



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

MEMORANDUM

TO: D.P.U. 25-200 Distribution List

FROM: Stephanie Mealey, Hearing Officer

VIA: Electronic Mail Only

RE: Dates Reserved for Technical Conferences

DATE: February 13, 2026

CC: Peter Ray, Department Secretary

I. INTRODUCTION

On December 15, 2025, the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) voted to open an investigation to conduct a comprehensive review of gas and electric delivery rates and charges with the aims of containing customer costs, reducing utility bill volatility, and increasing utility bill transparency and accessibility. Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on Its Own Motion into Gas and Electric Delivery Charges and Bill Redesign, D.P.U. 25-200, Vote and Order Opening Investigation at 1, 12, 17, 25 (2025) (“Order”). The Department’s investigation was docketed as D.P.U. 25-200.

In its Order, the Department directed the electric distribution companies and gas local distribution companies (collectively, “Distribution Companies”) to each submit a report with the Department containing information necessary for this investigation (“Report”). Order at 16-17. These Reports are due no later than February 13, 2026. D.P.U. 25-200, Order on Distribution Companies’ Motion for Extension of Time to Submit Reports at 4 (January 9, 2026).

The Department also indicated in its Order that we planned to schedule one or more technical conferences for the Distribution Companies to present their Reports. Order at 17. Accordingly, this memorandum reserves three dates for technical conferences in this matter. In addition to allowing the Distribution Companies to present the recommendations and data contained in their Reports, the technical conferences will also be an opportunity for the

Department and stakeholders to ask questions and engage in discussions. After obtaining input from stakeholders, the Department will provide an agenda in advance of the technical conferences. The Department expects that the timing of these technical conferences will help inform the initial comments to be filed in this matter by April 14, 2026.

II. RESERVED DATES FOR TECHNICAL CONFERENCES

The Department reserves **April 1, 2026 through April 3, 2026** to hold hybrid technical conferences in this matter. The technical conferences will commence at 10:00 am. At this time, the Department does not anticipate needing the full three days for these sessions. As such, the final schedule and agenda items will be provided at a later date.

The Department requests that any stakeholders wishing to participate in the technical conferences notify the Department no later than the close of business on March 4, 2026 by emailing Hearing Officer Stephanie Mealey at dpu25200.investigation@mass.gov as well as the Service List for this matter. Such notice shall include: (1) any issues and proposals the stakeholders seek to discuss at the technical conference; and (2) whether the stakeholders intend to make a presentation. The Department also requests that the Distribution Companies provide presentations on their Reports for discussion at the technical conferences and that they submit copies of these presentations two weeks prior to the start of conferences. The Distribution Companies should coordinate where possible to limit duplication of topics and provide for an efficient use of time.

For in-person attendees, the technical conferences will be held at the Department's offices located at One South Station, 3rd floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. **The Department strongly encourages in-person participation to facilitate an open dialogue.** For those who cannot attend in person and wish to participate virtually, the Department will provide a dedicated Zoom link near the date of the technical conferences. The Department will also provide a public access link for members of the public to observe. Further details on the process for participation will be provided in advance of the technical conferences.

For further information regarding this memorandum, please contact Hearing Officer Stephanie Mealey at stephanie.mealey@mass.gov.