

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 26-28

March 3, 2026

Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company for approval of a gas supply agreement with Constellation LNG, LLC, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94A.

On February 20, 2026, The Berkshire Gas Company (“Berkshire” or “Company”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) seeking approval of a two-year extension of an existing agreement with Constellation LNG, LLC (“Constellation”) that will provide up to 5,400 dekatherms (“Dth”) per day of supply for 30 days in the winter season, November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>, as elected by Berkshire. These supplies are sourced at Constellation’s Everett Marine Terminal in Everett, MA, and will be delivered directly to the Company’s citygates. The two-year extension will begin on June 1, 2028, and will terminate on May 31, 2030. Berkshire states that the proposed agreement represents the only viable option to meet the existing and future requirements based on length of the terms offered, flexibility, and price considerations and is in the public interest. Berkshire further states that the proposed extension is: (1) consistent with the portfolio objectives established in the Company’s most recent forecast and supply plan, approved in The Berkshire Gas Company, D.P.U. 24-180 (2025); (2) compares favorably to the range of alternatives reasonably available to the Company and its customers; and (3) is consistent with the objectives of the Global Warming Solutions Act. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 26-28.

The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on Berkshire’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 **Monday, March 30, 2026**, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Attendees can join by entering the link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83732006122> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at **(646) 558-8656 (not toll free)** and then enter the **Meeting ID# 837 3200 6122**. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, please send an email by **Monday, March 23, 2026**, to [laurie.e.weisman@mass.gov](mailto:laurie.e.weisman@mass.gov) with your name, email address, and mailing address. If you anticipate commenting by telephone, please leave a voicemail message by **Monday, March 23, 2026**, at 617-305-3626 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Monday, March 30, 2026**. Written comments from the

public may be sent by email to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov), [laurie.e.weisman@mass.gov](mailto:laurie.e.weisman@mass.gov), and the Company's attorney, Kerri A. Gowaski, Esq., [kerri.gowaski@avangrid.com](mailto:kerri.gowaski@avangrid.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 Peter A. Ray, 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 **Monday, March 23, 2026**. 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 second 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. Further, pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the Attorney General filed a notice of intent to retain experts and consultants to assist her investigation of the Company's filing and has requested Department approval to spend up to \$150,000 in this regard. Pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the costs incurred by the Attorney General relative to her retention of experts and consultants may be recovered in the Company's rates. Any person who desires to comment on the Attorney General's notice of intent to retain experts and consultants may submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Monday, March 23, 2026**.

All documents should be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by email attachment to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and [laurie.e.weisman@mass.gov](mailto:laurie.e.weisman@mass.gov). The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 26-28); (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 "26-28" on the line for "Docket No.>"). In addition, one copy of all written comments and petitions to intervene should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Kerri A. Gowaski, Esq., [kerri.gowaski@avangrid.com](mailto:kerri.gowaski@avangrid.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](mailto: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 Laurie Ellen Weisman, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at [laurie.e.weisman@mass.gov](mailto:laurie.e.weisman@mass.gov).

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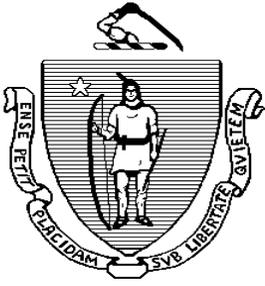
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The Berkshire Gas Company (“Company”) shall publish the attached Notice of Filing, Public Hearing, and Request for Comments (“Notice”) no later than **Friday, March 6, 2026**, in (1) either *The Boston Globe* or the *Boston Herald*; and (2) *The Berkshire Eagle*. Within the same timeframe, the Company shall also serve a copy of the Notice as follows: (1) on the service lists in The Berkshire Gas Company, D.P.U. 24-180; and (2) to any person who has asked to be notified by the Company. The Company’s service may be by electronic distribution, which the Department finds reasonable and consistent with the public interest.

In addition, the Company shall prominently display the Notice on its website from **three business days** following receipt of the Notice from the Department through the close of the comment period.

The Company shall make return of service and proof of website posting at the close of the comment period.

By Order of the Department,

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/s/  
Peter A. Ray, Secretary