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INTRODUCTION

The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (the “Department” or “DPU”) oversees investor-owned electric power, natural gas, and water companies in Massachusetts. The DPU regulates the safety of passenger-for-hire bus companies, provides oversight of moving companies, tow companies, and transportation network companies. In addition, the DPU is charged with developing alternatives to traditional regulation, monitoring service quality, regulating safety in public transportation and gas pipelines, and the siting of energy facilities.

The Department is overseen by the three member commonwealth utilities commission (“Commission”) appointed by the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (“Secretary”) with approval by the Governor. The Secretary designates one of the Commissioners as Chairman.

In 2017, Jolette Westbrook stepped down as a Commissioner at the DPU. Commissioner Westbrook worked at the Department for nearly two decades—serving as a Commissioner for eight of those years. Commissioner Westbrook’s integrity, intellect, and devotion to the job will be greatly missed and the DPU would like to thank her for her dedication to public service.

Replacing Commissioner Westbrook, Cecile M. Fraser was appointed as a new Commissioner in June 2017. Prior to her appointment, Commissioner Fraser spent the last four years serving as counsel with the DPU in the Division of Regional and Federal Affairs and the Consumer Division. The Department is pleased to welcome Commissioner Fraser.

The balance of the 2017 Commission was comprised of Chairman Angela M. O’Connor and Commissioner Robert Hayden.

In 2017, the DPU issued an unprecedented number of orders (801 in total) that reflect the efforts of many people who are committed, individually and collectively, to bringing a thoughtful approach to their work, producing high-quality results, and most important — serving the public interest.

Highlights from 2017 include the adjudication of the first base distribution rate proceeding for NSTAR Electric Company since 2005, combined with the first base distribution rate case for Western Massachusetts Electric Company since 2010. This rate case for the combined Eversource Electric was more resource intensive than any recent single case before the DPU given the complexity of the issues involved. Included in the Department’s decision was adoption of an innovative performance based ratemaking (“PBR”) framework that incentivizes the companies to find cost-reducing efficiencies, improve resiliency and customer satisfaction, make investments in advanced clean energy technologies, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The rate case Order also approves \$45 million in investments to accelerate the development of electric vehicle infrastructure and authorizes up to a \$15 million investment to construct a 5 megawatt energy storage facility on Martha’s Vineyard and up to a \$40 million investment to construct a 12 megawatt energy storage facility on Cape Cod.

In 2017, the Department’s newly created Transportation Network Company Division made tremendous progress in implementing one of the most comprehensive ride-for-hire laws in the country. Beginning in January 1, 2017, the Division conducted background checks for over 141,000 TNC driver applicants in the Commonwealth. The background checks began a year ahead of schedule and highlight the Baker-Polito Administration’s commitment to prioritize the safety of consumers utilizing ride transportation services in the Commonwealth.

The DPU also issued noteworthy Orders in 2017 in connection with An Act Relative to Energy Diversity (“Energy Diversity Act”), the landmark renewable energy bill signed into law by Governor Baker in 2016. In June 2017, the DPU issued an Order finding that the proposed timeline for solicitation of 1,600 megawatts of Offshore Wind generation required by Section 83C of the Energy Diversity Act can affect project development costs as well as project viability, which in turn impacts the timing and amount of benefits ratepayers will

realize. Consequently, the DPU ordered the state's electric distribution companies ("EDCs") to accelerate the solicitation by several months in order to allow wind developers access to incentives provided through existing federal tax credits and pass the benefits on to Massachusetts ratepayers. On June 28th, the EDCs filed revisions to the solicitation in compliance with the DPU's directive, and on June 29th, the EDCs, in coordination with the Department of Energy Resources, issued the solicitation. Bids for the initial Off-shore Wind RFP were submitted on December 20, 2017 and will be evaluated by a team that includes the electric distribution companies, the Department of Energy Resources, and an Independent Evaluator. The selected proposals will then enter into contract negotiations with the EDCs, and any negotiated long-term contracts will be submitted to the DPU by July 31, 2018 for approval.

In February 2017, the DPU issued an Order approving the proposed timeline and method for solicitation of 9,450,000 megawatts-hours of clean hydroelectric energy generation required by Section 83D of the Energy Diversity Act. The solicitation for clean energy generation was issued on March 31, 2017 with bids received in July 2017. The Department anticipates the EDCs will be filing contracts for DPU approval by April 25, 2018.

The Department is pleased to submit this Annual Report pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 2. The report that follows summarizes the responsibilities of the various divisions within the Department, provides information regarding the day-to-day functions of the agency, and outlines the major activities and accomplishments during 2017.

CONSUMER DIVISION

Mission

The Consumer Division is the Department's primary link with utility customers. The Consumer Division works to ensure that customers, utilities, and the public receive fair and equitable treatment through education, complaint resolution, and evaluation of utility compliance with consumer protection rules and policies. The Consumer Division educates the public and utilities about customer rights and responsibilities, investigates and resolves disputes between customers and utilities, and evaluates utilities' compliance with the Commonwealth's statutes, Department regulations, orders, and the utilities' terms and conditions for service. The Consumer Division conducts informal hearings as appropriate to try to resolve customer complaints against their respective utility companies.

Responsibilities

Investigation and Resolution of Customer Complaints

The Consumer Division is available to assist customers in resolving problems they are having with their utility providers. Most complaints are made by phone, but also by mail, email, and via the Department's website. The majority of the complaints concern billing disputes, credit issues, or poor quality of service allegations. In those cases in which the utility company is found to be at fault, the Consumer Division will order the company to correct the problem and make any necessary bill adjustments. This past year, the Consumer Division directed the utilities to make \$125,778.47 in adjustments.

If a customer or utility company is not satisfied with the resolution of a complaint filed with the Consumer Division with respect to residential billing and service termination issues, either party may request an informal hearing. An informal hearing for a residential complaint is conducted by a Consumer Division Hearing Officer. Parties may appeal the Hearing Officer's decision to the Department's Commission.

Utility Monitoring

The Consumer Division collects extensive data about the quality of service utility customers receive. This data is used to generate monthly reports, which include cases, inquiries, and bill adjustment amounts and their

percentage increase or decrease in the previous twelve-month average. The reports compare companies using measures such as the number of residential complaints per 1,000 customers, and the total number of complaints per month. This data is also used to evaluate whether to grant energy supply licenses and renewals.¹

To ensure compliance with Department regulations and policies, Consumer Division staff review regulations pertaining to billing, protections from shutoffs, policies on abatements, and other areas of consumer protection. The Consumer Division also reviews utility billing materials and notices. The Consumer Division reviews bill format changes, bill inserts and notices – including rate change notices – as well as informational letters sent to customers. The Consumer Division may recommend changes to notices where necessary to ensure that customers are provided clear and accurate information.

Storms

It is crucial for customers to have utility service that is both safe and reliable at all times, including during serious weather events. The Consumer Division gathers and disseminates timely and accurate information regarding outages and restoration efforts during weather-related events so that appropriate actions may be taken by customers, communities, and utilities.

Distributed Generation/Interconnection Dispute Resolution

As developers apply to interconnect their distributed generation projects to a company's distribution system, disputes can arise. The Consumer Division Director is the Department-designated ombudsperson for these disputes. The goal of the ombudsperson is to be easily accessible and provide independent problem solving assistance to the parties.

Department Proceedings

Municipal Aggregation

Massachusetts General Law c. 164, § 134 authorizes municipalities to aggregate the electrical load of customers within their borders to procure competitive supply of electricity. The Director of the Consumer Division participates in the review of aggregation plans to ensure customer education and outreach.

ELECTRIC POWER DIVISION

Overview

The Electric Power Division ("EPD") provides technical support to the Department in the regulation of the state's five investor-owned electric distribution companies: Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, doing business as Unitil ("Unitil"); Massachusetts Electric Company ("MECo") and Nantucket Electric Company ("Nantucket Electric"), together doing business as National Grid ("National Grid")²; NSTAR Electric Company ("NSTAR Electric"); and Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("WMECo"), each doing business as Eversource Energy ("Eversource"). EPD's responsibilities fall into six general categories:

1. Energy efficiency;
2. Renewable energy resources, including development of distributed generation interconnection standards;
3. "Grid modernization," including "smart grid";

¹ Massachusetts customers may choose to obtain electric and gas supply from a competitive supplier other than from their local distribution utility. The Department annually certifies the suppliers and agents selling this competitive supply.

² MECo and Nantucket Electric frequently make joint filings.

4. The retail power supply markets in Massachusetts;
5. Safe and reliable electric service; and
6. The monitoring of regional and federal affairs.

In addition to these specific categories, EPD staff work with other Department divisions on larger cases such as distribution company rate cases and merger proposals.

In 2017, the Electric Power division has incorporated the monitoring of Regional and Federal Affairs (“RFA”) – formerly the Division of Regional and Federal Affairs – which supports the Department by collecting, synthesizing, and evaluating the federal and regional factors driving electric system reliability and wholesale energy costs in Massachusetts. EPD will now monitor the wholesale and transmission costs of electricity and natural gas which constitute a significant portion of the retail price of these commodities for Massachusetts ratepayers.

Energy Efficiency

Massachusetts electric distribution companies have administered and implemented ratepayer-funded energy efficiency (“EE”) programs for over 20 years. Since the passing of the Green Communities Act³ in 2008, gas companies submit energy efficiency plans to the Department for approval every three years. The Electric Division reviews the proposed plans in 90 days to ensure that, among other things:

- The programs are delivered cost-effectively, capturing all available energy efficiency opportunities;
- Administrative costs have been minimized to the fullest extent practicable;
- Competitive procurement processes have been used to the fullest extent practicable; and
- A minimum of 10 percent of the budget is allocated toward low income spending, while also being mindful of rate and bill impacts on consumers.

During 2017, the Department concluded its review of the 2013-2015 Three Year Term Report for all electric utility companies, which resulted in higher than expected savings for customers and the meeting or exceeding of the PAs initial three year plan energy efficiency goals. The Department also approved demand-focused demonstration projects in residential sector for Unitil and the C&I sector for Eversource in four areas:

1. Battery storage;
2. Thermal storage (ice and phase change material);
3. Software and controls; and
4. Active demand response.

Renewable Energy Resources

Introduction

The Green Communities Act and subsequent legislation include provisions on the following policies related to renewable energy resources:

- Net metering;
- Long-term contracts;
- Ownership by electric distribution companies of solar generation facilities; and
- Interconnection.

³ An Act Relative to Green Communities, Chapter 169 of the Acts of 2008 (“Green Communities Act” or “GCA”), enacted on July 2, 2008.

Net Metering

Section 78 of the Green Communities Act requires the Department to adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions relating to net metering. Net metering refers to the process of measuring the difference between the electricity generated by a customer-owned generator and fed back to the grid and the electricity delivered to the customer by its distribution company. In 2016, Chapter 75 of the Acts of 2016, an Act Relative to Solar Energy was signed into law, which calls for the DPU to consider any proposed monthly minimum reliability contribution (“MMRC”) to ensure that all distribution company customers contribute to the fixed costs of ensuring the reliability, proper maintenance and safety of the electric distribution system. The Department reviewed an MMRC in Eversource’s D.P.U. 17-05 rate case.

In regard to net metering in 2017, the Department:

- Continued the implementation of a net metering system of assurance⁴;
- Reviewed eight petitions for an exemption from the net metering regulations;
- Continued a rulemaking for small hydro as required by legislation;
- Opened an inquiry into the application of the net metering regulations and the “single parcel” and “subdivision rules”;
- Opened an inquiry into the eligibility of energy storage systems to net meter and application of the net metering rules and regulations relating to the participation of certain net metering facilities in the Forward Capacity Market;
- Began reviewing a petition of the distribution companies for review and approval of their model Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (“SMART”) tariff; and
- Answered many implementation questions.

Long-Term Contracts

Section 83 of the Green Communities Act and Section 83A of the 2012 Energy Law⁵ require the Department to adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the provision relating to long-term contracts between electric distribution companies and renewable energy project developers. In 2016, Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2016, the Act to Promote Energy Diversity, was signed into law requiring the Department to update its regulations to account for Section 83C and Section 83D, which calls for solicitation of clean energy resources and off-shore wind power. The distribution companies submitted a proposed timetable and method for approval for a solicitation and execution of long-term contracts for 83C and 83D contracts. The distribution companies will file any resulting cost-effective contracts with the Department in 2018. The Department is also reviewing 83A long-term contracts for procurement of renewable energy and renewable energy certificates from ten individual renewable energy projects, pursuant to St. 2012, c. 209, § 36, and 220 CMR 21.00.

Interconnection

Interconnection is the process by which distributed generation is electrically integrated into the electric power system. In 2011, the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (“DOER”) filed a petition with the Department requesting that the Department open a proceeding on the interconnection of distributed generation. DOER’s petition was accompanied by a report entitled “Massachusetts Distributed Generation Interconnection Report,” which identified various issues associated with the current distributed generation interconnection standards and application procedure. As a result of DOER’s petition, the Department issued a notice of

⁴ The website is available at www.massACA.org.

⁵ An Act Relative to Competitively Priced Electricity in the Commonwealth (“2012 Energy Law”), Chapter 209 of the Acts of 2012, enacted on August 3, 2012.

investigation and opened a generic proceeding, the purpose of which was to ensure an efficient and effective interconnection process. This investigation and proceeding concluded this year with the Department's approval of a model Standard for Interconnection of Distributed Generation Tariff ("Tariff") for adoption by the electric distribution companies.

In compliance with Department Orders issued in the above proceeding and the Tariff, the Companies submitted their first timeline enforcement mechanism ("TEM") metric reports in March 2015. The TEM measures a Company's performance in complying with interconnection timeframes as required by the Tariff. Performance by the Companies is measured annually by aggregating the average time spent to execute a final interconnection service agreement and comparing that average performance to the total days allowed under the Tariff's timeframes. The Companies are then either penalized or earn offsets depending on their performance for that year. For their first year each Company earned the full amount of offsets allowed under the TEM, which can be applied in the following year to offset penalties.

In addition, the Department is monitoring the Group Study process established in the Tariff. The Group Study process allows the Companies to group interconnection customers in a common electrical area for expediting the sequential system impact study process, limiting redundant utility engineering work, realizing economies of scale, and sharing system modification costs on a pro rata basis. The Department's Interconnection Ombudsperson facilitates and reviews the "good faith negotiation" of parties involved in interconnection as required by the Tariff and offers independent problem-solving. Further, staff from EPD monitors the Massachusetts Technical Standards Review Group ("TSRG"), an ongoing effort to address various interconnection related technical challenges. The Department's Interconnection Ombudsperson is also an Ex Officio member of the TSRG.

Grid Modernization or Smart Grid

Section 85 of the Green Communities Act requires each electric company to file a plan with the Department to establish a Smart Grid pilot program. Each pilot program must include advanced technology that provides for:

- Real-time measurement and communication of energy consumption;
- Automated load management systems; and
- Remote status detection and operation of distribution system equipment.

The pilots from NSTAR Electric and Unitil are complete, while National Grid's two year pilot is ongoing.

In August of 2015, the electric distribution companies filed Grid Modernization Plans with the Department. As required by the Department, each plan laid out each company's ten-year investment strategy to achieve measureable improvement in four grid modernization objectives:

1. Reduce the impact of outages;
2. Optimize demand;
3. Integrate distributed resources; and
4. Improve workforce and asset management.

The Grid Modernization Plans include detailed capital plans over five years and information on the costs and benefits of these investments. The Department order on Grid Modernization is forthcoming.

Retail Power Supply Markets

Introduction

Prior to the enactment of Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997 (the "Electric Restructuring Act"), customers had no choice but to purchase both the delivery and supply (commodity) components of their electric service from their electric company. The Electric Restructuring Act introduced competition in the Massachusetts electric industry

by giving consumers the option to purchase the supply component of their electric service from a competitive retail supplier or to continue receiving electricity procured by their electric company.

Competitive Power Supply

Consistent with the objectives of the Electric Restructuring Act, the Department's goal is to provide electricity customers with a broad choice of competitive supply options to allow customers to fully realize the benefits of the restructured electric industry. The Department grants licenses to qualified entities to serve as competitive suppliers⁶ and electricity brokers⁷ in the restructured industry. EPD staff review license applications to determine whether the applicant has demonstrated, among other things, the financial and technical capability to provide the applicable services. As of year-end 2017, there were 81 licensed competitive suppliers and 256 licensed electricity brokers in Massachusetts. While these suppliers and brokers provide services primarily to large and medium-sized commercial customers, they are increasingly serving residential customers as well.

The Department launched Energy Switch Massachusetts⁸ in October of 2016. Energy Switch Massachusetts is an interactive online tool that provides product information to residential and small business electricity consumers who seek to purchase their electric supply from the competitive market. The website allows licensed competitive suppliers to list multiple products to allow consumers to select the energy supply product that best meets their needs. Shoppers are able to compare products based on price, length of contract, renewable energy resource content, and additional products and services. As of year-end 2017, there were 27 competitive suppliers actively participating on the website and listing at least one product to consumers on the website.

Additionally, the Electric Restructuring Act included provisions that allow a municipality (or group of municipalities) to aggregate the electrical load of customers located within its municipal boundary for the purpose of purchasing competitive power supply. A municipality that seeks to implement a "municipal aggregation" plan must receive Department approval.

Basic Service

Basic service, formerly known as "default service," is the retail power supply service that each electric distribution company provides to customers not receiving such service from the competitive market. Each distribution company procures power supply for its basic service customers from the wholesale electricity markets through competitive solicitation processes.

For its residential and small commercial and industrial ("C&I") customers, each distribution company issues a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for basic service supply on a semi-annual basis. Each solicitation procures 50 percent of the company's basic service supply requirement for these customers for a twelve-month term. As such, at any point in time, basic service rates for residential and small C&I customers are based on the winning bid prices from the two most recent solicitations.

For its medium and large C&I customers, a distribution company issues an RFP solicitation for basic service supply on a quarterly basis. Each solicitation procures 100 percent of the company's basic service supply requirement for these customers for a three-month term.

In addition to procuring power supply for its basic service customers, each distribution company must comply with the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard ("RPS"). The RPS requires that competitive suppliers and

⁶ Competitive suppliers are entities that procure electricity from generation facilities at the wholesale level and sell the electricity to consumers at retail cost.

⁷ Electricity brokers are entities that facilitate or arrange for the sale of electricity to customers, acting as "middlemen" between suppliers and customers.

⁸ <http://www.energyswitchma.gov/>

distribution companies providing basic service provide Renewable Energy Certificates for certain percentages of sales for various classes of renewable energy resources.

EPD staff reviews each company's solicitations to ensure that they comply with the Department's rules and regulations and are sufficiently competitive such that the results of the solicitations are consistent with prevailing market conditions.

Distribution Service Quality and Reliability

EPD is responsible for ensuring that Massachusetts electric companies provide their customers with safe and reliable distribution service. EPD discharges this responsibility through three primary tools. First, the Department requires electric companies to submit periodic reports on issues related to distribution service quality and reliability. Some of the periodic reports are described below. Second, the Department requires that the companies maintain an outage reporting website, which allows the Department to access real-time information regarding significant power outages that occur on their distribution systems. Finally, the Department reviews the companies' annual service quality reports to determine if a penalty is warranted.

Reporting Requirements

The Department requires each electric distribution company to periodically file reports on issues related to distribution, safety, service quality and reliability. EPD staff review these reports and meet with the companies, as necessary, to ensure that the companies' actions are consistent with Department requirements. Some of the periodic reports filed with the Department are described below.

Annual Planning and Reliability Report

The annual planning and reliability report includes an analysis of the company's distribution system, including:

- A ten-year load growth forecast capable of identifying high-growth areas/zones;
- A description of the company's transmission and distribution design and planning criteria and an explanation of how those criteria are applied;
- A distribution system operating study focused on contingency analysis and management; and
- An update to corrective actions and significant capital investments planned for the next five years.

Annual Storm and Emergency Restoration Report

The annual storm and emergency restoration report details the company's storm and emergency plans ("ERPs") to respond to any emergency event such as hurricanes or snowstorms. The companies are required to file their ERPs annually, including actions taken to prepare for an emergency event. The ERPs are established pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 19.00, Standards of Performance for Emergency Preparation and Restoration of Service for Electric Distribution and Gas Companies, and Emergency Response Plan Guidelines for electric companies. In addition, the Department closely monitors storm events and assigns staff to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency ("MEMA") bunker when necessary.

Quarterly Outage Report

The quarterly outage report summarizes all significant outages that occurred in a company's electric system, within the reporting quarter, including the actions taken or planned to mitigate the outage causes.

Quarterly Stray Voltage and Manhole Safety Report

The quarterly stray voltage and manhole safety report describes each company's practices with regard to stray voltage and manhole issues, including systematic testing/inspection and corrective actions performed consistent with the approved distribution safety plans. In addition, the companies are required to report on the nature of

the stray voltage and manhole incidents as soon as they occur, including corrective actions. EPD continues to track those corrective actions and related activities.

Semi-Annual Double Pole Reports

The semi-annual double pole report details the companies' efforts to address the double pole issue, including removal of poles and transfer of wires owned by various attachers. The double pole reports are filed pursuant to the Department's regulations relative to reducing the number of double utility poles in the Commonwealth, as required by Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2003. The source of the double pole data comes from a pole life-cycle management system ("PLM") database jointly developed by the utilities. The Department continues to monitor the semi-annual double pole reports. The Department is also monitoring settlement agreements that utilities entered into for pole ownership and cost sharing with Verizon.

Reporting of Outage Events

Each electric distribution company is required to maintain, on a real-time basis, information regarding planned and unplanned outages that occur on its distribution system. Each company's outage report can be accessed by Department staff via a secure internet-based Outage Reporting Protocol ("ORP") system. The ORP information includes, for example:

- The location of the outage;
- Number of customers affected;
- Number of circuits affected or out-of-service;
- Likely cause;
- Any bodily injury; and
- Whether a critical facility, such as a hospital, is involved.

EPD staff monitors the ORP data, and responds to reports of significant and/or frequent interruptions to customers, and when a reliability trend is observed. In addition, each company files, annually, a report of all customer outages that occurred on its system in the prior year.

Service Quality Standards

The Department requires that each electric distribution company submit an annual service quality report that details how the company has performed with respect to standards established in the Department's Service Quality Guidelines. A major component of these guidelines relates to companies' performance regarding the frequency and duration of outages during the previous year, both on a system-wide and circuit-specific level, and performance relating to customer billing and other complaints. EPD staff reviews each electric company's service quality report to evaluate performance. A company can incur a penalty of up to 2.5 percent of its distribution and transmission revenue if its service quality performance degrades in comparison to historic benchmark performance levels.

On December 11, 2012, the Department opened a generic investigation regarding the service quality guidelines established in Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 99-84 (2001) and amended in Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 04-116 (2007). After a multi-year process including comments on a straw proposal, on December 22, 2014, the Department issued an Order revising the Service Quality Guidelines. Subsequently, on January 12, 2015, the Electric and Gas Companies filed a Joint Motion for reconsideration and/or clarification on certain components of the Department's Revised Service Quality Guidelines. After a technical session and further consideration, on December 18, 2015 the Department issued an Order intended to resolve the issues addressed in the Joint Motion as a result of the Department's changing policy goals relating to service quality.

