-out, in which case they would continue to receive basic service provided by their electric distribution company, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 24-08.

The Town has retained Good Energy, L.P. to serve as its consultant in this proceeding and to assist in the implementation of the Program. The Town seeks a waiver on its own behalf and on behalf of the competitive electric supplier(s) chosen for the Program, of certain information disclosure requirements contained in G.L. c. 164, § 1F(6) and 220 CMR 11.06(4)(c).

The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Town's filing. The Department will conduct the hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on **March 25, 2024**, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Attendees can join by entering the link, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88961994515>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at 1 305 224 1968 (**not toll free**) and then enter the **Meeting ID#889 6199 4515**. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, to the extent possible, please send an email by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **March 24, 2024**, to Lauren.Morris@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address.

Alternatively, any person who desires to comment on this matter may submit written comments to the Department via email no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on

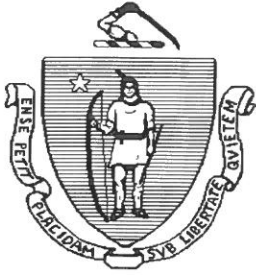
March 25, 2024. To the extent a person wishes to submit comments in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed below, is sufficient.

All written comments or other documents should be submitted to the Department in **PDF format** by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and Lauren.Morris@mass.gov. In addition, all written comments should be emailed to counsel for the Town, Laura Olton, Esq., at laura@lsoenergyadvisors.com. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 24-08); (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>. The e-mail must also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Importantly, all large files must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20MB.

At this time, all filings will be submitted only in electronic format in recognition of the difficulty that parties and the Department may have filing and receiving original copies. Ordinarily, parties would follow Sections B.1 and B.4 of the Department's Standard Ground Rules regarding the filing of original paper versions (D.P.U. 15-184-A, App. 1 (March 4, 2020)). However, until further notice, parties must retain the original paper version and the Department will later determine when the paper version must be filed with the Department Secretary.

The filing and all subsequent related documents submitted to the Department or issued by the Department will be available on the Department's website as referenced above as soon as is practicable at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "24-08"). To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments or intervene in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at Andrea.R.Casul@mass.gov.

For further information regarding the Town's filing, please contact the Town's attorney, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Lauren Morris, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at Lauren.Morris@mass.gov.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

ORDER OF NOTICE

D.P.U. 24-08

February 26, 2024

Petition of the Town of Townsend for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.

The Town of Townsend ("Town") shall, not later than **March 4, 2024**, publish the attached Notice of Filing, Public Hearing, and Request for Comments in (1) either the Boston Globe or the Boston Herald; and (2) the Sentinel and Enterprise.

In addition, not later than **February 29, 2024**, the Town shall serve a copy of the attached Notice on the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil. Such service may be by electronic distribution, which the Department finds reasonable and consistent with the public interest.

Finally, the Town shall from **five business days** following the receipt of the Notice from the Department through **March 25, 2024**, prominently display the attached Notice on all of the Town's official website and Program website, as well as any additional location where the Town typically publishes local notices.

The Town is directed to make proof of publication (including posting on all of the Town's and the Program websites) and return of service not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **March 25, 2024**.

By Order of the Department,

/s/
Mark D. Marini, Secretary