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August 18, 2005

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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Re: D.T.E. 03-115 and D.T.E. 04-108 -- Return of Service

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Pursuant to the Order of Notice of Public Hearing and Procedural Conference issued by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy on July 19, 2005, in the above-referenced docket, enclosed please find the return of service affidavit on behalf of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company.

Sincerely,

Gary Epler
Senior Attorney

Enclosure

cc: Michael Killion, Hearing Officer, MDTE

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for Approval of its Electric Reconciliation Mechanism and Transition Charge Reconciliation Filing, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1A(a), 220 C.M.R. 11.03 (4)(e) and D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-115/98-120.	)	**D.T.E. 03-115 and D.T.E. 04-108**

AFFIDAVIT

Gary Michael Epler, having been duly sworn, states under oath as follows:

I certify that publication and service of the July 19, 2005 Order of Notice of Public Hearing and Procedural Conference in the above-titled dockets has been made and given as therein directed.

DATED this 4TH day of AUGUST, 2005.

Gary Epler

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE)
) :ss
COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM)

On this 4TH day of AUGUST, 2005, personally appeared before me Gary Michael Epler, the signer of the above instrument, who duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

Notary Public
Residing in ROCKINGHAM County
My Commission Expires:

CHAD R. DIXON, Notary Public
My Commission Expires January 4, 2006

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
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D.T.E. 03-115 July 19, 2005

Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company for approval of its 2003 Electric Reconciliation Mechanism and Transition Charge Reconciliation Filing, pursuant to G.L. c. 164 § 1A(e), 220 C.M.R. § 11.03 (4)(e), and D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-115/98-120.

D.T.E. 04-108

Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company for approval of its 2004 Electric Reconciliation Filing and Transition Charge Reconciliation Filing, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1A(e), 220 C.M.R. § 11.03 (4)(e), and D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-115/98-120.

On November 26, 2003, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company ("Fitchburg" or "Company") filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") its 2003 electric reconciliation mechanism and transition charge reconciliation filing. The Company's proposed changes in rates, effective January 1, 2004, include the following: (1) a transition charge of $0.00982 per kilowatthour ("KWH"); (2) an external transmission charge of $0.00308 per KWH; (3) an internal transmission service cost adjustment of $0.00044 per KWH; and (4) a base standard offer service charge of $0.05100 per KWH. The company's filing was docketed as D.T.E. 03-115. On December 29, 2003, the Department approved Fitchburg's 2004 tariffs to take effect on January 1, 2004, subject to further investigation and reconciliation. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.T.E. 03-115 (2003). The Company's last reconciliation filing and standard offer service fuel adjustment ("SOSFA") was approved in Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.T.E. 02-84 (2005).

On November 24, 2004, Fitchburg submitted its reconciliation filing for proposed changes in rates effective January 1, 2005, including the following: (1) a transition charge of $0.01049 per KWH; (2) an external transmission charge of $0.00406 per KWH; (3) an internal transmission service cost adjustment of $0.00099 per KWH; (4) a pension / PBOP adjustment factor of $0.00077 per KWH; (5) a base standard offer service charge of $0.05100 per KWH; and (6) a SOSFA of $0.01559 per KWH. The filing was docketed as D.T.E. 04-108. On December 29, 2004, the Department approved Fitchburg's 2005 tariffs to take effect on January 1, 2005, subject to further investigation and reconciliation. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.T.E. 04-108 (2004).

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The Company has requested that D.T.E. 03-115 and D.T.E. 04-108 be consolidated into one proceeding. In this phase of the proceeding, the Department will examine issues including, but not limited to, the consistency of the updated charges and tariffs with the methods and provisions approved in Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, 02-84 (2005); Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.T.E. 99-110 (2001) and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.T.E. 97-115/98-120 (1999). In addition, pursuant to Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.T.E. 02-24/25 (2002), the scope of this investigation will include an examination of (1) whether the Company's treatment of its tansmission plant is consistent with the Electric Utility Restructuring Act, Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997; and (2) the recovery of cash working capital for the Company's purchased power for standard offer service and default service.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's filings at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2005, at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the time and place noted above or submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, August 16, 2005. The Department will conduct a procedural conference immediately following the conclusion of the public hearing.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, August 16, 2005. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 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 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

An original and three (3) copies of all written comments or petitions to intervene must be filed with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 not later than the close of business on the dates noted above. One copy of all written comments or petitions to intervene should also be sent to the Company's attorney, Gary Epler, Esq., 6 Liberty Lane West, Hampton, New Hampshire 03842.

All written pleadings or comments also must be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and Michael.Killion@state.ma.us or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.T.E. 03-115/04-108), (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and phone number of a person to contact invthe event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix), in Microsoft Word (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix), or as an Adobe PDF file (naming the document with a ".pdf" suffix). Data or spreadsheets responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All written pleasings or comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, http://www.mass.gov/dpu.

A copy of Fitchburg's Petition is available for inspection at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, during normal business hours (Monday through Friday -9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Copies are also on file for public viewing at the offices of the Company, 285 John Fitch Highway, Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact Gary Epler, at (603) 773-6440. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Michael Killion, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy at (617) 305-3500.

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