With the revised Service Quality Guidelines, the Department is shifting from a paradigm of no-degradation in service to a paradigm of improved service over time; discontinuing the use of offsets so that companies achieve a minimum standard of performance on all metrics; updating or eliminating metrics that it deemed to be outdated and meaningless due to technological improvements that automate the functions; and adding new reporting metrics for gas safety and customer service. Accordingly, the Department revised its service quality guidelines, instituting an enhanced reliability metrics and penalty mechanism, effective January 1, 2016.

Regional and Federal Affairs

RFA actively monitors ISO-NE transmission planning, operations, and administration of competitive wholesale markets and actively engages in ISO-NE's stakeholder processes including monitoring and participating in various New England Power Pool ("NEPOOL") technical committees (i.e., Markets Committee, Reliability Committee, Transmission Committee, NEPOOL Participants Committee, Planning Advisory Committee, and various other committees and working groups). In total, these committees and working groups held approximately 100 meetings in 2017.

RFA also participates in national and regional policy groups including the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners ("NARUC"), the Eastern Interconnection States' Planning Council ("EISPC"), the New England Conference of Public Utility Commissioners ("NECPUC"), and the New England States Committee on Electricity ("NESCOE"). Finally, RFA monitors, oversees, and actively engages in proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"), as well as other federal agencies that take action relative to system reliability and/or issues with cost implications for Massachusetts electric and gas consumers.

Legal Proceedings

Over the course of 2017, RFA has been involved in matters before the federal and state courts and the FERC, representing Massachusetts's view on issues affecting system reliability and consumer costs. The following is a sampling of these matters:

- Allco Renewable Energy Limited's ("Allco") complaint in federal court alleging, among other things, violations of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 ("PURPA"), by National Grid and the DPU. Among other things, the court concluded that the DPU's regulations at issue in the case are inconsistent with PURPA and, as such, are invalid. (U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts, 15-cv-13515-PBS). Consistent with the Court's decision, the DPU initiated a rulemaking proceeding to update its regulations governing qualifying facilities under PURPA at 220 CMR 8.00. Allco also filed an unsuccessful appeal of the District Court's decision at the First Circuit Court of Appeals, and Petition for Rehearing En Banc is currently pending before that court.
- The DPU has actively advocated on behalf of Massachusetts ratepayers in an ongoing proceeding at FERC concerning New England transmission owners' effort to persuade FERC to reinstate a higher transmission rate return on equity (Docket No. EL16-64).
- FERC's technical conference concerning implementation issues under PURPA (Docket No. AD16-16).
- FERC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NOPR") concerning the participation in markets by electric storage and distributed energy resource aggregations. The DPU submitted comments in this proceeding in February of 2017 (Docket No. RM16-23).
- FERC's technical conference to discuss certain matters affecting wholesale energy and capacity markets operated by the Eastern Regional Transmission Organizations and Independent System Operators. The DPU submitted a Pre-Technical Conference Statement and Post-Technical Conference Comments. In addition, Chairman O'Connor served as a panelist at the technical conference at FERC (Docket No. AD17-11).

- Department of Energy’s Notice of Proposed Rulemaking submitted to FERC for Grid Reliance and Resiliency Pricing. NESCOE represented the DPU and the other five New England States in submitting comments and reply comments on its behalf. FERC has a deadline of January 10, 2017 to make a determination on the NOPR (Docket No. RM18-1).

Representative Matters

The following sections detail some of the major issues RFA was engaged in during 2017.

Integrating Carbon-Free Resources into the Wholesale Electricity Market

One of the primary themes of 2017 was how to integrate the increasing quantities of state-mandated zero-carbon resources into the wholesale electric market operated by ISO-NE. By design, the wholesale electric market in New England is intended to procure the least cost combination of resources that can supply the region’s demand on any given day, without regard to the emissions produced or fuel diversity. Further, resources that receive out-of-market subsidies (such as state or federal subsidies) or benefit from state-mandated purchases by local distribution companies may have their bids reviewed and adjusted to remove the advantage of such subsidies. During 2017, the following events focused attention on the urgency of integrating zero-carbon renewable resources into the wholesale electric market:

- In 2016, the Massachusetts legislature passed an “Act to Promote Energy Diversity” which, among other provisions, directed the Massachusetts electric distribution companies (“EDCs”) to solicit cost-effective long-term (15-20 years) contracts for 9,450,000 megawatt hours of “clean energy generation” by April 1, 2017 and to also solicit cost-effective long-term contracts for offshore wind by June 30, 2017. In March, the DPU approved the EDCs’ request for proposals (“RFP”) for clean energy generation, and in June, the DPU approved the EDCs’ RFP for offshore wind. Contracts for both clean energy generation and offshore wind are expected to be filed for approval with the DPU in 2018.
- In September 2017, the EDCs submitted ten contracts to the DPU for approval pursuant to the New England Clean Energy RFP (also known as the “3-state RFP”) issued by Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. Nine of the projects are solar projects, and one is a wind project. The ten projects represent roughly 390 megawatts of nameplate capacity. The DPU anticipates completing its review of these ten contracts during 2018.

Integrating Markets and Public Policy

Beginning in 2016 and extending through most of 2017, the New England Power Pool (“NEPOOL”), the body of stakeholders (including generators, transmission owners, and load serving entities) which consult with and advise ISO-NE in a collaborative fashion on the operations and planning of the regional grid, conducted a series of meetings among stakeholders to address how best to integrate the states’ legal obligations to integrate increasing quantities of zero carbon renewable resources without unduly diminishing the benefits of the regional competitive wholesale electricity market. NEPOOL held those meetings in a forum dubbed Integrating Markets and Public Policy (“IMAPP”). In May 2017, the framework of a workable solution to IMAPP emerged, named Competitive Auctions with Sponsored Policy Resources (“CASPR”), and CASPR moved to NEPOOL’s markets committee for further refinement. CASPR continued to be refined throughout the fall of 2017, and ISO-NE is expected to make a filing at FERC seeking approval of CASPR in early 2018.

Transmission Planning for the Bulk Power Market

On January 11, 2017, ISO-NE issued a public notification for transmission needs driven by state and federal public policy requirements (“PPRs”) ISO-NE’s Open Access Transmission Tariff. Five stakeholders submitted comments identifying PPRs. Of these, four entities identified purported state-level PPRs. The states were provided the opportunity to review submitted PPRs and determine whether the PPRs drive transmission needs

requiring evaluation in ISO-NE's regional planning process. Following review of the stakeholder comments and relevant statutes and regulations, the DPU submitted comments finding that it does not request that ISO-NE initiate a Public Policy Transmission Study in the current planning cycle. The DPU found that the policies identified by stakeholders do not drive public policy transmission needs subject to the FERC Order 1000 planning process at this time.

Fuel Security

ISO-NE has been conducting a study of fuel security challenges to the continued reliability of New England's power system. In this context, fuel security refers to the ability of power plants to have or obtain the fuel required to generate electricity, especially during the winter peak season. Fuel security has emerged as a key issue for the following reasons:

- The regional power system is increasingly dependent on natural gas for power generation;
- The capacity of the region's natural gas infrastructure is not always adequate to deliver all the fuel needed for both heating and power generation during winter;
- The region has limited dual-fuel generating capability, with emissions restrictions on burning oil;
- Several coal, oil, and nuclear power plants – which are needed to maintain reliability when natural gas is in short supply – are retiring; and
- Natural gas is the fuel of choice for most new power plant proposals.

The purpose of ISO-NE's fuel security study is to examine how anticipated generating resource and fuel mix combinations could impact reliable operation of the regional bulk power system during the winter period. Fuel security-related matters are expected to be a predominant for RFA throughout 2018.

ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD AND DEPARTMENT SITING DIVISION

Overview

The Energy Facilities Siting Board ("Siting Board") is a nine member board charged with reviewing proposed energy facilities defined by statute so as to provide "a reliable energy supply for the Commonwealth with a minimum impact on the environment at the lowest possible cost." The Siting Board's primary function is to review, and where appropriate, issue approvals (with conditions) for construction, zoning exemptions, certificates, and other siting-related determinations necessary for the construction and operation of major energy infrastructure in Massachusetts. Such facilities include large power plants, electric transmission lines, intrastate natural gas and oil pipelines, and storage facilities for natural gas (over 25,000 gallons) and fuel oil (over 500,000 barrels). Under its certificate authority, the Siting Board may override various regulatory or legal impediments to the construction of energy facilities (previously approved by the Siting Board) by issuing and/or altering the terms of other permits and approvals normally overseen by other state and local regulatory agencies.

Administratively, the Siting Board is located within the Department, although by statute it is not subject to the Department's supervision or control. The nine-member Board is comprised of:

- The Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, who is the Chairman of the Board;
- Two Commissioners of the Department of Public Utilities;
- The Secretary of Housing and Economic Development;
- The Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection;
- The Commissioner of the Department of Energy Resources; and
- Three public members appointed by the Governor for a term coterminous with that of the Governor.

The Siting Board is supported by the staff of the Department's Siting Division.

The Department has its own statutory jurisdiction regarding the siting of energy facilities that pre-dates the establishment of the Energy Facilities Siting Council in 1973 (the predecessor agency of the Energy Facilities Siting Board). The Department's siting authority may be adjudicated in Department-only cases by Siting Board staff, or, if there is a related Siting Board case, consolidated with the Siting Board case and assigned to the Siting Board for review.

In support of its dual Siting Board and Department functions, the Siting Division staff:

- Adjudicates petitions to construct major energy infrastructure;
- Adjudicates petitions for issuance of state and local permits, licenses, or other approvals pursuant to the Siting Board's Certificate authority;
- Adjudicates petitions by public service corporations for exemptions from local zoning requirements;
- Adjudicates petitions by utility companies for eminent domain approval and access to land for survey purposes in connection with proposed electric transmission and gas pipeline facilities;
- Represents the Commonwealth in proceedings before FERC with respect to interstate natural gas facilities to be sited in Massachusetts; and
- Oversees compliance with Siting Board and the Department decisions through ongoing oversight, and the issuance of orders and civil penalties for violation of Siting Board requirements.

A list of Siting Board decisions and Department Siting Division orders from 2017 is attached as Appendix 1.

Siting Board Responsibilities

Overview

The Siting Board reviews petitions to construct major new energy infrastructure, including power plants, electric transmission lines, natural gas pipelines, and natural gas and fuel oil storage facilities, per G.L. c. 164, §§ 69G-S. Siting Board review is conducted by means of a formal adjudicatory proceeding in accordance with G.L. c. 30A. Final decisions of the Siting Board are appealable directly to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

The Siting Board's review of most types of energy infrastructure encompasses the need for the facility and its energy reliability benefits, alternative means of meeting that need, alternative sites or routes, environmental impacts and potential mitigation measures, and project costs. In addition, the Board reviews the consistency of the proposed facility with certain policies of the Commonwealth, including health, environmental protection, and energy policies. However, since restructuring of the electric utility industry in 1997, the Board's review of power plants is generally limited to potential environmental impacts and their mitigation. The Siting Board's environmental review covers a broad range of issues, including:

1. Potential impacts of a project on air quality, climate change, land use, wetlands and water resources, noise, traffic, visual impacts, habitat areas, magnetic fields, public health, and safety;
2. Impact mitigation measures; and
3. The cost of mitigation.

Siting Board decisions represent a balancing of cost, local and regional environmental impacts, and the benefits of the project in terms of contributing to a reliable energy supply.

Review of Generation Facilities

On December 3, 2015, NRG Canal 3 Development LLC (NRG) filed a petition with the Siting Board for approval to construct a new 350 MW simple-cycle, quick-start power plant on an existing NRG site in Sandwich, Massachusetts where the Canal Generating Station is located. The proposed generating facility

would be capable of using natural gas or ultra-low sulfur distillate fuel oil. On December 18, 2015, NRG filed a related petition with the Department, seeking certain zoning exemptions from the Town of Sandwich Zoning Bylaw, which was consolidated for review by the Siting Board, and docketed as EFSB 15-06/D.P.U. 15-180. On July 5, 2017, the Siting Board issued a Final Decision approving construction of the facility and the requested zoning exemptions, with conditions. On July 24, 2017, the Conservation Law Foundation filed an appeal of the Siting Board's decision to the SJC.

On February 24, 2017, Exelon West Medway LLC (Exelon) filed with the Siting Board a notice of proposed changes to the not-yet-constructed 200 megawatt dual fuel electric generating facility previously approved by the Siting Board in November 2016, in EFSB 15-01/D.P.U. 15-25. Exelon proposed to change the water supply for the proposed facility from the Town of Millis, as originally proposed to the Siting Board, to two on-site wells. The case was docketed as EFSB 15-01A/D.P.U. 15-25A. On August 4, 2017, the Siting Board issued a Final Decision approving the project change, with conditions.

On January 12, 2017, Exelon filed an Initial Petition and Application for a Certificate of Environmental Impact and Public Interest (Certificate) in connection with the 200 MW generating facility to be located in Medway. The filing was docketed as EFSB 17-01. Exelon indicated that the requested Certificate was necessitated by the appeal of the facility's MassDEP Major Comprehensive Plan Approval by the Conservation Law Foundation. On January 19, 2017, the Chairman of the Siting Board deferred the Board's decision on the Initial Petition until after the company filed an Application for a Certificate, which occurred on February 16, 2017, in which the company requested Siting Board issuance of 12 state and local permits and approvals, including the equivalent of the MassDEP Major Comprehensive Plan Approval. On August 4, 2017, the Siting Board issued a Certificate that is the equivalent of a MassDEP Air Plan Approval, subject to conditions, while declining to issue eleven other state and local permits requested by Exelon for inclusion in the Certificate. On August 24, 2017, the Conservation Law Foundation filed an appeal to the SJC regarding the Siting Board's decision granting a certificate to Exelon.

On October 16, 2017, CLF filed a motion for the SJC to consolidate the two pending Exelon West Medway appeals concerning EFSB 15-01/D.P.U. 15-25 and EFSB 17-01, with its pending appeal of the NRG Canal 3 facility approved in EFSB 15-06/D.P.U. 15-180. On October 27, 2017, the Siting Board filed a response to CLF's motion, agreeing that consolidation of the three Siting Board appeals is appropriate, but opposing CLF's request to stay the consolidated appeals, pending the outcome of two Suffolk Superior Court cases challenging the new in-state power plant emissions cap regulation issued by MassDEP in 310 CMR 7.74. On December 13, 2017, the SJC allowed CLF's motion to consolidate the three appeals.

On January 8, 2018, the SJC scheduled a hearing on January 30, 2018 to consider:

1. The CLF motion to stay the consolidated Siting Board matters during the pendency of the two appeals relating to MassDEP's 310 CMR 7.74;
2. A motion by Exelon and NRG for Reservation and Report to Full Court of the consolidated Siting Board cases;
3. Whether the parties in the MassDEP 310 CMR 7.74 regulations appeal in Suffolk Superior Court expect there to be any dispute of fact in those proceedings; and
4. Whether it is the view of all parties in the consolidated Siting Board appeals and the 310 CMR 7.74 appeals that the SJC should transfer before trial the 310 CMR 7.74 appeals from Suffolk Superior Court to the SJC for prompt consideration by the single justice of their reservation and report to the full court for a decision in coordination with the consolidated Siting Board appeals.

On February 13, 2017, Brockton Power Company, LLC (Brockton Power) filed with the Siting Board a request for an additional interim extension of the Siting Board's approval of Brockton Power's petition to construct a generating facility in the City of Brockton. The then-current Siting Board extension would have expired on

February 28, 2017. Pursuant to an Action by Consent, effective February 27, 2017, the Siting Board provided an interim extension of Brockton Power's Siting Board approvals that shall expire within 90 days of the issuance of the Final Decision by MassDEP on a pending appeal of the MassDEP Conditional Approval of Major Comprehensive Plan Application, issued by MassDEP on July 7, 2011. The second interim extension prohibits Brockton Power from commencing construction of the facility unless and until it submits a formal extension request and receives a final decision of the Siting Board granting such extension. The MassDEP's Recommended Final Decision on Remand is due by February 28, 2018, and the Commissioner's Final Decision on Remand is due March 20, 2018.

On November 16, 2017, Milford Power, LLC submitted a proposed project change regarding an existing 146 MW natural gas fired generating facility located in Milford, Massachusetts. The Milford Power facility was originally approved by the Energy Facilities Siting Council in 1991 in EFSB 90-101. In its filing, Milford Power proposes the use of wet compression and duct burner technology that would increase the generation capacity of its facility by a nominal 53 MW. The filing has been docketed as EFSB 17-04.

Review of Transmission Facilities

On April 28, 2014, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy filed with the Siting Board and the Department EFSB 14 2/D.P.U. 14-73/14-74 – a petition to construct a new 115 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line on an existing right-of-way between Walpole and Holbrook and to construct a new switching station in Sharon and receive exemptions from the zoning bylaws of Sharon, Walpole, and Holbrook in connection with the project. On September 20, 2017, the Siting Board issued a Final Decision approving the project, with conditions.

On December 23, 2014, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy filed EFSB 14 4/D.P.U. 14-153/14-154 with the Siting Board and the Department for approval to construct two new 115 kV underground transmission lines in Chelsea, Everett, and East Boston, to build a new substation in East Boston, and to modify existing substations in Chelsea and Everett. As part of the filing, the Company also sought exemptions from the City of Boston's zoning ordinance. On December 1, 2017 the Siting Board issued a Final Decision approving the project, with conditions, including a requirement for the company to enter into discussions with the City of Boston to explore the possible relocation of the proposed new substation in East Boston to the opposite side of an adjacent City-owned parcel and report back to the Siting Board within six months. On December 20, 2017, the Presiding Officer issued a ruling on a joint motion by Eversource intervenor Channel Fish granting a six-month extension of the appeal period (until June 1, 2018) relating solely to the location of the proposed East Boston substation.

On May 20, 2015, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy filed petitions with the Siting Board and the Department seeking to construct and operate a new 7.7-mile, 115 kV underground transmission line from an existing substation in Woburn to a substation adjacent to Mystic Station in Everett, and exemptions from the zoning ordinance of the City of Woburn. The petitions were docketed as EFSB 15-03/D.P.U. 15-64/15-65. On March 13, 2017, the Siting Board issued a Final Decision approving the project, with conditions.

On September 25, 2015, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy filed petitions with the Siting Board and the Department seeking to construct and operate a new 8.53-mile, 345 kV underground transmission line from an existing substation in Woburn to an existing substation in Wakefield. The petitions were docketed as EFSB 15-04/D.P.U. 15-140/15-141. A decision is expected in early 2018.

On June 15, 2016, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy filed two related petitions with the Siting Board and the Department in connection with the Company's proposal to construct an approximately 4.2-mile, 115kV combination overhead-and-underground transmission line in the West Roxbury section of Boston, and the Towns of Dedham and Needham, and to interconnect the Baker Street Substation in West Roxbury and

Needham Substation. The petitions were docketed at EFSB 16-02/D.P.U. 16-77. A decision is expected in 2018.

On April 20, 2017, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy filed petitions with the Siting Board and the Department seeking approval to construct an approximately nine-mile 115 kV underground transmission line that would pass primarily through the Towns of Sudbury and Hudson and through short section of the Town of Stow and the City of Marlborough, and exemptions from the zoning bylaws of Sudbury, Hudson, and Stow. Approximately 7.6 miles of the proposed line would use an inactive railroad right-of-way, owned by the MBTA. The proposed line would connect two existing substations: Eversource's Sudbury substation and Hudson Light & Power Department's substation. The petitions were docketed as EFSB 17-02/D.P.U. 17-82/17-83. A decision is expected in 2018.

On June 9, 2017, Harbor Electric Energy Company (HEEC) petitioned the Siting Board for a determination that HEEC's proposal to replace an existing 4.15-mile 115 kV submarine cable that runs from the NSTAR Electric Company K Street Substation in South Boston to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority wastewater treatment facility on Deer Island is not subject to the Siting Board's jurisdiction. The petition was docketed as EFSB 17-03. On September 20, 2017, the Siting Board issued a Final Decision finding that the proposed facility is not subject to the Siting Board's jurisdiction.

On December 18, 2017, Vineyard Wind LLC filed with the Siting Board a petition to construct an approximately 27-mile, 220 kV offshore/onshore submarine and underground electric transmission line from a proposed offshore wind turbine array located in federal water to a new substation in the Town of Barnstable. The proposal also includes a 0.1 mile 115 kV underground transmission line between the proposed new substation in Barnstable and the existing NSTAR Electric Company Switching Station in Barnstable. The filing was docketed as EFSB 17-05. The company indicated that it would subsequently file related petitions to the Department pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72 and G.L. c. 40A, § 3.

Review of Natural Gas Pipelines and Storage Facilities

No petitions for natural gas pipelines or storage facilities were submitted to the Siting Board in 2017 or otherwise pending.

Federal Licensing Proceedings

The Siting Board represents the Commonwealth in proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) with respect to the construction of energy facilities in Massachusetts. In 2017, no new interstate pipeline facilities located in Massachusetts were submitted to FERC for approval. The Siting Board did not submit comments to FERC or hold any public comment hearings regarding interstate pipeline facilities in 2017.

Permit Override Authority

Through the granting of a Certificate of Environmental Impact and Public Interest, the Siting Board has the authority to override a state or local ordinance, permit requirement, license, or other "burdensome condition or limitation" that would unduly delay or prevent construction of an energy facility approved by the Siting Board, per G.L. c. 164, §§ 69K-69O. A facility developer may also apply for a Certificate if it determines there are inconsistencies among resource use permits issued by state or local agencies. As noted above, Exelon West Medway, LLC sought Siting Board Certificate for its proposed generation facility, which was granted by the Siting Board, and is currently on appeal at the SJC.

Enforcement

The Siting Board is authorized to levy a civil penalty when an applicant has violated any order of the Board, per G.L. c. 164, § 69H. The maximum fine is \$1,000 per day per violation, with a maximum civil penalty of \$200,000 for any related series of violations. The Siting Board did not levy any civil penalties in 2017.

Siting Board Regulations

The regulations of the Siting Board are contained in 980 C.M.R. §§ 1.00-12.00. In 2017, no new regulations were promulgated nor were any rescinded or modified. The Siting Board has begun a thorough assessment of its regulations to determine whether to rescind, revise, or retain its current regulations. A rulemaking proceeding is anticipated in 2018.

Department Siting Division Responsibilities

Beyond supporting the Siting Board, the Siting Division – comprised of attorneys and technical analysts – handles a variety of land use cases for the Department including petitions for zoning exemptions, for authority to exercise eminent domain and conduct utility surveys, and for permission to construct transmission lines.

