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RE: Chairman's Fourteenth Set of Orders under G.L. c. 25, § 4B

Dear All,

This follows up on the Third and Fifth Set of Orders pursuant to section 4B of chapter 25 of the General Laws and the authority granted to me by Governor Baker thereunder. Those Orders required investor-owned gas distribution companies (the "Gas Companies") regulated by the Department of Public Utilities (the "Department") to pay for and cooperate with an independent statewide examination of the safety of the Commonwealth's gas distribution system conducted by Dynamic Risk Assessment Systems, Inc. ("Dynamic Risk").

To assure public safety and the continuing availability of gas, the Department contracted with Dynamic Risk to conduct this independent statewide examination. The examination assessed (1) the physical integrity and safety of the Commonwealth's gas distribution system and (2) the operation and maintenance policies and practices of the Gas Companies and municipal gas companies, with respect to the Commonwealth's gas distribution system. In January 2020, Dynamic Risk completed its examination and issued a final report.

Under the powers granted to me by Governor Baker and consistent with the Third and Fifth Set of Orders, I hereby issue the following order:

- The Gas Companies shall pay for the independent examination conducted by Dynamic Risk based on a pro rata share to be determined.

If any of the Gas Companies fail to carry out any of these orders, it will be assessed penalties up to \$1,000,000 per violation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Matthew H. Nelson

Matthew H. Nelson
Chairman