

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 25-27 April 15, 2025

Petition of Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of a gas supply agreement with NRG Business Marketing, LLC, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94A.

On March 7, 2025, Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Company") filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") seeking approval of a gas supply agreement with NRG Business Marketing, LLC ("NRG"). The Company filed a corrected petition with the Department on April 1, 2025. The Company's petition was filed pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94A. The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 25-27.

The agreement will provide city gate peaking service of up to 15,000 Dth per day during each winter season from November 1, 2025, through March 31, 2029, with a maximum seasonal quantity of 150,000 Dth. The Company states that the agreement is necessary to address a reliability risk related to operational changes instituted by Algonquin Gas Transmission Company ("Algonquin") in 2019. The Company states that the proposed agreement: (1) will ensure reliability of service to customers within the Company's Brockton Division on Algonquin's G-System; (2) is consistent with the portfolio objectives established in the Company's latest Forecast and Supply Plan approved in Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts, D.P.U. 23-125; and (3) represents the most viable, cost-effective alternative available to meet the Company's identified need.

The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Company's filing. If necessary, the public hearing will be immediately followed by a procedural conference. The Department will conduct the hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on **Tuesday**, **May 20**, **2025**, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Attendees can join by entering the link, https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81405612474, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio -only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at 301-715-8592 (not toll free) and then enter the **Meeting ID#** 814 0561 2474. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, please send an email by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday**, **May 6**, **2025**, to julianne.desmet@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address. If you anticipate commenting by telephone, please leave a voicemail message by **Tuesday**, **May 6**, **2025**, at 617-305-3626 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address.

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Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, May 20, 2025**. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, julianne.desmet@mass.gov, and the Company's attorney, Steven Frias, at sfrias@keeganwerlin.com. Please note that in the interest of transparency, any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

Any person who desires to participate otherwise in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday**, **May 6**, **2025**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03. Receipt by the Department 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 CMR 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 CMR 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10. All responses to petitions to intervene must be filed by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the <u>second</u> business day after the petition to intervene was filed. The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("Attorney General") filed a notice to intervene in this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(a).

All documents should be submitted to the Department in .pdf format by email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and julianne.desmet@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 25-27); (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 through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "25-27") at:

<u>https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber</u>. In addition, one copy of all written comments and petitions to intervene should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Steven Frias, at sfrias@keeganwerlin.com.

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. 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 eeadiversity@mass.gov or 617-626-1282.

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Company's attorney, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Julianne Desmet, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at julianne.desmet@mass.gov.

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English

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Português (Portuguese)

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繁體中文 (Traditional Chinese)

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Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese)

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ខ្មែរ (Khmer)

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Español (Spanish)

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简体中文 (Simplified Chinese)

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Kreyòl Ayisyen (Haitian Creole)

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Français (French)

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Русский (Russian)

ВНИМАНИЕ!

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한국어 (Korean)

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Kaylee Burgess에게 dpu.ej@mass.gov로 이메일을 보내 선호하는
언어와 연락처 정보를 명시하여 언어 서비스를 요청하십시오.



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ORDER OF NOTICE

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Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Company") shall publish the attached Notice of Filing and Public Hearing ("Notice") not later than **Friday**, **April 18, 2025** in either The Boston Globe or the Boston Herald. By that same date, the Company shall also: (1) electronically distribute a copy of the attached Notice to all persons on the service list in <u>Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts</u>, D.P.U. 24-26; <u>Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts</u>, D.P.U. 21-09; and (2) serve the attached Notice to any person who has asked to be notified by the Company. Finally, the Company shall prominently display the Notice on its website from three business days following receipt of the Notice by the Department through the end of the comment period. The Company is required to provide return of service and proof of publication by Thursday, May 15, 2025.

By Order of the Department,	
/s/	
Mark D. Marini, Secretary	