Electric Transmission Facilities

G.L. c. 164, § 72 requires electric companies to obtain Department approval prior to the construction or alteration of transmission lines. To receive such approval, the electric company must show that the proposed project is needed and that it serves “the public convenience and is consistent with the public interest.” The Siting Division typically adjudicates these petitions on behalf of the Department. As noted above, several proposed electric transmission facilities were submitted to the Siting Board for approval in 2017 or approved/pending from earlier filings. Each transmission facility submitted for Siting Board approval under c. 164, § 69J also requires G.L. c. 164, § 72 approval by the Department, administered by the Siting Board in consolidated proceedings.

Zoning Exemption Review

State law authorizes the Department to exempt public service corporations from compliance with specific municipal zoning ordinances or by-laws if it determines that the present or proposed use of the land or structure is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public, per G.L. c. 40A, § 3. The Siting Division adjudicates these cases for the Department. In several cases described above, zoning exemptions were sought in conjunction with Siting Board approval and Section 72 approval from the Department.

On June 30, 2017, Hopkinton LNG Corp. filed with the Department a request for exemptions from the Town of Hopkinton zoning bylaws in relation with proposed modifications at its existing peak-shaving LNG facility in Hopkinton. The modifications include replacing its existing gas pretreatment system, liquefaction system, and boil off gas compressors. The request was docketed as D.P.U. 17-114. Siting Board staff conducted a public comment hearing on September 19, 2017 in Hopkinton. A decision is expected in 2018.

On September 29, 2017, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy filed with the Department a request for exemptions from the zoning requirements of the City of Boston relating to proposed modifications to the company’s K Street Substation. The modifications include installation of a new voltage regulator and related equipment, and a new perimeter fence and barriers. The Department docketed the matter as D.P.U. 17-147.

Eminent Domain and Survey Access

On behalf of the Department, the Siting Division adjudicates petitions by electric, natural gas, water, and railroad companies for the right to exercise the power of eminent domain to meet their public service

obligations, per G.L. c. 164, §§ 72, 72A; G.L. c. 160, § 83. To grant eminent domain, the Department must determine that the project is necessary for the purpose alleged, will serve the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest. No eminent domain petitions were filed with or reviewed by the Siting Division during 2017.

Assistance to Other Department Divisions

In 2017, the Siting Division provided technical and legal support to other Department divisions to assist with ongoing cases and special projects, as needed. In particular, several members of the Siting Division contributed to the Department's involvement in projects or studies or legislative proposals relating to the need for additional electric generating capacity and natural gas pipeline capacity in the Massachusetts and New England market in general.

LEGAL DIVISION

Overview

The Legal Division staff serves as the chief legal and policy advisor to the Commission and provides legal support to all divisions of the Department.

Legal Division Responsibilities

Formal Adjudications

The Legal Division's primary duty is presiding over adjudicatory proceedings conducted under the Massachusetts Administrative Procedures Act (G.L. c. 30A) and the Department's procedural regulations (220 CM.R 1.00). During 2017, the Legal Division participated in the issuance of 801 Orders. Some of the more notable dockets and initiatives included:

- The investigation and issuance of the first base rate case proceeding for Eversource in over 25 years;
- A prolonged, complex and high-profile investigation into the merger and acquisition of an independently owned and operated water company by an energy holding company;
- Implementation of regulations and expansion of service offerings for the solar and net metering communities;
- Efforts to quantify and continue to reduce the risks to public safety and to address environmental emissions implications associated with aged gas infrastructure;
- The implementation of a first in the nation set of rules to regulate the transportation network companies in the ride-hailing industry; the continued implementation of the nation's leading energy efficiency program;
- Implementation of rules and regulations to insure the safe operation and oversight of rail fixed guideway systems in the Commonwealth;
- Continued review and approval of multiple dockets associated with municipal aggregation plans; and
- Several forecast and supply planning dockets for the natural gas distribution companies.

During this year, the Department continued to review its regulations pursuant to Executive Order 562. A list of the Department's 2017 Orders is attached at Appendix 2.

Adjudications are the formal determination of parties' rights through a quasi-judicial process. All parties — both the party filing the action and any intervenors — are entitled to due process safeguards, meaning that the parties are entitled to adequate notice and the opportunity to be heard. Parties to the action have the right to present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and receive a written decision from the Department. Pursuant to

G.L. c. 25, § 4, the Chairman of the Department may delegate authority to an attorney from the Legal Division, known as the “Hearing Officer,” to preside over Department adjudications.

Adjudicatory proceedings vary in complexity and include a wide range of subjects, such as reviews of:

- Rates;
- Contracts for the sale and purchase of electric power and natural gas;
- Long-term contracts for renewables;
- Long-range forecast and supply planning;
- Energy efficiency plans;
- Service quality plans;
- Financial transactions (e.g., stock, bond, and security issuances);
- Proposed mergers;
- Storm investigations;
- Emergency response plans;
- Municipal aggregation plans;
- Proposed energy facility construction and siting (e.g., electric generation facilities and transmission lines); and
- Billing disputes between residential consumers and utilities.

In conducting a formal adjudicatory proceeding, the Department generally holds two types of hearings:

1. A public hearing; and
2. An evidentiary hearing.

Public hearings are publicized throughout the utility’s service territory. In certain types of cases, public hearings are held in a utility’s service territory. Public hearings are transcribed by a stenographer. If held in a utility’s service territory, public hearings are conducted during the evening – usually in an easily accessible public building such as the Town Hall – and are often presided over by a Commissioner. The public hearings afford local consumers the opportunity to learn more about a rate request, offer their input about a pending case, and comment on the practices of the utility. Residential and business customers are a valuable source of information to the Department in developing a case record.

Evidentiary hearings are conducted in a courtroom setting in the Department’s Boston offices. These proceedings are also transcribed by a stenographer. The hearings are presided over by the Hearing Officer, with the active participation of the Department’s technical staff. The technical staff participates by questioning witnesses to ensure that the record is accurate and complete.

While the adjudicatory process does not require adherence to all formal rules of evidence, the evidentiary hearing process follows many rules of civil procedure as set forth in the Department’s regulations, 220 CMR 1.00, and parties are almost always represented by counsel from the utility bar. Evidentiary hearings afford intervenors and the Department the opportunity to question company witnesses. In many cases, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth is an intervenor. Other intervenors may include public interest organizations, the Department of Energy Resources (“DOER”), and local consumer, business, or neighborhood groups. Sometimes intervenors put on a direct case with witnesses of their own.

Based on the evidence in the record, the Department issues a Final Order at the conclusion of each adjudicatory proceeding. Pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 5, the Department’s Final Order is appealable directly to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

Other Types of Proceedings

Requests for Advisory Rulings

The Department is sometimes called upon to issue advisory rulings with respect to the applicability of any statute or regulation enforced or administered by the Department. The Department has discretion to decline a request for an advisory ruling, per G.L. 30A, § 8 and 220 CMR 2.08. In calendar year 2017, the Department issued three advisory rulings (D.P.U. 16-108, Eversource Energy Applicability of G.L. c. 164, § 96; D.P.U. 17-105, Tesla, Inc. Net Metering Eligibility; D.P.U. 17-95, Cape Light Compact Filing of Revised Aggregation Plan).

Notice of Inquiry Proceedings

The Department issues a Notice of Inquiry (“NOI”) when the agency desires public input on a particular issue. Thus, NOIs are Department-initiated investigations that are neither formal adjudications nor rulemakings. The goal of the NOI is to encourage broad input into the development of public policy. The Department derives authority to issue an NOI from G.L. c. 164, § 76.

Participants in an NOI proceeding file comments and may provide sworn testimony. However, participants normally are not subject to cross-examination and do not have appeal rights. The order issued at the close of the investigation is usually a general policy statement with guidelines for future actions by utilities or by the Department. The policy established through the NOI may be further developed in the future through company-specific adjudications. In 2017, the Department opened one NOI (D.P.U. 17-146, Net Metering Eligibility of Energy Storage Systems) and issued orders in two NOI proceedings (D.P.U. 14-140, Competitive Supply Consumer Protections and D.P.U. 16-156, Interim Guidelines for Competitive Supply Formal Investigations and Proceedings).

Rulemakings

The Department conducts rulemakings pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §§ 2 – 5, and 220 CMR 2.00, to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations pertaining to the activities of all industries the Department is charged by statute with regulating. A rulemaking proceeding may involve simple procedural regulations or may address complex regulatory issues. The Department is required to provide public notice of a proposed rulemaking and to allow an opportunity for public comment. After consideration of the public comment, the Department may issue final regulations. Any final regulation must be published in the Code of Massachusetts Regulations.

In 2017, the Department continued to review its regulations pursuant to Executive Order 562. As part of the Executive Order 562 review, the Department concluded three rulemaking proceedings and opened one rulemaking proceeding. The Department, in D.P.U. 16-19, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 2; 220 CMR 2.00.; and Executive Order 562, adopted final amended regulations 220 CMR 69.00, 101.00, and 104.00, in D.P.U. 16-29, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 85B, 1J, and 1K; G.L. c. 30A, § 2; 220 CMR 2.00; and Executive Order 562, adopted final amended regulation 220 CMR 19.00, and in D.P.U. 13-124, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 2; 220 CMR 2.00; and Executive Order 562, adopted final amended regulation 220 CMR 272.00. In addition, the Department opened rulemaking proceeding in D.P.U. 17-33 and, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 2; 220 CMR 2.00; and Executive Order 562, adopted final amended regulations 220 CMR 5.00 and 26.00, and final rescinded telecommunications regulations 220 CMR 13.00, 15.00, 16.00, 37.00, and 273.00.

Separate from the Executive Order 562 review, the Department concluded one rulemaking proceeding, continued one rulemaking proceeding, and opened four rulemaking proceedings. In D.P.U. 16-191, pursuant to St. 2016, c. 188, § 12; G.L. c. 30A, § 2; and 220 CMR 2.00, the Department adopt final regulations 220 CMR 23.00 and 24.00. The Department conducted further proceedings in D.P.U. 16-31, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 144; G.L. c. 30A, § 2; and 220 CMR 2.00, and issued new proposed revised amended regulation 220 CMR

114.00, Uniform Natural Gas Leaks Classification. In addition, the Department opened four rulemaking proceedings:

1. D.P.U. 17-10, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 139A; G.L. c. 30A, § 2; and 220 CMR 2.00, adopting amended regulation 220 CMR 18.00;
2. D.P.U. 17-54, pursuant to Sections 201 and 210 of Title II of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978; G.L. c. 30A, § 2; and 220 CMR 2.00, to amend 220 CMR 8.00;
3. D.P.U. 17-81, pursuant to St. 2016, c. 187; G.L. c. 25, § 23; G.L. c. 30A, § 2; G.L. c. 159A½; and 220 CMR 2.00, adopting new regulation 220 CMR 274.00, Transportation Network Companies; and
4. D.P.U. 17-132, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 2; and 220 CMR 2.00, adopting amended regulation 220 CMR 151.00.

Public Records

While not docketed proceedings, the Department's legal division staff serves as the records access officers to determine what documents should be disclosed and what documents are exempt pursuant to public records law, G.L. c. 66, § 10. During 2017, the Department responded to over 299 public records requests, a continued increase over historical inquiries. In addition, the Department took all necessary steps to comply with the Public Records Improvement Act ("Act"), St. 2016, c. 121, signed by Governor Baker in 2016, for effect January 1, 2017. The Act is intended to enhance transparency and responsiveness of state government in complying with public records requests.

NATURAL GAS DIVISION

Overview

The Natural Gas Division ("Gas Division") provides technical support to the Department in the regulation of the state's eight investor-owned natural gas companies (also called "local distribution companies" or "LDCs"):

- Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts;
- The Berkshire Gas Company; Blackstone Gas Company; Fitchburg Gas & Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil;
- Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid;
- Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities; and
- NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy.

In total, these companies serve approximately 1.998 million gas customers and have combined operating revenues of approximately \$2.281 billion.

The Gas Division has the authority and responsibility to:

- Review LDCs' forecast and supply plans;
- Review LDCs' long-term gas supply contracts;
- Review LDCs' gas expansion plans;
- Review non-tariff contracts for the sale and transportation of natural gas;
- Review the appropriateness and accuracy of LDC filings made pursuant to the Cost of Gas Adjustment Clause ("CGAC") and the Local Distribution Adjustment Clause ("LDAC");
- Review LDCs' energy efficiency filings;
- Review LDCs' service quality filings;
- License gas suppliers and retail agents;
- Assist the Rates and Revenue Requirements Division in base rate, merger, and gas system enhancement plan filings; and

- Review and, where appropriate, intervene in federal regulatory proceedings and activities that affect the interests of gas consumers in the Commonwealth.

Forecast and Supply Plans⁹

In Massachusetts, the LDCs under the Department's jurisdiction have the obligation to plan for and procure gas supplies for all of their firm customers. Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69I, the LDCs must submit a five-year forecast and supply plan to the Department for approval every two years. In its review of the forecast component, the Gas Division determines whether the company has accurately projected the gas requirements of the company's service area. A forecast must contain accurate and complete historical data and employ reasonable statistical projection methods. In its review of the supply plan, the Gas Division must determine whether the plan is adequate to meet projected customer demand under a range of contingencies.

Substance of Forecast and Supply Plans Filed

During 2017, the Gas Division reviewed and issued orders on five forecast and supply plans. The Gas Division is currently reviewing one forecast and supply plan, with an order due to issue in 2018. Below is a table compiled from the information presented to the Department in these five forecast and supply plans. The table indicates expected demand and the types of resources for which the LDCs have contracted to meet this demand.

Company	Docket No.	Order Date	Design Year	Requirements ¹⁰	Available Supplies
Liberty Utilities	D.P.U. 16-109	June 29, 2017	2020-2021	5,183,758 MMBtu	Pipeline gas, Storage, LNG, and city-gate purchases
Berkshire Gas	D.P.U. 16-103	July 7, 2017	2020-2021	5,628,000 MMBtu	Pipeline gas, Storage, LNG, Propane, and city-gate purchases
National Grid	D.P.U. 16-181	October 31, 2017	2020-2021	110,525,000 MMBtu	Pipeline gas, Storage, LNG, and city-gate purchases
Blackstone Gas	D.P.U. 16-185	November 10, 2017	2020-2021	205,143 MMBtu	Pipeline gas and city-gate purchases
Fitchburg Gas	D.P.U. 17-12	December 20, 2017	2020-2021	1,702,175 MMBtu	Pipeline gas, Storage, LNG, and city-gate purchases

Reliability of Gas Supply

Massachusetts LDCs currently hold several types of natural gas resources: interstate pipeline capacity ("pipeline"), upstream storage, gas commodity, and liquefied natural gas ("LNG"). The pipeline capacity serves to transport gas from domestic production areas and market hubs, the Canadian border and upstream storage areas, to the Commonwealth's LDCs. Upstream storage refers to subsurface facilities used for storing natural gas that has been transported from its production location during the summer for use during the winter.

⁹ Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69I, the Department must prepare and file with the general court an annual report detailing the substance of all forecast and supply plans filed pursuant to this section, any and all actions taken by the Department pursuant to implementing the provisions of this section, and an analysis of the reliability and the diversity of the natural gas systems in Massachusetts.

¹⁰ The years indicate the last year of the forecast (November through October) for which the consumption is forecast.

Gas commodity contracts are contracts the LDCs have entered into for the purchase of natural gas commodity in vapor form and LNG contracts refer to contracts that the LDCs have entered into with the two primary facilities in the northeast: primarily, Engie's (formerly GDF Suez) facility in Everett, MA, operated by its subsidiary Distrigas of Massachusetts Corp. ("DOMAC") and – to a lesser extent – National Grid's facility in Providence, R.I. for the delivery of liquefied natural gas to refill local storage facilities.

The majority of gas supply (also referred to as commodity) contracts are short term with a duration of between 1 to 5 years. The ability to rely on a hub-based futures market such as NYMEX and the plethora of sources of supply allow the jurisdictional LDCs to enter into these short-term contracts. The two benefits of such contracts are that they allow the Massachusetts LDCs to:

1. Benefit from the availability of new supplies from areas such as the Marcellus Shale gas basin in the Appalachian region (Pennsylvania, West Virginia); and
2. Diversify their supply portfolios and respond to the availability of new resources, thereby reducing the risk associated with production interruptions in a specific area.

Massachusetts LDCs receive gas from the Marcellus Shale, Texas, Louisiana, and Canada. These supplies are sufficient to meet demand during the greater portion of the year. During the colder winters and as a result of the limited availability of pipeline capacity to transport natural gas, Massachusetts LDCs also rely on city-gate purchases (spot purchases) of commodity. These spot purchases are priced at a high premium, are entered into with marketers that have secured pipeline capacity, and can command a significant margin.

As mentioned above, the pricing of all supply contracts is based on market indices such as the Henry Hub, Intercontinental Exchange ("ICE") or the New York Mercantile Exchange ("NYMEX"). To meet specific-day increased customer demand during the winter peaking months (December, January and February) when there are no available pipeline resources, LDCs also rely on LNG and propane-air. Two LDCs use company-owned facilities to liquefy natural gas during the summer months for delivery during the coldest days of the year. NSTAR Gas relies on its affiliate Hopkinton LNG, located in Hopkinton, MA. Similarly, Bay State Gas Company relies on its own facilities to liquefy gas during the summer months. Propane-air, although readily available from a multitude of vendors, is not used as extensively due to pricing and engineering considerations.

There are three major pipelines that deliver gas in Massachusetts: Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan; Algonquin Gas Transmission Company, a subsidiary of Spectra Energy Partners; and the Joint Facilities of Portland Natural Gas Transmission System ("PNGTS") and Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline ("M&N"). The M&N pipeline, which extends from Westbrook, ME to Dracut, MA, is jointly owned by the two pipeline companies that feed into it and use it to deliver Canadian gas supplies. The Iroquois pipeline, a partnership of TransCanada Pipeline, Dominion and Iberdrola, delivers Canadian natural gas indirectly via its interconnections with the Tennessee pipeline in Wright, NY and the Algonquin pipeline in Brookfield, CT.

As mentioned above, Canadian gas flows via the M&N and the PNGTS pipelines into the PNGTS/M&N Joint Facility. A number of pipelines, such as Texas Eastern, Boundary, CNG and Penn-York, deliver natural gas to the Tennessee and Algonquin pipelines. This year's approved and pending forecast and supply plans indicate that the LDCs have adequate supplies to meet demand during design year conditions. That is, in the event that Massachusetts experiences a winter that is significantly colder than average, these LDCs can use a combination of pipeline gas, upstream storage gas, LNG, propane and delivered supplies to meet the higher-than-usual demand. The procurement of these gas supplies is also assured because the LDCs and the suppliers of delivered supplies have primary delivery rights to transport these supplies to their distribution systems.

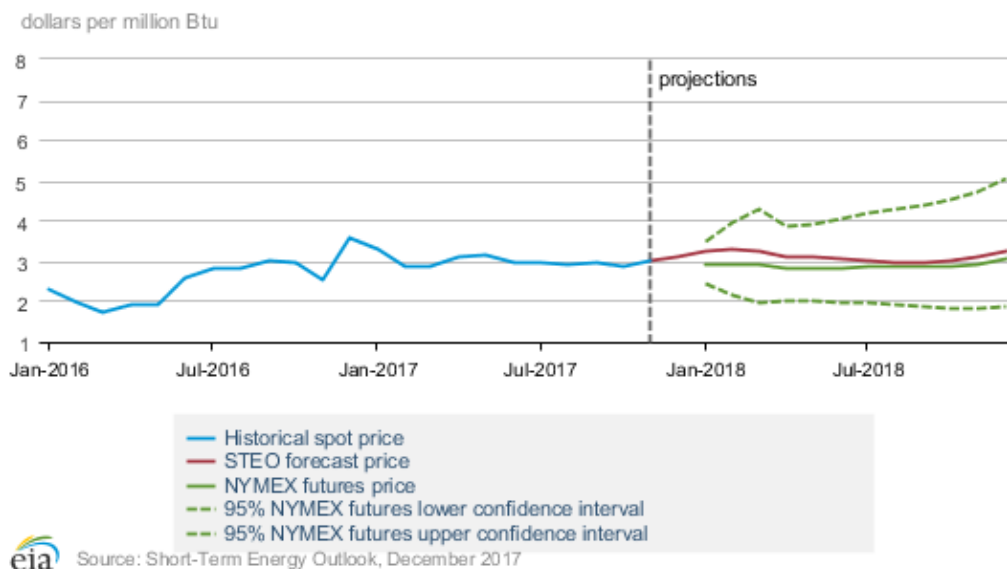
Diversity of Gas Supplies

As discussed above, gas flowing into Massachusetts comes from a variety of production areas, including Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Texas, Louisiana, and Canada. Natural gas from Western Canada currently arrives through the TransCanada Pipeline at two delivery points at the Canadian border: upstate New York (Iroquois) and New Hampshire (PNGTS). Additional Canadian gas produced in the Sable Island area off the coast of Nova Scotia is shipped into the United States via the M&N pipeline. This same pipeline can also be used to transport, if need be, re-gasified LNG from Repsol's Canaport LNG facility in Saint John, New Brunswick.

To meet the increasing demand during the winter peaking months (December, January, February), LDCs rely on upstream storage gas and additional supplies such as LNG, propane/air mix and delivered supplies. The LNG used in Massachusetts during 2017 has been imported from Trinidad & Tobago. Imported LNG arrives in Massachusetts in liquid form and is stored in DOMAC's LNG terminal in Everett, MA. The Everett MA terminal received 51.6 Bcf of natural gas for the period January 2017-September 2017.¹¹ LNG can also be injected into Excelebrate Energy's Northeast Gateway LNG facility which connects into the Hubline pipeline operated by Algonquin Gas Transmission Company. However, there were no injections into Northeast Gateway during 2017.

In terms of pricing, the U.S. Energy Information Administration ("EIA") forecasts that for the upcoming winter of 2017-18, gas prices will be 12% higher than last winter. However, the EIA notes that most of the increase reflects expected colder weather rather than higher energy costs. The chart below illustrates the expected upward trend in the price of natural gas for this heating season as compared to the previous two heating seasons.

Henry Hub natural gas price



Note: Confidence interval derived from options market information for the 5 trading days ending Dec. 7 2017. Intervals not calculated for months with sparse trading in near-the-money options contracts.

¹¹ According to the U.S. Department of Energy ("USDOE"), the Everett facility received 58.6 Bcf of natural gas during the period January 2016-September 2016.

Long-Term Gas Supply Contracts

LDCs must submit all supply contracts with terms longer than one year to the Department for review and approval. Long-term supply contracts include both gas commodity (the natural gas itself) and capacity (the space on the pipeline required to transport the natural gas from the production areas to the LDC's distribution system). In evaluating a gas company's proposed contract for commodity or capacity, the Gas Division examines whether the acquisition of the resource would be consistent with the public interest. To do so, the Gas Division determines whether the LDC has shown that the acquisition:

1. Would be consistent with the company's portfolio objectives; and
2. Would compare favorably to the range of options reasonably available to the company and its customers.

During 2017, the Gas Division reviewed 12 long-term supply contracts.

Non-Tariff Contracts

Large commercial and industrial gas customers that are capable of burning alternative fuels, such as oil or coal, sometimes find that their gas companies' Department-approved distribution tariffs are not competitive with these alternative fuel options. To retain these customers and assure a continued stream of revenue, LDCs may offer the customers non-tariff contracts, subject to Department approval. In its review, Gas Division staff ensures that:

1. The customer is capable of burning an alternative fuel;
2. The price charged under the contract exceeds the marginal cost of providing this service; and
3. The company's existing ratepayers are not responsible for any of the costs associated with providing the specified service.

In 2017, the Gas Division reviewed 24 non-tariff contracts.

Requests for Cost Adjustments

Department regulations allow costs incurred by gas companies for the purchase, storage, and interstate transportation of gas ("gas supply costs") to be recovered through the cost of gas adjustment factor filing. These filings are semi-annual due to the fact that the market price for gas fluctuates seasonally. The Gas Division reviews these filings to ensure accounting accuracy and prudent company practices, and approves new factors for effect on May 1st and November 1st of each year. In 2001, the Department amended its regulations to require gas companies to make interim filings when projected collections of gas supply costs change by more than five percent. These adjustments help reduce the impact on customers' bills when there are significant changes in gas supply costs. During 2017, the Gas Division reviewed 24 requests for cost of gas adjustments.

Similarly, the Department allows gas companies to recover – on a fully-reconciling basis – a variety of costs that have been determined to be distribution-related but are not included in base distribution rates.¹² The charge used to recover all of these costs is referred to as the Local Distribution Adjustment Factor ("LDAF"). Examples of recoverable expenses include the costs of energy efficiency programs and costs related to the gas system enhancement plans. LDCs can also recover costs associated with federal and state-mandated cleanups of past contamination at sites polluted by wastes from gas manufacturing plants. Although most gas

¹² Base distribution rates are designed to recover distribution-related costs (*i.e.*, the costs to operate the LDC), including plant and equipment, labor, taxes, interest on borrowed funds, return on investment, billing, metering, and customer service.

manufacturing plants in Massachusetts ceased operations by the early 1950s, their wastes continue to present environmental hazards. The Gas Division reviews all company requests for adjustments via the LDAF to ensure accounting accuracy and prudent company practices. During 2017, the Gas Division reviewed 14 LDAF requests.

Energy Efficiency Filings

Since 1992, the Department has required LDCs to develop energy efficiency plans that bring cost savings to consumers and reduce the overall need for gas. Since the passing of the Green Communities Act in 2008, gas companies submit energy efficiency plans to the Department for approval every three years. The Gas Division reviews the proposed plans in 90 days to ensure that:

1. The programs are delivered cost-effectively, capturing all available energy efficiency opportunities;
2. Administrative costs have been minimized to the fullest extent practicable;
3. Competitive procurement processes have been used to the fullest extent practicable; and
4. A minimum of 20 percent of the budget is allocated toward low income spending, while also being mindful of rate and bill impacts on consumers.

On January 28, 2016, the Department approved new three-year plans for the 2016 through 2018 term for gas and electric companies. Gas companies will spend \$685 million over the next three years to save approximately 86 million therms and achieve \$1.6 billion in total benefits. The companies' plans include weatherization service programs (e.g., energy audits, attic and wall insulation, and air sealing), behavioral feedback programs, and rebates for the installation of thermostats or for the replacement of boilers, furnaces, and water heaters with high-efficiency units. The companies recover energy efficiency-related costs via the energy efficiency surcharge in the LDAF. Once a three-year term is completed, the companies submit term report filings for Department review of spending and approval of final cost recovery. In 2017, the Gas Division reviewed 9 energy efficiency filings.

Cooperation with the Rates and Revenue Requirements Division

The Gas Division works closely with the Department's Rates and Revenue Requirements Division to review various rate case filings, gas system enhancement plans, long-term debt issuance, and merger and acquisition petitions. In traditional rate cases, Gas Division staff is responsible for reviewing the terms and conditions of distribution service, the allocation of local production and storage costs, weather normalization, gas-related cash working capital, marginal costs, and the treatment of revenues from off-tariff contracts. In 2017, the Gas Division participated in the Department's review of 4 rates-related filings.

Service Quality Filings

In June 2001, the Department issued an order finalizing service quality standards for all electric and gas distribution companies. The order established performance measures for customer service, billing, customer satisfaction, staffing levels, safety, and reliability. Pursuant to this order, the LDCs filed company-specific service quality plans for Department review, which the Department approved in spring 2002. Each gas company filed a service quality report in March 2006 (and must do so every March), comparing its actual performance against the service quality standards established by the Department. The Gas Division is responsible for the review of all gas service quality plans to ensure that the companies maintain a minimum quality of service. During 2017, the Gas Division reviewed 9 service quality plans.

Gas Expansion Plans

Pursuant to Chapter 149, § 3, of the Acts of 2014, the Department is authorized to approve programs for gas distribution companies that are designed to increase the availability, affordability, and feasibility of natural gas

service for new customers. Such programs may include, among other things, financing programs for customers' natural gas connection costs, provided, however, that the programs do not unreasonably burden existing natural gas customers. In 2017, the Gas Division reviewed 1 gas expansion plan.

Licensing of Gas Suppliers and Retail Agents

Over the last several years, the Gas Division has worked to promote competition in the local gas distribution industry through the "unbundling" of rates. The Gas Division has brought about regulatory changes that provide gas customers with opportunities to participate in a competitive gas market, while maintaining traditional consumer protections. Massachusetts customers may choose a gas supplier other than the LDC serving the customer's neighborhood. This allows customers to comparison shop and negotiate for the best value in gas commodity from competitive suppliers. The price charged by these competitive suppliers for natural gas, however, is not regulated. Instead, competitive gas suppliers set their own prices, just like the sellers of most goods and services in the marketplace.

Gas suppliers and retail agents wishing to sell natural gas to Massachusetts retail customers must be certified by the Department on an annual basis. The Gas Division reviews the applications for these licenses and conducts interviews with the applicants. Staff determines whether the applicants have the technical ability to procure and deliver natural gas and whether they are familiar with the Department's rules and the gas industry in general. The Gas Division also evaluates documentation of the applicant's financial capability, such as the level of capitalization or corporate backing, to provide the proposed services. In 2017, the Gas Division reviewed 141 applications for Gas Supplier or Gas Retail Agent licenses. Of the licenses reviewed, the Gas Division has recommended and the Department approved 140 applications. Of them:

- 12 were applications for renewal of Gas Supplier licenses;
- 4 were applications for new Gas Supplier licenses;
- 102 were applications for renewal of Gas Retail Agent licenses; and
- 22 were new applications for Gas Retail Agent licenses.

No applications have been rejected. Any outstanding applications are due to the applicant's failure to submit additional materials, as requested by the Gas Division, in order to complete the application.

Cybersecurity-Related Activities

Over the last several years, the Gas Division has worked to ensure that LDCs have developed robust cybersecurity programs that help minimize the risk of a cyber-attack that could potentially affect the delivery of natural gas to Massachusetts consumers. In accordance with the Department's policy regarding cybersecurity, Gas Division and Legal Division staff meet annually with the LDCs pursuant to Department policy established in July 2016. As of December 2017, the Gas Division staff has met with all LDCs.

Participation in Federal Policy-Making

Over the past decade, actions taken by FERC, the U.S. Department of Energy, and Congress have dramatically changed federal regulation of the natural gas industry. These changes directly affect the interests of Massachusetts customers who are served by federally regulated pipelines and LNG import terminals. Gas Division staff work with other state agencies and regional organizations to stay informed regarding current federal statutory and regulatory proposals, and to develop policy positions on issues that may affect the Commonwealth's interests. Further, to the extent possible, Gas Division staff assists federal agencies, like the USDOE, in projects relating to natural gas.

Public Information and Review of Consumer Complaints

Gas Division staff provide information and assistance on a daily basis to consumers, government officials, marketers, regulated companies, consultants, and financial analysts. In addition, Gas Division staff assisted the Department's Consumer Division in addressing gas-related consumer issues.

2017 Gas Division Accomplishments

During 2017, the Gas Division reviewed:

- 6 forecast and supply plan filings;
- 12 long-term gas supply contracts;
- 24 non-tariff contracts for the sale and transportation of natural gas (firm service, quasi-firm service);
- 24 gas adjustment factor filings pursuant to the CGAC;
- 14 cost recovery filings pursuant to the LDAC;
- 9 energy efficiency filings;
- 4 rates-related filing;
- 9 service quality reports; and a request for a limited waiver of the service quality penalty provisions;
- 104 applications for the licensing of gas suppliers and gas retail agents; and
- 1 gas expansion plan.

PIPELINE ENGINEERING AND SAFETY DIVISION

Overview

The Pipeline Engineering and Safety Division ("Pipeline Safety Division") is responsible for technical and safety oversight of seven investor-owned natural gas companies and four municipal gas departments in Massachusetts. As a certified agent of the U.S. Department of Transportation ("US DOT"), the Pipeline Safety Division enforces federal and state safety regulations pertaining to natural gas distribution pipelines within the Commonwealth. The Pipeline Safety Division also enforces the Department's pipeline safety regulations and the state's Dig Safe program. The Dig Safe statute and regulation require companies and individuals performing excavation work to notify the Dig Safe Call Center to ensure safe excavation around underground facilities. The Pipeline Safety Division is also responsible for oversight of steam distribution companies and for testing gas meters for use in the state.

The Pipeline Safety Division's authority over technical and safety issues requires the Division to:

- Inspect gas facilities for compliance with federal and state pipeline safety regulations concerning design, construction, operation, maintenance, emergency response, plant security, and enforce violations of such regulations;
- Investigate and determine the cause of gas-related incidents and recommend actions to minimize recurrences;
- Develop and revise regulations applicable to the gas industry to enhance the protection of life and property, and to further public safety;
- Enforce the Dig Safe law by investigating alleged violations and assessing civil penalties;
- Examine and investigate a steam distribution company's safety performance and investigate steam release incidents;
- Inspect and test gas meters for accuracy and safety before the meters are installed at consumers' premises;
- Assist in resolving consumer complaints regarding the accuracy of electric and gas meters;

- Ensure that natural gas distribution operators restore public streets and roads after excavating; and
- Ensure that natural gas operators safely and promptly restore natural gas service following outages.

Pipeline Safety Division Responsibilities

Natural gas is considered a hazardous fuel by both the state and federal governments. Massachusetts has over 21,500 miles of gas mains and eleven operators, with 18 liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) plants and eight liquid propane gas (“LPG”) air plants. These facilities serve over 1.4 million customers.

In addition, there are approximately 20.5 miles of intrastate gas transmission lines in Massachusetts. The increased use of natural gas to generate electricity has resulted in the construction of new intrastate transmission pipelines to connect power plants directly to interstate gas transmission lines. As intrastate facilities, these pipelines fall under the aegis of the Pipeline Safety Division, whose public utility engineers inspect their design, construction, operations, and maintenance procedures. Such pipelines typically operate at pressures higher than local gas distribution pressures.

To protect consumers and the general public from the potential hazards involved in the transmission, distribution, production, storage, and use of natural gas, LNG, and LPG, both the US DOT and the Department regulate these facilities. In addition to enforcing the Department’s regulations, the Pipeline Safety Division acts as an agent for the US DOT in the enforcement of federal regulations regarding intrastate pipelines and facilities.

Pipeline Safety Division Gas Facility Inspections and Enforcement Actions

The Pipeline Safety Division’s Public Utility Engineers inspect jurisdictional gas facilities, pipelines, meter stations, regulator stations, dispatch centers, LNG plants, and LPG air plants for compliance with federal and state safety regulations. If the Pipeline Safety Division determines that a probable violation has occurred or is occurring, the Pipeline Safety Division issues a Warning Letter to the alleged violator, advising them to correct the probable violation or be subject to an enforcement action. The Pipeline Safety Division may also issue a Letter of Concern for minor infractions.

If the Pipeline Safety Division has reason to believe that a violation has occurred or is occurring, it may issue a Notice of Probable Violation (“NOPV”), thereby commencing an enforcement action. The NOPV will include a Consent Order that proposes the action(s) to be taken by the respondent to correct the violation and the civil penalty to be paid. The respondent may agree to the Consent Order and pay the civil penalty, thereby resolving the case, or may request an informal review conference with the Pipeline Safety Division. Following an informal review conference and any further investigation, if necessary, the Pipeline Safety Division issues a written decision. If the respondent disputes the written decision, it may request an adjudicatory hearing before the Department.

These remedial actions may include civil penalties when the Department determines that a natural gas operator did not comply with federal or state pipeline safety regulations. The penalties cannot exceed \$200,000 per violation for each day that the violation continues or \$2,000,000 for any related series of violations.¹³

In 2017, eight Public Utilities Engineers spent approximately 1,147 days performing pipeline safety inspections. The Pipeline Safety Division issued five NOPVs, assessing a total of \$250,000 in civil penalties. These revenues are not retained by the Department but are deposited into the Commonwealth’s General Fund.

¹³ G.L. c. 164, § 105A, citing 49 U.S.C. § 60122(a)(1).

Investigation of Natural Gas Incidents

When a gas-related incident occurs that results in personal injury or significant property damage, the Pipeline Safety Division's engineers investigate to determine:

- The cause and origin;
- Whether the pipeline operator is in violation of federal or state safety regulations; and
- What actions the operator must take to prevent or eliminate a recurrence.

During 2017, the Pipeline Safety Division did not have any incidents that required a cause-and-origin investigation.

Intrastate LNG/LPG Facilities

LNG and LPG plants are important parts of the gas supply system in Massachusetts. Particularly in the winter months, LNG and LPG plants provide a significant source of gas during peak demand times. Ensuring the safe and effective operation of these plants has always been a priority for the Pipeline Safety Division.

The Pipeline Safety Division comprehensively inspects each LNG/LPG plant once every four years. In addition, the Pipeline Safety Division conducts specialized inspections at each LNG/LPG plant at least once in a 24-month period. The Pipeline Safety Division is responsible not only for the safety and reliability of these plants, but also for their security, which the Pipeline Safety Division continually monitors through on-site inspections, reviews of procedures, and reviews of operating and maintenance records.

Dig Safe Law Enforcement

Massachusetts' Dig Safe law requires any person who proposes to excavate in a public way or on private property to pre-mark the excavation site and notify the Dig Safe Call Center of the intent to excavate. The Dig Safe Call Center then contacts all operators of underground gas pipelines, electric utilities, telecommunication utilities, and cable television utilities in the area of the excavation. These operators must mark the locations of their facilities in advance of the excavation to minimize the risk of potential damage by the excavation. The excavator must take adequate precautions to prevent damage to the facilities while digging.

Any person aware of possible violations of Dig Safe procedures may report them to the Pipeline Safety Division. Utility operators are mandated by regulation to report possible Dig Safe violations. The Division investigates the reports, issues NOPVs with Consent Orders where warranted, conducts informal reviews (either through conferences with the respondents or written submissions), and performs field inspections as necessary. Where the Pipeline Safety Division has reason to believe that a violation has occurred or is occurring, it issues a written decision and may impose a civil penalty of \$1,000 for a first offense, and between \$5,000 and \$10,000 for any subsequent offense within twelve consecutive months. A respondent that disputes the written decision may request an adjudicatory hearing before the Department.

In 2017, the Division received 934 reports of possible Dig Safe violations. The Division issued 969 NOPVs and collected \$1,711,000 in civil penalties. These revenues are not retained by the Department but are deposited into the Commonwealth's General Fund.

Steam Distribution

State regulations for steam distribution companies apply to every steam distribution company operating a plant, equipment, or facilities for the manufacture, production, transmission, furnishing, or distribution of steam to or for the public for compensation within the Commonwealth. The steam regulations prescribe minimum safety requirements for the design, fabrication, installation, inspection, testing, operation, and maintenance of steam facilities by steam distribution companies. The Department has the authority to conduct examinations and

investigations into a steam distribution company's safety performance, and to levy fines against steam distribution companies for failure to comply with the regulations. At present, there is only one steam distribution company in the state, operating in Boston and Cambridge.

Gas Meter Testing

State law requires that the Pipeline Safety Division test each natural gas meter for volumetric accuracy and leakage once every seven years, or when the meter is removed from service. Gas companies and municipal gas departments ("Operators") typically remove meters to be tested and replace them with previously approved meters. Operators then deliver meters to their meter shops, where one of the Pipeline Safety Division's compliance officers tests them to ensure that they are not leaking and that they are accurate, to ensure that a consumer is paying for the correct amount of gas. In 2017, the Pipeline Safety Division collected \$2,101,330 in meter-testing fees from Operators. These revenues are not retained by the Department but are deposited into the Commonwealth's General Fund.

Consumer Complaints Regarding Meters

The Pipeline Safety Division assists the Department's Consumer Division in addressing consumer complaints pertaining to both electric and gas metering. For electric meters, a Pipeline Safety Division staff member observes while the meter in question is tested for accuracy. For gas meters, a Pipeline Safety Division compliance officer removes and tests the meter in question using calibrated meter-testing equipment.

Restoration of the Public Way after Utility Openings

In response to complaints from municipalities and the industry about the lack of repairs made to public roads after utility work is completed, the Department promulgated street restoration standards in 1998. The regulations set standards for soil compaction, paving, and other activities affecting road condition.

Partnership with Industry

The Pipeline Safety Division has worked with regulators in the other New England states and with the Northeast Gas Association ("NGA") to develop qualification procedures for steel pipeline welders and plastic pipeline fusers. This effort resulted in uniform qualifications for welders and fusers throughout New England that allow an operator in one New England State to avoid expending resources to requalify an employee from another New England state. This also assures pipeline safety regulators that the personnel are qualified in these essential pipeline construction functions.

The Division also worked with utilities and the Dig Safe Call Center to conduct training sessions for excavators. The sessions provide excavators with information about underground utility lines and precautions to take when excavating near those lines. Programs such as Managing Underground Safety Training are an important tool for preventing damage to underground pipelines and cables.

Precedent, Policies, and Practice

The Department is a national leader in gas pipeline safety. The Pipeline Safety Division's actions in response to violations of the pipeline safety regulations have gained the recognition of US DOT and other pipeline safety organizations across the United States. With more LNG plants than any other state, the Commonwealth's LNG safety regulations are among the most stringent in the country.

Massachusetts has continued to address the important issue of replacement or abandonment of aging pipe consisting of unprotected bare steel, cast iron, or unprotected coated steel. The Department's regulations require pipeline operators to prioritize and replace segments of unprotected bare steel and cast iron pipe in

accordance with Department-developed criteria. In addition, companies must replace or abandon cast iron pipes, subject to specific criteria, when third-party excavation occurs nearby.

In 2014, the Massachusetts State Legislature passed An Act Relative to Natural Gas Leaks (“Gas Leaks Act”). The Gas Leaks Act permits local distribution companies to submit to the Department annual plans to repair or replace aged natural gas infrastructure in the interest of public safety. On October 31 of each year since then, pursuant to the Gas Leaks Act, seven gas distribution companies (Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid, The Berkshire Gas Company, Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities, Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, and NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy) submit Gas System Enhancement Plans (“GSEPs”) setting forth their proposals for replacing aged pipe during the upcoming construction year. The companies include timelines to replace all aged infrastructure on an accelerated basis, specifying annual replacement pace and program end-dates. By April 30 of each following year, the Department issues an Order approving or amending each company’s GSEP.

The GSEP orders specify that operators of natural gas distribution systems use the Distribution Integrity Management Plan (“DIMP”) to prioritize the replacement of aged pipelines. DIMP is contained in the US DOT’s pipeline safety regulations. The Pipeline Safety Division reviews each operator’s DIMP program for accuracy and compliance with 49 C.F.R. Part 192. The Pipeline Safety Division also reviews the proposed GSEPs to ensure that each operator’s plan complies with its DIMP program.

The Department has taken measures to address the potential safety hazards posed by unused service lines. The Department has updated existing regulations requiring the abandonment of unused lines. The regulations also specify more stringent gas leakage survey methods for operating lines.

2017 Pipeline Safety Division Accomplishments

In summary, in 2017 the Pipeline Safety Division:

- Conducted natural gas facility inspections, resulting in the issuance of five NOPVs for violations of pipeline safety regulations.
- Assessed gas pipeline operators a total of \$250,000 in civil penalties.
- Investigated 934 reports of Dig Safe violations, issued 969 NOPVs for violations of the Dig Safe Law, and collected \$1,711,000 in civil penalties from Dig Safe violators.
- Tested 197,511 meters of various sizes, resulting in the collection of \$2,101,300 in testing fees.
- Expanded the pipeline safety program by hiring an auditor to conduct risk analysis from data submitted by inspectors and natural gas operators.

RATES AND REVENUE REQUIREMENTS DIVISION

Overview

The Rates and Revenue Requirements Division (“Rates Division”) is responsible for providing the technical expertise to determine the appropriate levels of revenues to recover through rates, and determining the rate design for the five investor-owned electric companies, eight investor-owned gas companies, and seventeen investor-owned water companies conducting business in Massachusetts. The technical support provided by the Rates Division includes expertise in economics, finance, accounting, and public policy.

The Rates Division assists the Department’s Legal Division in developing the evidentiary record in adjudicatory proceedings concerning the rates and finances of the investor-owned natural gas, electric, and water companies

doing business in Massachusetts. The Department's decisions in these proceedings are directly appealable to the Supreme Judicial Court under G.L. c. 25, § 5.

The regulation of the natural gas, electric, and water industries requires the Rates Division to:

- Analyze requests to change base distribution rates through historic test year cost-of-service regulation, as well as Offers of Settlement regarding base distribution rates;
- Analyze electric utility restructuring-related filings including reconciliation of basic/default service, transmission and transition costs and revenues;
- Analyze adjustments to base distribution rates pursuant to Revenue Decoupling mechanisms;
- Analyze financing petitions (issuing securities);
- Analyze deferral requests and accounting matters
- Analyze mergers and acquisitions proposals;
- Analyze alternative rate making proposals such as performance based rate making
- Analyze capital expenditure (Cap-Ex) recovery filings
- Analyze storm cost recovery filings
- Assist in determining the annual assessment of electric, gas and water utilities;
- Resolve disputes on the purchase of streetlights by cities and towns from an electric distribution company;
- Assist the Electric Power Division in implementing the provisions of the Green Communities Act, the Energy Act of 2012, retail power supply markets, and service quality investigations where expertise in rates is needed;
- Analyze adjustments to gas distribution company rates associated with the replacement of leak prone mains and services in accordance with Gas System Enhancement Plans ("GSEP");
- Provide information and assistance to the public, government agencies, press, private industries, and other government officials where expertise in rates is needed.

Review of Electric Utility Restructuring-Related Filings

As part of the continued implementation of Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997 (the "Electric Restructuring Act"), the Department annually conducts a reconciliation (or true-up) and adjustment to the rate for each electric company's transition, basic service, and transmission factors. Under the Electric Restructuring Act, each electric distribution company may collect:

1. Those stranded or transition costs associated with divesting its generation business that it cannot mitigate;
2. The costs it incurs to procure electric power to meet its basic service obligations; and
3. The costs it incurs on behalf of its retail customers to provide transmission service.

In a true-up, the Rates Division evaluates the costs and revenues that each electric distribution company proposes to reconcile to determine if they meet the requirements of the Restructuring Act and its restructuring plan.

Review of Requests to Change Base Rates

The Rates Division investigates petitions to change base rates as follows:

- Reviewing the filings (both utility and in some instances, intervenor proposals);
- Participating in informal technical conferences;
- Issuing information requests to the Company and Intervenors;
- Drafting pre-hearing memoranda for the Commission;

- Cross-examining Company and Intervenor witnesses during hearings;
- Developing the evidentiary record;
- Developing and discussing with the Commission various options for resolution of issues;
- Preparing Draft Orders per the directives from the Commission; and
- Reviewing and approving compliance filings.

Changes to base rates are based on historic test year cost-of-service regulation. The Department sets rates using cost-of-service pricing principles where electric, gas, and water rates are based upon the cost to serve various classes of ratepayers. Under cost-of-service pricing, the Rates Division reviews the costs incurred by utility companies during a historic test year adjusted for known and measurable changes to determine the reasonableness of such costs and to determine whether they were prudently incurred. The categories of costs include the companies' annual operation and maintenance expenses, revenues, depreciation, taxes, capital investments, and rates of return for shareholders (i.e., return on equity). Appropriate annual expenses plus a return on undepreciated rate base (i.e., return on net capital investment) make up the company's cost of service or the revenue requirement upon which rate structures must be designed to recover.

Once the company's cost of service has been determined, a rate structure must be established that affords the company a reasonable opportunity to earn its allowed rate of return while meeting other policy goals. Rate structure is the level and pattern of prices that customers are charged for the use of utility services. A customer class rate structure is a function of the cost of serving that rate class and the design of rates calculated to cover that cost. In setting rates, the Department balances its goals for utility rate structure by taking into consideration multiple factors such as economic efficiency, continuity, fairness, earnings stability, and simplicity.

For water companies, the traditional review of rate cases through adjudicatory proceedings is not always cost effective because the administrative costs of preparing and litigating a rate case for a small water company can equal or exceed the rate relief sought. To streamline the regulatory process, the Department has created a Settlement Intervention Staff, or SIS, comprised of Rates Division staff and Legal Division staff, that independently reviews rate requests and conducts off-the-record negotiations with water company officials and intervenors. The Settlement Intervention Staff does not have direct communication with the Commission regarding pending cases. Rather, the Settlement Intervention Staff and the other parties on the case may submit a proposed rate settlement to the Commission. An Adjudicatory Team comprised of Rates Division and Legal Division staff review the proposed settlement and make recommendations to the Commission. The Commission may approve the settlement, return it to the settling parties with suggested modifications, or reject it with or without subsequent evidentiary hearings. To date, this process has saved the Department, water companies, and ratepayers considerable amounts of time, resources, and expenses.

The Department's regulatory authority over investor-owned water systems is in certain areas concurrent with that of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MDEP"). In situations where cross-over issues are involved, such as in water conservation and adequacy of service, Rates Division staff work with staff at the MDEP to ensure that the provisions of the agencies' respective duties are implemented in a harmonious manner.

Green Communities Act Legislation Initiatives

In response to the requirements of the 2008 Green Communities Act, the Rates Division reviewed long-term purchase power contracts for renewable energy, analyzed solar installation programs, smart grid pilot programs, as well as assisted the Department's Electric Power Division in establishing net metering tariffs.

Gas System Enhancement Plans (“GSEP”)

In 2014, legislation was passed allowing gas distribution companies to each file with the Department a plan to address old natural gas infrastructure via the accelerated repair or replacement of such infrastructure. Pursuant to this legislation, almost all of the gas distribution companies filed gas system enhancement plans (“GSEPs”) for review and approval by the Department. Rates staff played a primary role in the review of the 2017 GSEPs. The 2016 GSEPs, which covered the 2017 construction year, were approved by the Department, with modifications, in May of 2017. Subsequent GSEP filings, which cover the 2018 construction year, were filed in October of 2017. The GSEP reconciliation filings were made in May of 2017 and approved in October of 2017.

Review of Requests to Change Reconciling Rates

In addition to reviewing changes to base rates, the Rates Division is responsible for reviewing proposed rate changes to items for which the companies are allowed to collect their actual costs (*i.e.*, where dollar-for-dollar recovery is intended). These items include the pension and post-retirement benefit adjustment factors, PAFs, and the Residential Assistance Adjustment Factors, or RAAFs¹⁴. Further, the Department has approved, where appropriate, storm cost recovery adjustment factors to recover costs associated with major storms. The annual cable surcharge for Nantucket Electric is also a reconciling rate mechanism that is reviewed by the Rates Division.

Another reconciling factor is the Revenue Decoupling Mechanism, or RDM, that allows the electric and gas companies to reconcile the revenues collected from base distribution rates with the revenue requirement approved by the Department in its last base rate case, pursuant to the revenue decoupling plan approved by the Department. RDM adjustments are filed annually for the electric companies and semi-annually for the gas companies. Further, for National Grid’s electric subsidiaries as well as for Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light’s electric division, the Department approved a Capital Expenditure, or Cap-Ex, Mechanism that allows both companies to recover the revenue requirement associated with a pre-determined amount of its annual capital investment incurred since its prior rate case.

Review of Financing Requests

The Rates Division is also responsible for the review of financing petitions. Financing petitions include the issuance of debt or equity securities, as well as investment of funds or guaranteeing the indebtedness of other companies. The primary focus in such cases is to carry out statutory mandates that require utilities to issue only those securities reasonably necessary for utility operations and to avoid overcapitalization. During 2017, the Rates Division evaluated and approved eight financing petitions involving a total of \$1,856,250,000 in long-term debt and \$500,100 in common stock. As of the end of 2017, one financing case seeking \$155,000,000 in long-term debt was still pending.

Review of Mergers and Acquisitions

Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 96, the Rates Division reviews all intrastate merger and acquisition proposals that are filed with the Department to determine if they are in the ratepayers’ best interests. The Rates Division analyzes the proposal’s effect on:

- Rates

¹⁴ PAFs are factors designed to annually recover a company’s costs related to providing their employees with pensions. RAAFs are designed to recover costs related to low-income discounts and arrearage management programs.

- Service Quality
- Net Savings
- Competition
- The financial integrity of the post-merger entity
- Fairness in the distribution of resulting benefits between shareholders and ratepayers
- Societal effects such as job loss and economic development
- Long-term strategies to ensure a reliable and cost-effective delivery system
- Any anticipated disruption in service
- Other factors that may negatively affect customer service

Coordination of Annual Assessments

Pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 18, electric and gas companies that do business in Massachusetts are subject to an annual assessment on a percentage of their intrastate revenues. The Rates Division is responsible for gathering the revenue figures for the electric and gas utilities.

Review of Retail Electric Contracts

The Rates Division is responsible for the mandatory review of negotiated electric contracts between electric distribution companies and retail customers. Such contracts are evaluated to ensure consistency with Department standards. The onset of competitive options for generation service for industrial customers has reduced the number of requests for electric contracts in recent years.

Review of Utility Accounting Matters

Utility companies are required to maintain their books in accordance with Department regulation. To maintain uniformity of accounting, utilities are required to submit questions concerning the appropriate interpretation of the Department's accounting regulations to the Department. The Rates Division also reviews requests involving accounting practices, including requests by companies to defer expenses on their books for later consideration in a base rate proceeding.

The Rates Division also provides technical support to the Department in the defense of Department decisions that are appealed to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

Oversight of Municipal Utilities

The Department's role in regulating municipal light plants is limited in comparison to the jurisdiction exercised over investor-owned utilities. Municipal light plant rates are set by public officials acting under legislative mandate and therefore do not require the close scrutiny and measure of Department supervision that is authorized or required in the case of investor-owned utilities. For example, the Department does not have authority over municipal light plant financing, and does not have authority to suspend and investigate the rates of municipal light plants. The Department generally defers to the ratemaking authority and policies vested by statute in the municipality unless the rates are prohibited by statute or rise to the level of undue discrimination.

The Department's jurisdiction over municipal light plants can be summarized as follows:

- Requiring annual returns pursuant to General Laws ("G.L.") c. 164, § 63;
- Requiring that accounting records be maintained in accordance with the Department's Uniform System of Accounts pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 63;
- Requiring rate filings pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 58, 59;

- Reviewing and approving changes in depreciation accrual rates from the statutory permitted 3.0 percent set forth in G.L. c. 164, § 57;
- Requiring compliance with the Department's billing and termination regulations in accordance with 220 C.M.R. §§ 25.00 et seq.; and
- Hearing petitions from customers who have been denied service, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 60.

The Department does not have any jurisdiction over the municipal light plant in the Town of Gosnold. While this system is subject to the requirements of G.L. c. 164, Gosnold was exempted from Department oversight by special legislation in 1936 and 1941. Similarly, the Department does not exercise any jurisdiction over Devens Utilities, a combination gas/electric/water/wastewater system operated by the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency ("MDFA") that serves the Devens Economic Area at the site of the former Fort Devens. The MDFA is authorized pursuant to G.L. c. 23G, § 3 to provide utility services to the former Fort Devens facility; § 31 of the 1998 enabling act exempts the MDFA as a quasi-government agency from any state oversight of its utility rates.

Review of Municipal Depreciation Requests

Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 57, municipal utilities are allowed to include in their rates an annual provision for depreciation expense equal to three percent of depreciable plant (plant less land and land rights), unless otherwise allowed by the Department. Because municipal utilities rely on depreciation funds as a source of funds for plant improvements and expansions without resorting to outside financing, municipal utilities may seek authorization to increase their depreciation rate for a particular year. During 2017, the Rates Division evaluated and approved 7 requests for increases in municipal depreciation rates.

Review of Storm Funds

The Department has approved storm funds for various electric distribution companies. The storm funds receive annually a Department approved amount of funds collected from ratepayers that may be used by the electric distribution company to recover its operation and maintenance costs associated with extraordinary storms that are incremental to the costs already collected in base rates. A properly designed storm fund has the potential to benefit both the company and its customers by leveling the recovery of the costs for major storms on distribution rates. During 2017, the Rates Division reviewed and evaluated requests for cost recovery through storm fund mechanisms of eleven major storm events. As of the end of 2017, these filings are still pending before us as of the date of this report.

Review of Customer Complaints

The Rates Division provides assistance to the Department's Consumer Division in the review of rate and billing disputes by residential customers. In addition, because billing disputes by commercial and industrial customers are not generally handled by the Consumer Division, the Rates Division has at times provided informal assistance in resolving these billing disputes, primarily through review and interpretation of the applicable tariffs.

Public Information

Another important responsibility of the Rates Division is to provide timely and accurate information to the public regarding activities in the electric, gas, and water industries. This task requires working with other regulatory agencies, consumer groups, public interest groups, power suppliers, and utility companies to help them understand Department regulations and policies. The Rates Division also assists in the development of agency regulations to address the changing circumstances in the utility industry such as electric industry

restructuring, gas unbundling, and new financial accounting standards. The Rates Division also works with the Department's Consumer Division to draft policy recommendations regarding consumer issues.

2017 Rates Division Major Activities

During 2017 the Rates Division actively participated in the following significant filings:

- NStar Electric d/b/a Eversource, D.P.U. 17-05 – Rate Case
- Aquarion Water Company, D.P.U. 17-90 – Rate Case
- Milford Water Company, D.P.U. 17-107 – Rate Case
- Whitinsville Water Company, D.P.U. 17-108 – Rate Case
- Mountain Water Systems f/k/a Sheffield Water Company, D.P.U. 17-154 – Rate Case
- Boston Gas and Colonial Gas d/b/a National Grid, D.P.U. 17-170 – Rate Case
- Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light d/b/a Unitil, D.P.U. 17-25 – Financing
- Boston Gas and Colonial Gas d/b/a National Grid, D.P.U. 17-36 – Financing
- Bay State Gas d/b/a Columbia Gas, D.P.U. 17-142 – Financing
- Massachusetts Electric and Nantucket Electric d/b/a National Grid, D.P.U. 17-42 – Solar Generation
- Massachusetts Electric and Nantucket Electric, each d/b/a National Grid – Electric, D.P.U. 16-104 – Utility-owned Solar
- NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each d/b/a Eversource Energy - Electric, D.P.U. 16-105 – Utility-owned Solar
- Aquarion Water Company, D.P.U. 17-115 – Merger/Acquisition
- Western Massachusetts Electric d/b/a Eversource, D.P.U. 17-162 – Storm Fund Cost Recovery
- NStar Electric, D.P.U. 17-151 – Storm Fund Cost Recovery
- D.P.U. 16-GSEP-01 through D.P.U. 16-GSEP-06 – 2016 GSEP filings
- D.P.U. 17-GREC-01 through D.P.U. 17-GREC-06 – 2017 GREC filings
- D.P.U. 17-GSEP-01 through D.P.U. 17-GSEP-06 – 2017 GSEP filing

TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT DIVISION

Overview

The Transportation Oversight Division (“Transportation Division”) regulates the rates and practices of common carriers used to transport passengers and property including trucks, railways, buses, household moving companies, towing companies, and hazardous waste companies. In addition, the Transportation Division licenses all Massachusetts-based intrastate motor bus companies. The Transportation Division investigates and may hold fitness hearings after a consumer complaint, a driving violation, or an accident involving a common carrier. Undoubtedly, the most critical function of the Transportation Division is public safety. The other major responsibility of the Transportation Division is consumer protection.

Although no assessments are levied against regulated common carriers, these companies are subject to fees for services such as licensing, inspection, and examination. These revenues are not retained by the Department, but are deposited directly into the Commonwealth's General Fund. During 2017, the Transportation Division generated approximately \$523,326 in revenues which were deposited into the General Fund.

Critical Public Safety Functions

In accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.90, § 8A and G.L. c.159A, § 9, the Transportation Division issues School Bus Driver Certificates and Motor Bus Driver Certificates. Ensuring that a core group of qualified,

trained, and reliable school bus drivers are properly screened and vetted is essential to the safety of children. During 2017, the Transportation Division issued over 1,615 new School Bus Driver Certificates. The Transportation Division licenses all school bus drivers in Massachusetts after:

1. Reviewing a physician's exam;
2. Evaluating driving records;
3. Performing a criminal record check and Sex Offender Registry Review; and
4. Administering a three-part driving skills test.

The Transportation Division works with the Registry of Motor Vehicles ("RMV") and the school bus industry to set standards for school bus drivers as well as providing other commercial driver training and qualification requirements.

School Bus Driver Certificates and Motor Bus Driver Certificates issued in 2017 (New and Renewals)	
School Bus Driver Certificates	11,387
Motor Bus Driver Certificates	847
Total Certificates Issued	12,234

Destination Specific Bus Company Compliance Inspections

Under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Massachusetts State Police Truck Team, Transportation Division bus inspectors perform Joint Passenger Carrier Compliance Inspections ("Compliance Inspection Program") to check passenger-for-hire vehicles, motor coaches and drivers. The inspections are conducted at multiple locations throughout the Commonwealth at sites with high frequency of subject vehicles. Examples include: South Station, Logan Airport, Fan Pier, Faneuil Hall and Six Flags New England. For 2017, this program generated citations totaling just under \$90,000.

Working with the State Police and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration ("FMCSA"), a passenger-carrier destination specific vehicle/driver inspection schedule is created quarterly to reflect seasonal trends specific to various programs scheduled throughout the calendar year in the state. The target inspection locations and times (specific to the compliance schedule) are designed to prevent passenger disruption where ever possible. The compliance schedule includes 1 to 2 passenger-carrier compliance checks per week at various locations such as Logan Airport, the Seaport District, Six Flags New England, Plymouth, MA and assorted ski areas. The Compliance Inspection Program is funded through the Unified Carrier Registration Program ("UCR") which supports random inspections to ensure that passenger carriers are operating with the correct authority, proper insurance levels, and have safe drivers and equipment.

Transportation Division field staff also conduct what the FMCSA defines at 49 CFR Part 385.311 as a "Safety Assessment" ("SAs"). The SAs are a type of audit designed to provide a regulated carrier with an overview of its compliance with various federal safety regulations. Unlike a FMCSA Compliance Review, which is defined at 49 CFR Part 385.109 as a comprehensive audit performed at the request of the FMCSA, results of the SA are not reported to the FMCSA; rather, this is an outreach tool the Department provides to carriers in an effort to help them identify any deficiencies that will need attention without imposing a penalty.

Safety Oversight of Transit Authorities and Passenger-For-Hire Bus Companies

State law specifies the Department as the oversight agency responsible for the safety of equipment and operations of all Massachusetts regional transit authorities and passenger-for-hire bus companies based in Massachusetts, including transit bus systems, motor coaches, and sightseeing vehicles. The Transportation Division performed 2,103 bus safety inspections during 2017.

The Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) requires that states oversee the safety and security of Rail Fixed Guideway Systems. The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (“MBTA”) is the only Massachusetts transit authority that operates a Rail Fixed Guideway System. In 2016, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued Final Rule, 49 CFR Part 674, with an effective date of April 15, 2016. The purpose of the final rule is to strengthen the states’ oversight of safety at Rail Transit Agencies (RTAs) and insure that state oversight agencies have the necessary enforcement authority, legal independence, and financial and human resources for overseeing the number, size, and complexity of the RTAs within their jurisdiction.

This final rule replaces the current State Safety Oversight (SSO) rule, 49 CFR Part 659, which will be rescinded no later than three years following the effective date of this rule; until then, Part 659 remains in effect. Transition is underway and the Department is in full compliance with these new regulations. By April 15, 2019, each eligible state must have an approved and certified SSO program. If a state fails to meet the certification deadline, the FTA must withhold all Chapter 5307 funds from the entire State. In the past year, the Division has worked diligently to update the current Program Standard, 220 CMR 151.00, to ensure it addresses the changes needed to meet 49 CFR Part 674. The Commission Order to adopt the new program standard regulations was issued in November of 2017.

As required by the DPU State Safety Oversight Program Standard, 220 CMR 151.00, the Department performed an External Audit of the MBTA for 2017 using the 2016 MBTA Safety Plan as the audit criteria. The Department annually conducts external audits at the MBTA covering a minimum of seven Safety Plan elements so that all twenty one Plan elements are audited over a three year period. As the Department moves toward 49 CFR Part 674, on-going audit activities will increase and the overall external audit process will change significantly. For the 2017 External Audit, seven elements were reviewed by the Department. The audit took place between June and October of 2017 and included interviews with MBTA department managers and field activities necessary to observe, record, and validate data. All audit activities have been completed and a comprehensive final report with findings and recommendations is expected to be submitted to the MBTA by the end of 2017.

In 2016, the Department released two Request for Responses (RFRs) to hire Subject Matter Experts (SMEs):

1. To perform a comprehensive track assessment of the Green Line to ensure the MBTA was in compliance with the DPU and MBTA track standards; and
2. To conduct a three-year security audit of the MBTA Security Plan.

Green Line Track Assessment

In October 2016, the Harsco Rail/ProTran Technologies, Consulting Services Division, was the selected consultant for the Green Line Track Assessment project. The assessment was conducted between April 4th and June 4th of 2017. The evaluation determined that the MBTA Track Department faces many unique challenges to maintain the Green Line in a non-restrictive operational state due to a variety of foundational issues regarding the age, design and renewal of the track infrastructure. In November of 2017, a final report was completed by the consultant that included a number of priority recommendations to be implemented by the MBTA.

MBTA Security Plan Audit

The Department also hired a consultant to conduct the three-year security review of the MBTA System Security Plan. On June 23, 2017, the audit of the 2017 MBTA System Security and Emergency Preparedness Plan (SSEPP) was completed in accordance with the provisions of 220 CMR 151.04(3). The Department determined the 2017 SSEPP in compliance and approved the Plan issued by the MBTA Transit Police Department.

Bus and Rail Safety Inspections in 2017	
Transit bus, motor coach, and sightseeing vehicles	2,103
Highway/railroad grade crossing signal systems	16
Highway/railroad grade crossing signal systems (new installation/upgrades)	2
Transit audits	165
FTA Safety Directives	2
Safety Assessments	2
Compliance Reviews	18
Total Safety Inspections	2308

Rail Oversight Inspections in 2017	
MBTA SRCP Observations	49
LIDAR Speed Audits	34
Miscellaneous SSO Activities	23
Safety Service Observations	57
External Audit Activities	18
Track Observations	4
Training Observation	8
Carhouse Observation	0
Vehicle Maintenance Audit	5
Total Rail Oversight Activities	198

Licensing of Certain Common Carriers

In accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 159B, § 3, and G.L. c. 159A, §§ 7 and 11A, the Transportation Division licenses common carriers transporting people or property “for hire”. During 2017, the Transportation Division conducted 65 licensing hearings.

Licensing Hearings in 2017	
Bus Companies	33
Tow Companies	13
Household Movers	19
Total Licensing Hearings	65

In addition, five licenses were revoked or disciplinary action was taken against carriers that failed to maintain insurance and/or to obtain current-year identification devices.

Vehicle Decals and Permits

Vehicle specific decals and permits (for trucks and buses) are required by law to denote a licensed common carrier. In 2017, the Transportation Division issued 2,496 decals and permits, collecting over \$99,850 in revenues that was deposited in to the Commonwealth’s General Fund.

2017 Tow Company Audits

In 2017, the Transportation Division conducted 37 random tow company audits designed to monitor compliance with the Department’s tow regulations/rates published at 220 CMR Section 272.00. These audits uncovered various violations with respect to the rates charged for “involuntary tows” which include police ordered tows,

accident tows and/or arrests, public authority-ordered tows such as snow emergencies and street cleaning as well as trespass tows. Each tow company agreed to sign a Consent Agreement and pay a \$100.00 fine. In addition to tow company audits, the Division also investigated a total of 104 consumer tow complaints.

TNC DIVISION

Overview

On August 5, 2016, Governor Baker signed House Bill 4570, An Act Regulating Transportation Network Companies (“TNC Law”) into law, creating a statewide regulatory framework for transportation network companies (“TNCs”). The TNC Law created a new division (“TNC Division”) within the Department to oversee TNCs, transportation network services, and transportation network drivers in the Commonwealth. The TNC law became effective on November 3, 2016 (“TNC Effective Date”). TNC Division will be funded by a surcharge levied against each TNC under the jurisdictional control of the TNC Division.

The TNC Law required the Department to promulgate regulations, within twelve months of the TNC Effective Date, in a number of different areas, including: driver qualifications, suspensions, revocations, and appeals; vehicle suitability and identification; TNC regulation and appeals; equal access; reporting requirements; and other areas that require Department guidance. The TNC Division promulgated final regulations on September 22, 2017, six weeks ahead of schedule. Prior to promulgation, the TNC Division followed the rulemaking process and held a public hearing and received hundreds of public comments regarding proposed TNC regulations. The testimony and comments were considered and the Division made several changes before final promulgation in September.

In addition to the background check system, in the promotion of public safety the Department’s regulations ensure that the TNCs provide the requisite insurance for every part of a TNC ride, including the period of time when a driver has the TNC application on, but has not yet accepted a ride. The TNC Division also participates in the “Ride for Hire Task Force” (“Task Force”) to review current state and local regulations governing hackneys, taxis, livery, and TNCs, and filing a report with the House and Senate and must include findings and recommendations regarding public safety, consumer protection, and economic fairness of the regulatory structure governing the ride for hire industry. This report will be filed in early 2018.

Background Checks

The background checks have functioned similarly under the MOU and the regulations. All TNC drivers undergo a two part background check. First, the TNCs perform a multi-state check of an applicant’s criminal and driving histories and, if the applicant meets the Department’s standards, the TNC forwards the applicant’s information to the Department. With the information provided by the TNC, the TNC Division then obtains the applicant’s Criminal Offender Record Information (“CORI”), Sex Offender Registry Information (“SORI”), and Registry of Motor Vehicles’ driving history. The TNC Division issues background check clearance certificates to TNC drivers who are deemed “suitable” based on the Department’s regulations. The TNC Division may suspend or revoke a driver’s background check clearance certificate for offenses that would deem them “unsuitable,” thereby preventing the person from offering transportation network services.

The TNC Division began running background checks on TNC drivers in January 2017. Today, any customer who arranges a ride through a TNC application will know that the driver who arrives has undergone a thorough state background review that includes both criminal and driving records.

TNC Driver Background Check Clearance Certificates 2017	
Approved Applications	128,587
Denied Applications	16,847
Total Applications	145,434

Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund

The TNC Law imposes a \$0.20 per-ride assessment to be paid by the TNCs into a Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund (“the Fund”). The director of the TNC Division will be the trustee of the Fund and distribute the funds according to the statute.

Annually, the TNCs will submit to the TNC Division the number of rides from the previous calendar year and the city or town in which each ride originated. The TNC Division will proportionally distribute half of the total amount received to the city or town in which the ride originated. One quarter of the total amount collected will be distributed to the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency to provide financial assistance to small businesses, specifically taxi and livery businesses. One quarter of the total amount collected will be distributed to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund. The TNC Division is responsible for the administration of this fund and must obtain reports from the municipalities detailing the uses of the funds.

APPENDIX 1: 2017 SITING BOARD DECISIONS AND SITING DIVISION’S DEPARTMENT ORDERS

- NRG Canal 3, EFSB 15-06/D.P.U. 15-180
- Exelon West Medway LLC, EFSB 15-01A/D.P.U. 15-25A
- Exelon West Medway LLC Certificate, EFSB 17-01
- Brockton Power Company, LLC, EFSB 07-7/DPU07-58/07-59 (Interim Extension through Action by Consent)
- NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, EFSB 14-2/D.P.U. 14-73/14-74
- NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, EFSB 14-04/D.P.U. 14-153/14-154
- NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, EFSB 15-03/D.P.U. 15-64/15-65
- Harbor Electric Energy Company, EFSB 17-03

APPENDIX 2: DEPARTMENT ORDERS ISSUED IN 2017

Docket	Caption	Order Date
16-RA-150-R	Prospect Resources Inc. - Retail Agent	1/3/2017
16-108	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company each d/b/a Eversource Energy requesting an Advisory Ruling by the Department of Public Utilities, pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 2.08.	1/3/2017
16-EB-28	Gold Star Energy LLC - Electric Broker	1/6/2017
16-EB-33	Vervantis Inc - Electric Broker	1/6/2017
16-EB-397	Demco Energy LLC - Electric Broker	1/6/2017

16-151	Petition on behalf of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, and NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each d/b/a Eversource Energy, for approval of the Distribution Companies' proposed joint revised model net metering tariff, pursuant to the Order of the Department of Public Utilities in Net Metering Regulations, D.P.U. 16-64-D (2016).	1/6/2017
16-CS-040R	Hampshire Power - Competitive Supplier	1/9/2017
16-CS-060R	South Jersey Energy Co - Competitive Supplier	1/9/2017
16-EB- 341R	Advisors Energy Group LLC - Electric Broker	1/9/2017
16-EB-176R	EMEX LLC - Electric Broker	1/9/2017
16-EB-205R	Hampshire Power - Electric Broker	1/9/2017
16-EB-261R	Live Energy Inc. - Electric Broker	1/9/2017
17-EB-088R	Rapid Power Management LLC - Electric Broker	1/9/2017
17-EB-210R	Global Power Consultants - Electric Broker	1/9/2017
17-RA-096R	Rapid Power Management LLC - Retail Agent	1/9/2017
17-RA-040R	The Legacy Energy LLC - Retail Agent	1/11/2017
17-RA-081R	Priority Power Management - Retail Agent	1/11/2017
16-29	Investigation of the Department of Public Utilities, on its own motion, instituting a rulemaking pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 85B and 1K; G.L. c. 30A, § 2; 220 C.M.R. §§ 2.00 et seq.; and Executive Order 562, revising 220 C.M.R. §§ 19.00 et seq., Standards of Performance for Emergency Preparation and Restoration of Service for Electric Distribution and Gas Companies.	1/11/2017
17-RA-079R	Global Power Consultants - Retail Agent	1/12/2017
16-34	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid, for approval of its proposed Renewable Energy Recovery Factor, for effect May 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016.	1/13/2017
RA-34	Estar Energy Inc. - Retail Agent	1/18/2017
16-RA-35	Greencrown Energy LLC - Retail Agent	1/18/2017
16-80	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for approval of its revised Service Quality Plan pursuant to Service Quality Investigation, D.P.U. 12-120-D (2015), and in accordance with G.L. c. 164, §§ 1E and 1I.	1/18/2017
16-81	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company for approval of its revised Service Quality Plan pursuant to Service Quality Investigation, D.P.U. 12-120-D (2015), and in accordance with G.L. c. 164, §§ 1E and 1I.	1/18/2017
16-82	Petition of Blackstone Gas Company for approval of its revised Service Quality Plan pursuant to Service Quality Investigation, D.P.U. 12-120-D (2015), and in accordance with G.L. c. 164, §§ 1E and 1I.	1/18/2017

16-83	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval of its revised Service Quality Plan pursuant to Service Quality Investigation, D.P.U. 12-120-D (2015), and in accordance with G.L. c. 164, §§ 1E and 1I.	1/18/2017
16-84	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid for approval of its revised Service Quality Plan pursuant to Service Quality Investigation, D.P.U. 12-120-D (2015), and in accordance with G.L. c. 164, §§ 1E and 1I.	1/18/2017
16-85	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities for approval of its revised Service Quality Plan pursuant to Service Quality Investigation, D.P.U. 12-120-D (2015), and in accordance with G.L. c. 164, §§ 1E and 1I.	1/18/2017
16-86	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its revised Service Quality Plan pursuant to Service Quality Investigation, D.P.U. 12-120-D (2015), and in accordance with G.L. c. 164, §§ 1E and 1I.	1/18/2017
16-87	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval of its revised Service Quality Plan pursuant to Service Quality Investigation, D.P.U. 12-120-D (2015), and in accordance with G.L. c. 164, §§ 1E and 1I.	1/18/2017
16-88	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid for approval of its revised Service Quality Plan pursuant to Service Quality Investigation, D.P.U. 12-120-D (2015), and in accordance with G.L. c. 164, §§ 1E and 1I.	1/18/2017
16-89	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its revised Service Quality Plan pursuant to Service Quality Investigation, D.P.U. 12-120-D (2015), and in accordance with G.L. c. 164, §§ 1E and 1I.	1/18/2017
16-90	Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its revised Service Quality Plan pursuant to Service Quality Investigation, D.P.U. 12-120-D (2015), and in accordance with G.L. c. 164, §§ 1E and 1I.	1/18/2017
16-RA-36	NAUP Brokerage LLC - Retail Agent	1/19/2017
16-175	Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its Revenue Decoupling Mechanism Adjustment Factor, for effect February 1, 2017.	1/19/2017
17-05	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each doing business as Eversource Energy, Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. § 5.00 et seq., for Approval of General Increases in Base Distribution Rates for Electric Service and Approval of a Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism.	1/19/2017
16-CS-11	LifeEnergy LLC - Competitive Supplier	1/20/2017
16-EB-40	Utiliz LLC - Electric Broker	1/20/2017
16-EB-48	Vast Energy Services - Electric Broker	1/20/2017
16-EB-49	NAUP Brokerage LLC - Electric Broker	1/20/2017
16-EB-207R	Priority Power Management - Electric Broker	1/25/2017

17-EB-072R	ALLMass Energy LLC - Electric Broker	1/25/2017
17-EB-082R	TFS Energy Solutions LLC d/b/a Tradition Energy - Electric Broker	1/25/2017
17-EB-182R	Powerhouse Energy LLC - Electric Broker	1/25/2017
17-EB-219R	On Demand Energy - Electric Broker	1/25/2017
17-EB-257R	Capital Energy Services - Electric Broker	1/25/2017
17-EB-258R	Energy Auction House Inc. - Electric Broker	1/25/2017
17-EB-294R	The Energy Management Group - Electric broker	1/25/2017
17-EB-308R	Customer Aquisition Specialists of America Inc. - Electric Broker	1/25/2017
17-EB-339R	Global Energy LLC - Electric Broker	1/25/2017
17-EB-352R	Yardi Systems Inc. - Electric Broker	1/25/2017
17-GS-017R	BP Energy Co. - Gas Supplier	1/26/2017
15-68	Adjudicatory hearing in the matter of a possible violation of G.L. c. 82, § 40, 40A-40E, and 220 C.M.R. 99.09, by Massad and Sons Paving and Excavating Company.	1/26/2017
17-EB-005R	Alternate Power Source Inc. - Electric Broker	1/27/2017
17-EB-212R	Mondre Energy Inc. - Electric Broker	1/27/2017
17-EB-260R	Retail Group Inc. d/b/a Voyager Power - Electric Broker	1/27/2017
17-EB-306R	Sprague Energy Solutions Inc. - Electric Broker	1/27/2017
17-EB-307R	The Energy Alliance LLC - Electric Broker	1/27/2017
17-EB-310R	Power Kiosk LLC - Electric Broker	1/27/2017
17-EB-358R	Premier Energy Mgmt LLC - Electric Broker	1/27/2017
17-RA-151R	Premier Energy Mgmt LLC - Retail Agent	1/27/2017
16-RA-37	Vast Energy Services - Retail Agent	1/27/2017
16-101	Petition of the City of Gloucester for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	1/27/2017
16-96	Petition of the Town of Millbury for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	1/27/2017
16-97	Petition of the Town of Oxford for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	1/27/2017
16-98	Petition of the Town of Charlton for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	1/27/2017
17-GS-040R	South Jersey Energy Co. - Gas Supplier	1/30/2017
17-GS-053R	Constellation Energy Gas Choice LLC - Gas Supplier	1/30/2017
17-RA-108R	Energy Auction House Inc. - Retail Agent	1/30/2017
17-RA-148R	Power Kiosk LLC - Retail Agent	1/30/2017
17-ASMT-05	Assessment for expenditures incurred by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2016.	1/30/2017

16-58	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of its Targeted Infrastructure Recovery Factor.	1/31/2017
16-GAF-P4	Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil's Local Distribution Adjustment Clause Filing for effect November 1, 2016.	1/31/2017
16-GAF-P5	Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid's 2016-2017 Peak Local Distribution Adjustment Factor, effective November 1, 2016.	1/31/2017
16-GC-24	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a 365-Day Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Constellation Mystic Power, LLC.	1/31/2017
16-GC-25	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company for approval of an amendment restoring the Transportation Agreement with Williams College to its original terms and conditions.	1/31/2017
16-183	Petition of Middleborough Gas and Electric Department for approval by the Department of Public Utilities to continue to use a rate of depreciation of five percent for the calendar years 2016 and 2017.	2/1/2017
15-155	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own motion as to the propriety of the rates and charges proposed by Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company in their petition for approval of an increase in base distribution rates for electric service pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. § 5.00 et seq., filed with the Department on November 6, 2015, to be effective December 1, 2015.	2/2/2017
16-151	Petition on behalf of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, and NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each d/b/a Eversource Energy, for approval of the Distribution Companies' proposed joint revised model net metering tariff, pursuant to the Order of the Department of Public Utilities in Net Metering Regulations, D.P.U. 16-64-D (2016).	2/7/2017
17-RA-027R	Patriot Energy Group Inc. - Retail Agent	2/8/2017
17-RA-156R	Anderson Energy Solutions LLC - Retail Agent	2/8/2017
16-134	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities for Approval of the Company's Peak Period Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factor Reconciliation and Rate Filing.	2/8/2017
16-137	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid for approval of the Companies' 2016-2017 Peak Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors.	2/8/2017
16-144	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of the Company's Peak Period Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factor, for effect November 1, 2016.	2/8/2017
16-165	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for approval of its 2016-2017 Peak Period Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factor, to become effective November 1, 2016.	2/8/2017

16-79	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for Approval of a Natural Gas Customer Expansion Pilot Program.	2/10/2017
17-33	Investigation of the Department of Public Utilities, on its own motion, instituting a rulemaking pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 2; 220 C.M.R. § 2.00 et seq.; and Executive Order 562 to amend or rescind 220 C.M.R. §§ 5.00, 13.00, 15.00, 16.00, 26.00, 37.00, and 273.00.	2/10/2017
16-RA-129R	The Energy Alliance - Retail Agent	2/13/2017
17-RA-014R	UMG Inc. - Retail Agent	2/13/2017
17-RA-144R	Global Energy LLC - Retail Agent	2/14/2017
17-GS-008R	Sprague Operating Resources LLC - Competitive Supplier	2/14/2017
17-RA-061R	Ameresco Inc. - Retail Agent	2/14/2017
16-19	Investigation of the Department of Public Utilities, on its own motion, instituting a rulemaking pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 2, 220 C.M.R. § 2.00 et seq., and Executive Order 562 to amend 220 C.M.R. §§ 69.00, 101.00, and 104.00.	2/15/2017
15-157	Petition of Harbor Electric Energy Company for approval of initial rates, charges, rules and regulations set forth in Tariffs M.D.P.U. Nos. 600 and 601, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. § 5.00 et seq.	2/16/2017
16-GREC-01	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145 for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2015 Gas System Enhancement Plan and for review and approval of its Gas System Enhancement Reconciliation Adjustment Factor.	2/17/2017
16-GREC-02	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145 for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2015 Gas System Enhancement Plan and for review and approval of its Gas System Enhancement Reconciliation Adjustment Factor.	2/17/2017
16-GREC-03	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145 for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2015 Gas System Enhancement Plan and for review and approval of its Gas System Enhancement Reconciliation Adjustment Factor.	2/17/2017
16-GREC-04	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145 for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2015 Gas System Enhancement Plan and for review and approval of its Gas System Enhancement Reconciliation Adjustment Factor.	2/17/2017
16-GREC-05	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145 for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2015 Gas System Enhancement Plan and for review and approval of its Gas System Enhancement Reconciliation Adjustment Factor.	2/17/2017
16-GREC-06	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145 for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2015 Gas System Enhancement Plan and for review and approval of its Gas System Enhancement Reconciliation Adjustment Factor.	2/17/2017

16-192	Joint Petition of the Milford Water Company, the Town of Milford and the Office of the Attorney General for Approval of Offer of Settlement.	2/22/2017
17-18	Petition of National Grid USA for a waiver of jurisdiction of the Department of Public Utilities over the indirect acquisition by National Grid USA of a 50 percent holding company interest in Swan Lake North Hydro LLC, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §96(c).	2/22/2017
17-RA-155R	Definitive Energy Group Inc. - Retail Agent	2/23/2017
17-CS-037R	ENGIE Resources LLC - Competitive Supplier	2/28/2017
17-CS-117R	Inspire Energy Holdings LLC - Competitive Supplier	2/28/2017
17-EB-015R	UMG Inc. - Electric Broker	2/28/2017
17-EB-175R	Ameresco Inc. - Electric Broker	2/28/2017
17-EB-179R	RJT Consulting LLC - Electric Broker	2/28/2017
17-EB-239R	Summerview Energy LLC - Electric Broker	2/28/2017
17-EB-304R	Eisenbach Consulting - Electric Broker	2/28/2017
17-EB-305R	Globele Energy LLC - Electric Broker	2/28/2017
17-EB-354R	Anderson Energy Solutions - Electric Broker	2/28/2017
13-135	Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company for approval of the Company's annual recovery of costs associated with the October Snowstorm and Hurricane Sandy, pursuant to D.P.U. 10-70.	2/28/2017
16-91	Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid's Capital Investment Report for calendar year 2015.	2/28/2017
16-GAF-P1	Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts Cost of Gas Adjustment – Peak Period Local Distribution Adjustment Factors Filing for the Period November 2016 through April 2017.	2/28/2017
16-RAAF-09	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company for approval of the annual electric residential assistance adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect on and after March 1, 2017.	2/28/2017
17-09	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid of its annual Revenue Decoupling Mechanism Reconciliation Filing, for effect March 1, 2017.	2/28/2017
17-11	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1A(a) and 220 C.M.R. § 11.03(4)(e) for approval of its annual retail rate adjustment and reconciliation filing, effective March 1, 2017.	2/28/2017
17-27	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid for approval of annual pension and post-retirement benefits other than pension adjustment factor for effect March 1, 2017.	2/28/2017
17-28	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company to the Department of Public Utilities for approval of its annual reconciliation filing for recovery of costs through its Solar Cost Adjustment Provision Tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1327.	2/28/2017

15-122/123	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for Approval of their Grid Modernization Plans.	3/1/2017
16-166	Petition of SunPower Corporation for an Exception to the Net Metering Regulations pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 18.00 et seq., and to the “Single Parcel” Rule, pursuant to Net Metering and Interconnection of Distributed Generation, D.P.U. 11-11-C (2012).	3/3/2017
16-33	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, to the Department of Public Utilities for approval of recovery of costs associated with its Solar Phase II generation facilities in Attleboro, Charlton, Millbury, and Shirley, Massachusetts pursuant to Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 14-01 (2014).	3/3/2017
16-EB-114R	Taylor Consulting and Contracting LLC - Electric Broker	3/6/2017
17-EB-035R	Devaney Energy Inc. - Electric Broker	3/6/2017
17-EB-115R	Reliable Power Alternative Corp - Electric Broker	3/6/2017
17-EB-152R	Amerex Energy Services - Electric Broker	3/6/2017
17-EB-234R	Definitive Energy Group Inc. - Electric Broker	3/6/2017
17-EB-319R	Optimum Energy Solutions - Electric Broker	3/6/2017
17-EB-347R	Axiom Retail Energy LLC - Electric Broker	3/6/2017
17-EB-356R	Co-energy America - Electric Broker	3/6/2017
17-RA-010R	Devaney Energy Inc. - Retail Agent	3/6/2017
17-RA-048R	Tradition Energy - Retail Agent	3/6/2017
17-RA-053R	Amerex Energy Services - Retail Agent	3/6/2017
17-RA-132R	Alternative Utility Services Inc. - Retail Agent	3/6/2017
16-EB-24	Pacheco Energy Mgmt LLC - Electric Broker	3/6/2017
16-GS-05	BBPC LLC d/b/a Great Eastern Gas - Gas Supplier	3/6/2017
17-GS-041R	EDF Trading North America LLC - Gas Supplier	3/8/2017
16-191	Investigation of the Department of Public Utilities, on its own motion, instituting a Rulemaking pursuant to St. 2016, c. 188, § 12, G.L. c. 30A, § 2 and 220 C.M.R. § 2.00 et seq. pertaining to Competitively Solicited Long-term Contracts for Offshore Wind and Clean Energy Generation Resources.	3/8/2017
17-ASMT-01	General Assessment to Electric and Gas Companies.	3/8/2017
17-RA-028R	Secure Energy Solutions Inc. - Retail Agent	3/9/2017
17-RA-095R	Stanley Energy LLC - Retail Agent	3/9/2017
16-79	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for Approval of a Natural Gas Customer Expansion Pilot Program.	3/13/2017
15-157	Petition of Harbor Electric Energy Company for approval of initial rates, charges, rules and regulations set forth in Tariffs M.D.P.U. Nos. 600 and 601, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. § 5.00 et seq.	3/13/2017

15-157	Petition of Harbor Electric Energy Company for approval of initial rates, charges, rules and regulations set forth in Tariffs M.D.P.U. Nos. 600 and 601, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. § 5.00 et seq.	3/13/2017
16-117	Petition of The Solar Coalition for an Exception to the Net Metering Regulations pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 18.00 et seq., and to the “Single Parcel” Rule, pursuant to Net Metering and Interconnection of Distributed Generation, D.P.U. 11-11-C (2012).	3/15/2017
16-25	Petition of SolarFlair Energy, Inc. for approval of an Exception to 220 C.M.R. § 18.00 et seq., and the "Single Parcel Rule", established by the Department in D.P.U. 11-11-C and D.P.U. 11-11-E.	3/15/2017
16-55	Petition of Preservation for Affordable Housing, Inc. for an Exception to the Net Metering Regulations pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 18.00 et seq., and to the “Single Parcel” Rule, pursuant to Net Metering and Interconnection of Distributed Generation, D.P.U.	3/15/2017
17-CS-118R	Ambit Energy LLC - Competitive Supplier	3/17/2017
17-CS-128R	EDF Energy Services - Competitive Supplier	3/17/2017
17-EB-023R	Competitive Energy Services LLC - Electric Broker	3/17/2017
17-EB-147R	Power Brokers LLC - Electric Broker	3/17/2017
17-EB-153R	Choice! Energy Services Retail LP - Electric Broker	3/17/2017
17-EB-230R	Blue & Silver Energy Consulting LLC d/b/a Pro-Star Energy Services - Electric Broker	3/17/2017
17-EB-235R	Stanley Energy LLC - Electric Broker	3/17/2017
17-EB-265R	Verigris Energy LLC - Electric Broker	3/17/2017
17-EB-270R	Energy Professionals LLC - Electric Broker	3/17/2017
17-EB-295R	Nextility Inc - Electric Broker	3/17/2017
17-EB-361R	Premier Power Solutions - Electric Broker	3/17/2017
17-RA-01	MountainView Partners LLC - Retail Agent	3/17/2017
17-40	Order of delegation.	3/20/2017
17-RA-034R	Energy Rebate Inc. - Retail Agent	3/21/2017
17-RA-089R	EnerNOC LLC - Retail Agent	3/21/2017
17-RA-137R	Neighborhood Energy of New England - Retail Agent	3/21/2017
17-54	Investigation of the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, Commencing a Rulemaking pursuant to Sections 201 and 210 of Title II of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, G.L. c. 30A, § 2, and 220 C.M.R. § 2.00 et seq., to Amend 2.	3/21/2017
17-CS-01	Astral Energy - Competitive Supplier	3/22/2017
17-EB-02	Bright Power Inc. - Electric Broker	3/22/2017
17-RA-02	Bright Power Inc. - Retail Agent	3/22/2017

17-BSF-D1	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of National Grid's Basic Service filing for the periods May 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017 for the residential and commercial customer groups and May 1, 2017 through July 31, 2017 for the industrial customer group.	3/22/2017
17-EB-028R	Energy Rebate Inc. - Electric Broker	3/23/2017
17-EB-029R	Bay State Consultants LLC - Electric Broker	3/23/2017
17-EB-142R	United Energy - Electric Broker	3/23/2017
17-EB-192R	Innovative Energy Advisors LLC - Electric Broker	3/23/2017
17-EB-193R	Energy Advisory Service - Electric Broker	3/23/2017
17-EB-316R	Neighborhood Energy of New England, LLC	3/23/2017
17-EB-373R	Strategic Energy Partners - Electric Broker	3/23/2017
16-40	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its five-year forecast period November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2020, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69I.	3/23/2017
17-81	Investigation of the Department of Public Utilities, on its own motion, instituting a rulemaking pursuant to Chapter 187 of the Acts of 2016; G.L. c. 25, § 23; G.L. c. 30A, § 2; G.L. c. 159A½; and 220 C.M.R. §§ 2.00 et seq., establishing requirements for transportation network companies and the provision of transportation network services.	3/24/2017
17-RA-072R	Luthin Associates Inc. - Retail Agent	3/27/2017
17-RA-104R	Summit Energy Services - Retail Agent	3/27/2017
17-RA-133R	Nextility Inc. - Retail Agent	3/27/2017
17-32	Joint Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each d/b/a Eversource Energy, for review and approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the timetable and method for the solicitation and execution of the long-term clean energy generation contracts, pursuant to Section 83D of the Green Communities Act, as added by Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2016.	3/27/2017
16-GS-56R	Agera Energy LLC - Gas Supplier	3/29/2017
17-CS-042R	ConEdison Solutions - Competitive Supplier	3/29/2017
17-EB-079R	Secure Energy Solutions Inc. - Electric Broker	3/29/2017
17-EB-243R	Atlas Commodities LLC - Electric Broker	3/29/2017
17-RA-033R	Quest Energy Solutions - Retail Agent	3/29/2017
17-RA-03	Atlas Commodities LLC - Retail Agent	3/29/2017

16-37	Joint Petition by Sheffield Water Company and Mountain Water Systems, Inc. for Approval of Sale of Sheffield Water Company to Mountain Water Systems, Inc., pursuant to G.L. c. 165, § 2 and G.L. c. 164, § 96, and for Approval of Issuance of Debt Securities and Common Stock by Mountain Water Systems, Inc., pursuant to G.L. c. 165, § 2 and G.L. c. 164, §§ 14, and 17A.	3/29/2017
17-CS-121R	Agera Energy LLC - Competitive Supplier	3/30/2017
17-EB-089R	Satori Energy - Electric Broker	3/30/2017
17-EB-137R	Atlantic Group Energy Inc. - Electric Broker	3/30/2017
17-EB-149R	Summit Energy Services - Electric Broker	3/30/2017
17-EB-155R	BidURenergy Inc. - Electric Broker	3/30/2017
17-EB-311R	Aspen Energy Corp - Electric Broker	3/30/2017
16-189	Application of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for authorization and approval of the issuance of long-term debt in an amount not to exceed \$700 million, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 14.	3/30/2017
16-152	Petition of the Town of Lexington for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	3/31/2017
16-152	Petition of the Town of Lexington for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	3/31/2017
16-GAF-P1	Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts Cost of Gas Adjustment – Peak Period Local Distribution Adjustment Factors Filing for the Period November 2016 through April 2017.	3/31/2017
16-GAF-P4	Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil's Local Distribution Adjustment Clause Filing for effect November 1, 2016.	3/31/2017
17-35	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own motion, into the operations, practices, and rates of Andrews Farm Water Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 165, §§ 2, 4, and G.L. c. 164, § 93.	3/31/2017
16-155	Petition of the Town of Walpole for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	4/5/2017
17-05	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each doing business as Eversource Energy, Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. § 5.00 et seq., for Approval of General Increases in Base Distribution Rates for Electric Service and Approval of a Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism.	4/5/2017
17-05	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each doing business as Eversource Energy, Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. § 5.00 et seq., for Approval of General Increases in Base Distribution Rates for Electric Service and Approval of a Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism.	4/5/2017
17-RA-076R	Energy Professionals LLC - Retail Agent	4/6/2017
16-RA-136R	National Energy Discounters - Retail Agent	4/7/2017
17-365R	Applied Energy Partners LLC - Electric Broker	4/7/2017

17-CS-111R	Oasis Energy - Competitive Supplier	4/7/2017
17-EB-120R	Legacy Energy Group LLC - Electric Broker	4/7/2017
17-EB-213R	Trane Energy Choice LLC - Electric Broker	4/7/2017
17-EB-236R	Good Energy LP - Electric Broker	4/7/2017
17-EB-237R	LightSmart Energy Consulting LLC - Electric Broker	4/7/2017
17-EB-269R	Avion Energy Inc. - Electric Broker	4/7/2017
17-EB-272R	Stanwich Energy Advisors - Electric Broker	4/7/2017
17-EB-275R	Yolon Energy LLC - Electric Broker	4/7/2017
17-EB-314R	National Auditing Services & Consulting LLC - Electric Broker	4/7/2017
17-RA-110R	Yolon Energy LLC - Retail Agent	4/7/2017
17-RA-158R	Applied Energy Partners LLC - Retail Agent	4/7/2017
17-05	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each doing business as Eversource Energy, Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. § 5.00 et seq., for Approval of General Increases in Base Distribution Rates for Electric Service and Approval of a Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism.	4/7/2017
17-93	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion to Develop a Model Tariff Governing Revenue Decoupling Mechanisms for Gas Distribution Companies.	4/7/2017
17-55	In the matter of Christian Loranger concerning compliance with the Dig Safe Law, G.L. c. 82, §§ 40-40E.	4/10/2017
17-62	In the matter of Capital Masonry and Paving concerning compliance with the Dig Safe Law, G.L. c. 82, §§ 40-40E.	4/10/2017
17-63	In the matter of Story Fence Company concerning compliance with the Dig Safe Law, G.L. c. 82, §§ 40-40E.	4/10/2017
17-64	In the matter of Patrick Kelleher & Sons, Inc. concerning compliance with the Dig Safe Law, G.L. c. 82, §§ 40-40E.	4/10/2017
17-66	In the matter of Robert Pike Construction concerning compliance with the Dig Safe Law, G.L. c. 82, §§ 40-40E.	4/10/2017
17-70	In the matter of Eastwind Corporation concerning compliance with the Dig Safe Law, G.L. c. 82, §§ 40-40E.	4/10/2017
17-71	In the matter of Ieraci Landscaping, Inc concerning compliance with the Dig Safe Law, G.L. c. 82, §§ 40-40E.	4/10/2017
17-72	In the matter of Peters & Fox concerning compliance with the Dig Safe Law, G.L. c. 82, §§ 40-40E.	4/10/2017
17-73	In the matter of Tynic Landscaping concerning compliance with the Dig Safe Law, G.L. c. 82, §§ 40-40E.	4/10/2017
17-74	In the matter of JA Connell concerning compliance with the Dig Safe Law, G.L. c. 82, §§ 40-40E.	4/10/2017

17-75	In the matter of T & K Asphalt Services concerning compliance with the Dig Safe Law, G.L. c. 82, §§ 40-40E.	4/10/2017
17-76	In the matter of Properties by Pearce LLC concerning compliance with the Dig Safe Law, G.L. c. 82, §§ 40-40E.	4/10/2017
17-EB-108R	BlueRock Energy Inc. - Electric Broker	4/13/2017
17-EB-366R	Power Logix LLC - Electric Broker	4/13/2017
17-EB-06	Legend Energy Advisors - Electric Broker	4/14/2017
17-EB-07	Energy Watch Inc. - Electric Broker	4/14/2017
11-118	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (Electric Division) for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Pension Adjustment Factor for effect on or after November 1, 2011.	4/14/2017
11-86	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (Gas Division) for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Pension Adjustment Factor for effect on or after November 1, 2011.	4/14/2017
12-117	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for review and approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the Company's (Electric Division) Annual Pension/PBOP Adjustment Factor Reconciliation and Rate Filing.	4/14/2017
12-71	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for review and approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the Company's Annual Pension/PBOP Adjustment Factor Reconciliation and Rate Filing.	4/14/2017
13-150	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for review and approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the Company's (Gas Division) Annual Pension/PBOP Adjustment Factor Reconciliation and Rate Filing.	4/14/2017
14-110	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company for approval of its annual pension and post-retirement benefits other than pensions adjustment factors for 2014/2015 (gas) and 2015 (electric).	4/14/2017
15-133	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval of the Company's Annual Pension/PBOP Adjustment Factor Reconciliation and Rate Filing, for effect November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2016.	4/14/2017
16-100	Petition of the Town of Arlington for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	4/14/2017
16-162	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for Approval of its Annual Pension/PBOP Adjustment Factor Reconciliation and Rate Filing.	4/14/2017
16-95	Petition of the City of Somerville for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	4/14/2017
16-99	Petition of the Town of Brookline for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	4/14/2017

17-13	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for pre-approval of the Company's proposed Electric Vehicle Market Development Program, and for pre-approval of the Company's proposed Electric Vehicle Program Provision, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 76, 94, and Acts of 2016, c. 448.	4/18/2017
17-23	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2017 Off-Peak Period, May 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017.	4/18/2017
17-24	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, d/b/a Unitil, for approval of its Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2017 Off-Peak Period, May 1, 2017, through October 31, 2017.	4/18/2017
17-CS-129R	Utility Expense Reduction - Competitive Supplier	4/19/2017
17-RA-159R	AOBA Alliance Inc. - Retail Agent	4/19/2017
17-GS-034R	Hudson Energy Services LLC - Gas Supplier	4/20/2017
17-RA-043R	Early Bird Power LLC - Retail Agent	4/20/2017
17-RA-139R	Siemens Industry Inc. - Retail Agent	4/20/2017
17-RA-153R	All Source Energy LLC - Retail Agent	4/20/2017
17-RA-161R	Power Logix LLC - Retail Agent	4/20/2017
17-ASMT-04	Steam Distribution Company Assessment of the Department of Public Utilities pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 18, for fiscal year 2017.	4/21/2017
17-CS-102R	Abest Power & Gas LLC - Competitive Supplier	4/25/2017
17-EB-186R	Commercial Utility Consultants Inc. - Electric Broker	4/25/2017
17-EB-359R	All Source Energy LLC - Electric Broker	4/25/2017
17-EB-372R	BKE Energy Inc. - Electric Broker	4/25/2017
17-GS-045R	Ambit Northeast LLC - Gas Supplier	4/26/2017
17-78	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid for approval of its basic service costs adder rate adjustment for effect May 1, 2017.	4/26/2017
16-167	Petition of the Town of Sudbury for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	4/27/2017
16-168	Petition of the Town of Winchester for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	4/27/2017
16-176	Petition of the City of Cambridge for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	4/27/2017
17-26	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corporation d/b/a Liberty Utilities for approval of its Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2017 Off-Peak Period, for effect May 1, 2017, through October 31, 2017.	4/27/2017
17-41	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for Approval of its 2017 Energy Efficiency Reconciling Factors, for effect May 1, 2017.	4/27/2017

17-80	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for approval of its Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2017 Off-Peak Period, May 1, 2017, through October 31, 2017.	4/27/2017
17-GC-01	Boston Gas & Aggregate Industries - Northeast Region (Saugus) - Firm Transportation	4/27/2017
17-GC-02	Colonial Gas & Aggregate Industries - Northeast Region (Chelmsford) - Firm Transportation	4/27/2017
17-GC-03	Boston Gas & Wellesley College (boiler plant) - Firm Transportation	4/27/2017
17-GC-04	Boston Gas & Wellesley College (cogeneration plant) - Firm Transportation	4/27/2017
17-GAF-O1	Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts 2017 Off-Peak Cost of Gas Adjustment Clause Filing.	4/28/2017
17-GAF-O5	Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid's 2017 Off-Peak Cost of Gas Adjustment Clause Filing.	4/28/2017
16-111	Petition of the Town of Hatfield for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	4/28/2017
16-112	Petition of the Town of Tyngsborough for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	4/28/2017
16-113	Petition of the City of Gardner for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	4/28/2017
16-114	Petition of the Town of Plymouth for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	4/28/2017
16-115	Petition of the Town of Kingston for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	4/28/2017
16-141	Petition of the Town of Pembroke for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	4/28/2017
16-142	Petition of the Town of Halifax for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	4/28/2017
16-170	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own motion into a Settlement Agreement between Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts regarding the rate classification of certain residential natural gas heating customers.	4/28/2017
16-72	Petition of the Town of Mendon for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	4/28/2017
16-GSEP-01	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company Light Company d/b/a Unitil for Approval of its 2017 Gas System Enhancement Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, and for rates effective May 1, 2017.	4/28/2017
16-GSEP-02	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company for Approval of its 2017 Gas System Enhancement Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, and for rates effective May 1, 2017.	4/28/2017

16-GSEP-03	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid for Approval of 2017 Gas System Enhancement Plans, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, and for rates effective May 1, 2017.	4/28/2017
16-GSEP-04	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. for Approval of its 2017 Gas System Enhancement Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for rates effective May 1, 2017.	4/28/2017
16-GSEP-05	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for Approval of its 2017 Gas System Enhancement Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for rates effective May 1, 2017.	4/28/2017
16-GSEP-06	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for Approval of its 2017 Gas System Enhancement Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for rates effective May 1, 2017.	4/28/2017
17-29	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for approval of their Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2017 Off-Peak Period, May 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017.	4/28/2017
17-53	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of its smart grid pilot program rate adjustment and reconciliation filing.	4/28/2017
17-79	Petition by Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company both d/b/a National Grid for approval of revisions to the termination provision of each Company's Street Lighting Tariffs Rate S-2 and Rate S-3.	4/28/2017
17-GAF-O2	The Berkshire Gas Company's 2017 Off-Peak Cost of Gas Adjustment Clause Filing.	4/28/2017
17-GAF-O3	Blackstone Gas Company's 2017 Off-Peak Cost of Gas Adjustment Clause Filing.	4/28/2017
17-GAF-O4	Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil's 2017 Off-Peak Cost of Gas Adjustment Clause Filing.	4/28/2017
17-GAF-O6	Liberty Utilities 2017 Off-Peak Cost of Gas Adjustment Clause Filing.	4/28/2017
17-GAF-O8	NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy's 2017 Off-Peak Cost of Gas Adjustment Clause Filing.	4/28/2017
17-POR-01	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid pursuant to the Company's Tariffs M.D.P.U. Nos. 1201, § 8B and 1202, § 8B for review and approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the Company's Standard Complete Billing Percentages for effect May 1, 2017 and reconciliation of competitive supplier balances for the period May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017, under the Company's Purchase of Receivables Program.	4/28/2017

17-POR-02	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy pursuant to § 8B.2.b of the Company's Terms and Conditions-Competitive Suppliers and Competitive REA Suppliers for review and approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the Company's Standard Complete Billing Percentages for effect May 1, 2017 and reconciliation of competitive supplier balances for the period May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017, under the Company's Purchase of Receivables Program.	4/28/2017
17-POR-03	Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy pursuant to § 8B.2.b of the Company's Terms and Conditions for Competitive Suppliers (M.D.P.U. No. 1024) for review and approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the Company's Standard Complete Billing Percentages for effect May 1, 2017 and reconciliation of competitive supplier balances for the period May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017, under the Company's Purchase of Receivables Program.	4/28/2017
17-CS-072R	Energy Plus Holdings LLC - Competitive Supplier	5/4/2017
17-CS-081R	Reliant Energy Northeast LLC - Competitive Supplier	5/4/2017
17-CS-098R	Provider Power Mass LLC - Competitive Supplier	5/4/2017
17-CS-110R	Major Energy Electric Services LLC - Competitive Supplier	5/4/2017
17-CS-119R	SFE Energy Inc. - Competitive Supplier	5/4/2017
17-CS-129R	Utility Expense Reduction - Competitive Supplier	5/4/2017
17-EB-052R	Hospital Energy - Electric Broker	5/4/2017
17-EB-098R	EnerNOC Inc. - Electric Broker	5/4/2017
17-EB-187R	TES Energy Services LLC - Electric Broker	5/4/2017
17-EB-240R	US Power Trade LLC - Electric Broker	5/4/2017
17-EB-273R	Trusted Energy LLC - Electric Broker	5/4/2017
17-EB-274R	PowerOptions Inc - Electric Broker	5/4/2017
17-EB-324R	Siemens Industry Inc. - Electric Broker	5/4/2017
17-EB-366R	Power Logix LLC - Electric Broker	5/4/2017
17-38	Petition of Chicopee Electric Light Department to the Department of Public Utilities for approval to use a rate of depreciation of five percent for the calendar year 2016.	5/5/2017
17-56	In the matter of Walpole Outdoors LLC concerning compliance with the Dig Safe Law, G.L. c. 82, §§ 40-40E.	5/5/2017
17-GS-030R	Constellation New Energy - Gas Division LLC - Gas Supplier	5/8/2017
17-25	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for authorization and approval to issue long-term debt in the principal amount of up to \$30,000,000, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §14; and for an exemption from the competitive solicitation and advertising requirements of G.L. c. 164, § 15.	5/12/2017
17-91	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, d/b/a Unitil, for approval of its revised 2017 Energy Efficiency Reconciling Factors, for effect June 1, 2017.	5/12/2017

17-BSF-B2	Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy's Filing for Basic Service Rates.	5/12/2017
16-140	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities into the Establishment Of Private Fire Protection Rates For Smaller Connection Sizes For Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, Inc., M.D.P.U. No. 2-A.	5/15/2017
17-10	Investigation of the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, Commencing a Rulemaking pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 139A; G.L. c. 30A, § 2; and 220 C.M.R. § 2.00 et seq., to Amend 220 C.M.R. § 18.00 et seq.	5/16/2017
17-CS-039R	Harvard Dedicated Energy Ltd - Competitive Supplier	5/19/2017
17-CS-061R	Hudson Energy Services LLC - Competitive Supplier	5/19/2017
17-CS-092R	Palmco Power MA LLC - Competitive Supplier	5/19/2017
17-CS-100R	Town Square Energy - Competitive Supplier	5/19/2017
17-CS-112R	Champion Energy Services LLC - Competitive Supplier	5/19/2017
17-CS-159R	Residents Energy LLC - Competitive Supplier	5/19/2017
17-EB-019R	USource LLC - Electric Broker	5/19/2017
17-EB-071R	Peregrine Energy Group Inc. - Electric Broker	5/19/2017
17-EB-139R	Beacon Energy Services LLC - Electric Broker	5/19/2017
17-EB-151R	Aryan Consultancy Inc. - Electric Broker	5/19/2017
17-EB-172R	CurrentChoice Inc. - Electric Broker	5/19/2017
17-EB-281R	Broker Online Exchange LLC - Electric Broker	5/19/2017
17-EB-303R	East West Power US - Electric Broker	5/19/2017
17-EB-315R	PRX Energy LLC - Electric Broker	5/19/2017
17-EB-345R	Marathon Energy Management - Electric Broker	5/19/2017
17-BSF-C2	NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy's Basic Service Filing.	5/19/2017
16-154	Petition of the Town of Acton for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	5/22/2017
16-119	Petition of SHR Energy Management LLC for an Exception to the Net Metering Regulations pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 18.00 et seq., and to the "Single Parcel" Rule, pursuant to Net Metering and Interconnection of Distributed Generation, D.P.U. 11-11-C (2012).	5/23/2017
16-171	Petition of New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid for approval to issue, from time to time, long-term debt securities in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$800,000,000, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 14.	5/23/2017
17-27	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid for approval of annual pension and post-retirement benefits other than pension adjustment factor for effect March 1, 2017.	5/23/2017
17-GS-027R	Spark Energy Gas LLC - Gas Supplier	5/24/2017
17-GS-031R	Shell Energy North America - Gas Supplier	5/24/2017
17-RA-018R	Risk Services Group Inc. - Retail Agent	5/24/2017

17-RA-138R	Retail Group Inc d/b/a New England Wireless - Retail Agent	5/24/2017
17-GS-01	Steam Energy Massachusetts LLC - Gas Supplier	5/24/2017
17-91	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, d/b/a Unitil, for approval of its revised 2017 Energy Efficiency Reconciling Factors, for effect June 1, 2017.	5/24/2017
17-79	Petition by Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company both d/b/a National Grid for approval of revisions to the termination provision of each Company's Street Lighting Tariffs Rate S-2 and Rate S-3.	5/25/2017
17-GAF-O5	Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid's 2017 Off-Peak Cost of Gas Adjustment Clause Filing.	5/31/2017
17-EB-04	ARA Consulting Group LLC d/b/a Commercial Power - Electric Broker	5/31/2017
17-EB-09	Lightning Solutions Inc. - Electric Broker	5/31/2017
17-EB-10	CSS Personal Consulting d/b/a PCI - Electric Broker	5/31/2017
17-EB-12	Option One Energy LLC - Electric Broker	5/31/2017
17-RA-05	Option One Energy LLC - Retail Agent	5/31/2017
16-155	Petition of the Town of Walpole for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	5/31/2017
16-161	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a/ Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for Approval of its Pension and PBOP Expense Factor Filing, Effective November 1, 2016.	5/31/2017
16-162	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Until for Approval of its Annual Pension/PBOP Adjustment Factor Reconciliation and Rate Filing.	5/31/2017
16-163	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid for Approval of their 2016-2017 Pension Adjustment Factor.	5/31/2017
16-164	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities for Approval of its 2016 Pension Expense Adjustment Factor filing.	5/31/2017
16-193	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of proposed revisions to certain tariff language related to competitive suppliers.	5/31/2017
16-RAAF-01	Petition of Bay State Gas Company for approval of its annual gas residential assistance adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect on and after November 1, 2016.	5/31/2017
16-RAAF-02	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company for approval of its annual gas residential assistance adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect on and after November 1, 2016.	5/31/2017
16-RAAF-03	Petition of Blackstone Gas Company for approval of its annual gas residential assistance adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect on and after November 1, 2016.	5/31/2017

16-RAAF-04	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company for approval of its annual gas residential assistance adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect on and after November 1, 2016.	5/31/2017
16-RAAF-05	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company for approval of its annual gas residential assistance adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect on and after November 1, 2016.	5/31/2017
16-RAAF-06	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities for approval of its annual gas residential assistance adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect on and after November 1, 2016.	5/31/2017
16-RAAF-07	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its annual gas residential assistance adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect on and after November 1, 2016.	5/31/2017
16-RAAF-08	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval of its annual gas residential assistance adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect on and after January 1, 2017.	5/31/2017
16-RAAF-09	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company for approval of the annual electric residential assistance adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect on and after March 1, 2017.	5/31/2017
16-RAAF-10	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of an annual electric residential assistance adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect on and after January 1, 2017.	5/31/2017
17-GREC-04	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2016 Gas System Enhancement Plan and for review and approval of its Gas System Enhancement Reconciliation Adjustment Factor.	5/31/2017
17-GREC-05	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2016 Gas System Enhancement Plan and for review and approval of its Gas System Enhancement Reconciliation Adjustment Factors.	5/31/2017
DPU 16-64	Investigation of the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, Commencing a Rulemaking pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 138 and 139; G.L. c. 30A, § 2; 220 C.M.R. § 2.00 et seq.; and Executive Order 562, to Amend 220 C.M.R. § 18.00 et seq.	6/2/2017
DPU 16-64	Investigation of the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, Commencing a Rulemaking pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 138 and 139; G.L. c. 30A, § 2; 220 C.M.R. § 2.00 et seq.; and Executive Order 562, to Amend 220 C.M.R. § 18.00 et seq.	6/2/2017
17-GC-05	Boston Gas & Boston College - Firm Transportation	6/2/2017
17-GREC-01	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2016 Gas System Enhancement Plan and for review and approval of its Gas System Enhancement Reconciliation Adjustment Factors.	6/2/2017

17-GREC-02	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2016 Gas System Enhancement Plan and for review and approval of its Gas System Enhancement Reconciliation Adjustment Factors.	6/2/2017
17-GREC-03	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a/ National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2016 Gas System Enhancement Plan and for review and approval of its Gas System Enhancement Reconciliation Adjustment Factors.	6/2/2017
17-GREC-06	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2015 Gas System Enhancement Plan.	6/2/2017
17-CS-082R	First Point Power - Competitive Supplier	6/6/2017
17-CS-095R	Choice Energy LLC - Competitive Supplier	6/6/2017
17-CS-101R	PNE Energy Supply - Competitive Supplier	6/6/2017
17-CS-120R	SmartEnergy Holdings LLC d/b/a SmartEnergy - Competitive Supplier	6/6/2017
17-EB-006R	Energy Options Consulting Group LLC - Electric Broker	6/6/2017
17-EB-067R	Energy Management Services - Electric Broker	6/6/2017
17-EB-081R	INTL FCStone Financial Inc. - Electric Broker	6/6/2017
17-EB-107R	Colonial Power Group Inc. - Electric Broker	6/6/2017
17-EB-125R	Early Bird Power LLC - Electric Broker	6/6/2017
17-EB-127R	Sable Power & Gas LLC - Electric Broker	6/6/2017
17-EB-128R	Fidelity Energy Group LLC - Electric Broker	6/6/2017
17-EB-138R	PES Brokers Inc. - Electric Broker	6/6/2017
17-EB-321R	Germ Patrol d/b/a GP Energy Solutions - Electric Broker	6/6/2017
17-EB-362R	Acclaim Energy Advisors - Electric Broker	6/6/2017
17-EB-368R	Bridge Energy Services LLC - Electric Broker	6/6/2017
17-GS-05	Colonial Energy Inc. - Gas Supplier	6/12/2017
17-EC-01	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a/ Unitil for approval of a second amendment to an existing special contract for standby delivery service and supplemental delivery service with Caraustar Industries, Inc. (successor-in-interest to The Newark Group d/b/a Newark America).	6/12/2017
17-CS-053R	Spark Energy LLC - Competitive Supplier	6/14/2017
17-CS-104R	Starion Energy Inc. - Competitive Supplier	6/14/2017
17-CS-131R	Covanta Energy Marketing LLC - Competitive Supplier	6/14/2017
17-EB-183R	J Andrews Associates Inc. d/b/a Seven Utility Managements - Electric Broker	6/14/2017
17-EB-188R	Pinnacle Energy - Electric Broker	6/14/2017
17-EB-200R	Energy Enablement LLC - Electric Broker	6/14/2017
17-EB-254R	Casey CPA - Electric Broker	6/14/2017
17-EB-357R	Utmost Energy - Electric Broker	6/14/2017

17-EB-370R	Expense Consulting - Electric Broker	6/14/2017
13-124	Petition of Statewide Towing Association, Inc., for an Amendment to 220 CMR 272.00, Rates for Towing of Motor Vehicles.	6/14/2017
14-110	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval of its annual gas and electric divisions pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2014 (gas) and January 1, 2015 (electric).	6/16/2017
15-133	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval of the Company's Annual Pension/PBOP Adjustment Factor Reconciliation and Rate Filing, for effect November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2016.	6/16/2017
16-100	Petition of the Town of Arlington for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	6/16/2017
16-100	Petition of the Town of Arlington for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	6/16/2017
16-101	Petition of the City of Gloucester for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	6/16/2017
16-154	Petition of the Town of Acton for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	6/16/2017
16-162	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Until for Approval of its Annual Pension/PBOP Adjustment Factor Reconciliation and Rate Filing.	6/16/2017
16-195	Petition of Housatonic Water Works Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 165, § 2, and G.L. 164, § 14, for approval and authorization to issue and sell, on a negotiated basis, Term Notes in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$700,000.00.	6/16/2017
16-95	Petition of the City of Somerville for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	6/16/2017
16-95	Petition of the City of Somerville for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	6/16/2017
16-96	Petition of the Town of Millbury for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	6/16/2017
16-96	Petition of the Town of Millbury for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	6/16/2017
16-97	Petition of the Town of Oxford for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	6/16/2017
16-97	Petition of the Town of Oxford for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	6/16/2017
16-98	Petition of the Town of Charlton for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	6/16/2017
16-98	Petition of the Town of Charlton for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	6/16/2017
16-99	Petition of the Town of Brookline for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	6/16/2017

16-99	Petition of the Town of Brookline for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	6/16/2017
17-104	Energy Efficiency Advisory Council Budget Request 2016-2017.	6/16/2017
17-11	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1A(a) and 220 C.M.R. § 11.03(4)(e) for approval of its annual retail rate adjustment and reconciliation filing, effective March 1, 2017.	6/16/2017
17-13	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for Approval of its Electric Vehicle Market Development Program, and of its Electric Vehicle Market Development Program Provision, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 76, 94, and Acts of 2016, c. 448.	6/16/2017
17-97	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a storage contract with Enbridge Gas Distribution, Incorporated.	6/16/2017
17-BSF-D2	Basic Service Filing of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid.	6/19/2017
16-153	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for approval to recover the actual capital and incremental operations and maintenance costs, including lease costs and property tax expenses, associated with its solar phase II generation facilities in Leicester and Sturbridge, Massachusetts pursuant to Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 14-01 (2014).	6/21/2017
17-09	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid of its annual Revenue Decoupling Mechanism Reconciliation Filing, for effect March 1, 2017.	6/21/2017
17-103	Joint Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, and NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each d/b/a Eversource Energy, for approval of a proposed timetable and method for the solicitation and execution of long-term contracts for offshore wind energy generation, pursuant to Section 83C of An Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169, as amended by St. 2016, c. 188, § 12.	6/21/2017
16-162	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for Approval of its Annual Pension/PBOP Adjustment Factor Reconciliation and Rate Filing.	6/22/2017
17-92	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid for approval for an Enhanced Vegetation Management Pilot Program and the recovery of its costs associated with the Pilot through an Enhanced Vegetation Management Pilot Program Provision, M.D.P.U. No. 1343.	6/27/2017
17-98	Petition of Harbor Electric Energy Company for review and approval of its Capacity and Support Charge Annual True-Up Adjustment for calendar year 2016.	6/27/2017

17-102	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each d/b/a Eversource Energy, for approval of revised Efficiency Reconciling Factors for effect July 1, 2017.	6/28/2017
17-107	Petition of Milford Water Company for approval of changes in its rates pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94, and G.L. c. 165, § 2, and 220 C.M.R. §§ 5.00 et seq.	6/28/2017
17-CS-113R	Sunwave Gas & Power Massachusetts Inc. - Competitive Supplier	6/29/2017
17-EB-080R	Consumer Energy Solutions Inc. - Electric Broker	6/29/2017
17-EB-196R	Tobelmann Energy Brokers Inc. - Electric Broker	6/29/2017
17-EB-247R	Save Wave Energy LLC - Electric Broker	6/29/2017
17-EB-282R	Diversigy LLC - Electric Broker	6/29/2017
17-EB-318R	Premier Calls Inc. - Electric Broker	6/29/2017
17-EB-378R	Balanced Rock Inc. - Electric Broker	6/29/2017
16-109	Petition of Liberty Utilities to the Department of Public Utilities pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69I, for Review and Approval of its Long-Range Forecast and Supply Plan for the five-year forecast period 2016/2017 through 2020/2021.	6/29/2017
17-36	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 14, for authorization and approval to issue long-term debt securities not to exceed \$1.25 billion.	6/29/2017
17-37	Petition of Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 14, for authorization and approval to issue long-term debt securities not to exceed \$200 million.	6/29/2017
17-RA-025R	Consumer Energy Solutions Inc. - Retail Agent	6/30/2017
17-RA-031R	IC Thomasson - Retail Agent	6/30/2017
17-RA-071R	XOOM Energy Massachusetts LLC - Retail Agent	6/30/2017
17-GC-06	Petition of Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a 365 Day Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Baker Commodities, Inc., pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. 5.03.	6/30/2017
17-CS-103R	CleanChoice Energy Inc. - Competitive Supplier	7/3/2017
17-EB	Xencom Green Energy - Electric Broker	7/3/2017
17-EB-112R	Howell Energy Consulting LLC - Electric Broker	7/3/2017
17-EB-140R	Reflective Energy Solutions LLC - Electric Broker	7/3/2017
17-EB-363R	Make the Switch USA LLC d/b/a Mass Energy Rates - Electric Broker	7/3/2017
17-EB-364R	Aaltra Energy LLC - Electric Broker	7/3/2017
17-02	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company for approval to participate in a regulated money pool agreement, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 17A.	7/5/2017
17-GC-07	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company for approval of the First Amendment to the Firm Transportation Agreement between the Company and Specialty Minerals, Inc., pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. 5.03.	7/5/2017

17-GC-08	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of the seventh amendment of the Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Massachusetts Development Finance Agency d/b/a MassDevelopment, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. 5.03.	7/5/2017
17-RA-07	Energy Consulting Associates LLC - Retail Agent	7/6/2017
16-156	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion to Establish Interim Guidelines for Competitive Supply Formal Investigations and Proceedings.	7/6/2017
16-156	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion to Establish Interim Guidelines for Competitive Supply Formal Investigations and Proceedings.	7/6/2017
16-103	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company to the Department of Public Utilities for review and approval of its Long-Range Forecast and Supply Plan for the split years 2016/17 to 2020/21, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69I.	7/7/2017
17-CS-017R	TransCanada Power Marketing Ltd - Competitive Supplier	7/10/2017
17-CS-067R	East Avenue Energy LC - Competitive Supplier	7/10/2017
17-CS-069R	Just Energy Massachusetts - Competitive Supplier	7/10/2017
17-CS-083R	Green Mountain Energy Co - Competitive Supplier	7/10/2017
17-EB-248R	Telco Pros Inc. d/b/a TPI Efficiency Consulting - Electric Broker	7/10/2017
17-EB-249R	Genbright LLC - Electric Broker	7/10/2017
17-EB-280R	Choose Energy Inc. - Electric Broker	7/10/2017
17-EB-317R	Intelligen Resources LP - Electric Broker	7/10/2017
17-EB-322R	J Synergy LLC - Electric Broker	7/10/2017
17-EB-325R	Prudential Energy Services Corp - Electric Broker	7/10/2017
17-GS-046R	Palmco Energy MA LLC - Gas Supplier	7/10/2017
16-RA-119R	L5E LLC – Retail Agent	7/11/2017
17-RA-101R	EMEX Power LLC - Retail Agent	7/11/2017
17-RA-165R	Balanced Rock Energy Inc. – Retail Agent	7/11/2017
17-06	Petition of the Town of Leverett for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	7/21/2017
17-07	Petition of the Town of Carlisle for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	7/21/2017
17-08	Petition of the Town of Abington for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	7/21/2017
17-GC-09	Petition of Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a 365 Day Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Benevento Asphalt Corp., pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. 5.03.	7/21/2017
17-RA-147R	Reflective Energy Solutions LLC - Retail Agent	7/24/2017
17-RA-06	LakePoint Energy LLC - Retail Agent	7/24/2017

17-RA-08	DNE Sales LLC - Retail Agent	7/24/2017
17-RA-09	Aurora Energy Advisors LLC - Retail Agent	7/24/2017
17-RA-10	Telco Pros Inc. d/b/a TPI Efficiency Consulting - Retail Agent	7/24/2017
17-EB-14	LakePoint Energy LLC - Electric Broker	7/25/2017
17-EB-16	DNE Sales LLC - Electric Broker	7/25/2017
17-EB-17	Aurora Energy Advisors LLC - Electric Broker	7/25/2017
17-EB-18	HomeADE LLC d/b/a Zentility - Electric Broker	7/25/2017
17-EB-413	Green Earth Energy - Electric Broker	7/25/2017
17-108	Petition of Whitinsville Water Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94, and G.L. c. 165, § 2, for Approval of a General Rate Increase as set forth in M.D.P.U. Nos. 24 and 25.	7/25/2017
17-51	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy requesting that the Department of Public Utilities investigate the storm-related preparation and response costs totaling approximately \$11 million for two storms occurring in 2016.	7/25/2017
17-RA-049R	Goldstar Energy Group Inc. - Retail Agent	7/26/2017
17-RA-075R	ECOVA Inc. - Retail Agent	7/27/2017
17-RA-127R	HP Technologies Inc. - Retail Agent	7/27/2017
17-RA-167R	Elite Energy Group Inc. - Retail Agent	7/27/2017
17-RA-073R	SourceOne Inc. - Retail Agent	7/28/2017
16-143	Petition of the Town of Williamsburg for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	7/31/2017
16-160	Petition of the Town of West Springfield for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	7/31/2017
16-186	Petition of the Town of Great Barrington for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	7/31/2017
17-RA-039R	Axess Energy Group Inc. - Retail Agent	8/1/2017
17-RA-067R	Lee Energy Group LLC - Retail Agent	8/1/2017
17-RA-111R	Choose Energy - Retail Agent	8/1/2017
17-RA-114R	BidUREnergy Inc. - Retail Agent	8/1/2017
17-RA-116R	Progressive Energy Consultants LLC - Competitive Supplier	8/1/2017
17-RA-134R	Energy Trust LLC - Retail Agent	8/1/2017
17-RA-084R	Alternate Power Source - Retail Agent	8/2/2017
16-25	Petition of SolarFlair Energy, Inc. for approval of an Exception to 220 C.M.R. § 18.00 et seq., and the "Single Parcel Rule", established by the Department in D.P.U. 11-11-C and D.P.U. 11-11-E.	8/2/2017

17-RA-11	Hospital Energy LLC - Retail Agent	8/3/2017
17-108	Petition of Whitinsville Water Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94, and G.L. c. 165, § 2, for Approval of a General Rate Increase as set forth in M.D.P.U. Nos. 24 and 25.	8/3/2017
17-77	Petition of Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department for authorization and approval to increase its depreciation rate to five percent for calendar year 2017.	8/4/2017
16-11	Petition of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to the Department of Public Utilities, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 160, §98, for an Exemption from Minimum Bridge Clearance Requirements.	8/7/2017
17-BSF-B3	Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Basic Service Filing.	8/10/2017
16-GS-057R	SFE Energy Massachusetts Inc. - Gas Supplier	8/14/2017
17-CS-163R	North American Power and Gas LLC - Competitive Supplier	8/14/2017
17-EB-104R	Quest Energy Solutions - Electric Broker	8/14/2017
17-EB-130R	Goldstar Energy Group Inc. - Electric Broker	8/14/2017
17-EB-201R	ECOVA Inc. - Electric Broker	8/14/2017
17-EB-279R	HP Technologies Inc. - Electric Broker	8/14/2017
17-EB-323R	Scioto Energy - Electric Broker	8/14/2017
17-EB-335R	Broadleaf LLC - Electric Broker	8/14/2017
17-RA-001R	Williams Coal & Oil Company - Retail Agent	8/15/2017
17-RA-123R	Front Line Power Solutions LLC - Retail Agent	8/15/2017
17-RA-125R	Pro-Star Energy Services - Retail Agent	8/15/2017
17-RA-166R	AvidXchange Inc. - Retail Agent	8/15/2017
17-CS-02	Linde Energy Services Inc. - Competitive Supplier	8/15/2017
17-EB-03	Charity & Power LLC - Electric Broker	8/15/2017
17-EB-19	Gotham Energy 360 LLC - Electric Broker	8/16/2017
17-AD-01	Adjudicatory hearing in the matter of complaint of Andrew Boardman relative to rates and charges by National Grid.	8/16/2017
17-EB-108R	BlueRock Energy Inc. - Electric Broker	8/17/2017
17-112	Petition of Hudson Light and Power Department for approval by the Department of Public Utilities to use a rate of depreciation of five percent for the calendar year 2017.	8/17/2017
17-49	Petition of North Attleborough Electric Department for authorization and approval to increase its depreciation rate to five percent for the calendar year 2017.	8/17/2017
17-96	Petition of Peabody Municipal Light Plant for authorization and approval to maintain its depreciation rate at four percent for calendar year 2016 and at four percent for the calendar year 2017.	8/17/2017

17-BSF-C3	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of basic service rates.	8/17/2017
17-134	Order of Delegation for Electric Competitive Supply and Electricity Broker Renewal Applications.	8/21/2017
17-135	Order of Delegation for Gas Competitive Supply and Retail Agent Renewal Applications.	8/21/2017
17-RA-011R	Titan Energy New England Inc. - Retail Agent	8/22/2017
17-RA-068R	HealthTrust Purchasing Group LP - Retail Agent	8/22/2017
17-RA-112R	Energy Choice Solutions d/b/a Retail Energy Xchange - Retail Agent	8/22/2017
17-RA-154R	Reliant Energy Northeast LLC - Retail Agent	8/22/2017
17-RA-157R	Aaltra Energy LLC - Retail Agent	8/22/2017
17-132	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion Commencing a Rulemaking pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 2 and 220 CMR 2.00, revising 220 CMR 151.00.	8/22/2017
16-10	Investigation into Issues Relating to Municipal Aggregation Programs.	8/23/2017
17-33	Investigation of the Department of Public Utilities, on its own motion, instituting a rulemaking pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 2; 220 C.M.R. § 2.00 et seq.; and Executive Order 562 to amend or rescind 220 C.M.R. §§ 5.00, 13.00, 15.00, 16.00, 26.00, 37.00, and 273.00.	8/23/2017
17-14	Petition of the Town of Orange for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	8/25/2017
17-15	Petition of the Town of North Andover for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	8/25/2017
17-16	Petition of the Town of West Bridgewater for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	8/25/2017
17-17	Petition of the Town of Plympton for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	8/25/2017
15-138	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the Company's 2015-2016 Pension Adjustment Factor filing.	8/29/2017
16-163	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid for Approval of their 2016-2017 Pension Adjustment Factor.	8/29/2017
17-106	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for authorization of the Department of Public Utilities to implement a change in its gas purchasing practices designed to mitigate natural gas price volatility.	8/29/2017
17-85	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for approval of the renewal of the HubLine Contract between the Company and Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.	8/29/2017

17-113	Petition of Mansfield Municipal Electric Department to the Department of Public Utilities for approval to use a rate of depreciation of five percent for the calendar year 2017.	8/30/2017
17-133	Petition of Marblehead Municipal Light Department for authorization and approval to increase its depreciation rate to five percent for the calendar year 2017.	8/30/2017
17-34	Petition of C.H. Yates Rubber Corp. for an Exception to the Net Metering Regulations pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 18.00 et seq., and to the “Single Parcel” Rule, pursuant to Net Metering and Interconnection of Distributed Generation, D.P.U. 11-11-C (2012).	8/30/2017
17-GC-14	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03, for approval of the First Amendment to the Firm Transportation Agreement between Berkshire and Crane & Company, Inc., dated as of August 16, 2017.	8/30/2017
16-120	Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts 2013-2015 Energy Efficiency Term Report.	8/31/2017
16-121	The Berkshire Gas Company 2013-2015 Energy Efficiency Term Report.	8/31/2017
16-123	Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid 2013-2015 Energy Efficiency Term Report.	8/31/2017
16-124	Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (Gas Division) 2013-2015 Energy Efficiency Term Report.	8/31/2017
16-125	Liberty Utilities (New England Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities 2013-2015 Energy Efficiency Term Report.	8/31/2017
16-126	NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy 2013-2015 Energy Efficiency Term Report.	8/31/2017
16-128	Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (Electric Division) 2013-2015 Energy Efficiency Term Report.	8/31/2017
16-129	Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid 2013-2015 Energy Efficiency Term Report.	8/31/2017
16-130	NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company each d/b/a Eversource Energy 2013-2015 Energy Efficiency Term Report.	8/31/2017
17-RA-142R	Connect Energy Resources LLC - Retail Agent	9/7/2017
17-RA-160R	Lower Watt LLC - Retail Agent	9/7/2017
17-RA-168R	M3 Consulting LLC - Retail Agent	9/7/2017
17-GS-07	Astral Energy - Gas Supplier	9/7/2017
17-99	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of the Demand Charge, effective November 1, 2017, developed pursuant to the Gas Service Agreement between NSTAR Gas Company and Hopkinton LNG Corporation d/b/a Eversource Energy.	9/7/2017

16-64	Investigation of the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, Commencing a Rulemaking pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 138 and 139; G.L. c. 30A, § 2; 220 C.M.R. § 2.00 et seq.; and Executive Order 562, to Amend 220 C.M.R. § 18.00 et seq.	9/8/2017
17-136	Petition of Harbor Electric Energy Company for approval of a preliminary Tariff Addendum, pursuant to G.L. 164, § 94.	9/8/2017
17-19	Petition of the Town of Southborough for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	9/8/2017
17-26	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corporation d/b/a Liberty Utilities for approval of its Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2017 Off-Peak Period, for effect May 1, 2017, through October 31, 2017.	9/8/2017
17-81	Investigation of the Department of Public Utilities, on its own motion, instituting a rulemaking pursuant to Chapter 187 of the Acts of 2016; G.L. c. 25, § 23; G.L. c. 30A, § 2; G.L. c. 159A½; and 220 C.M.R. §§ 2.00 et seq., establishing requirements for transportation network companies and the provision of transportation network services.	9/8/2017
17-93	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion to Develop a Model Tariff Governing Revenue Decoupling Mechanisms for Gas Distribution Companies.	9/8/2017
17-GC-10	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. 5.03, for approval of a 365 Day Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Aggregate Industries - Northeast Region, Inc. for service to a facility in Peabody, Massachusetts.	9/11/2017
17-GC-11	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. 5.03, for approval of a 365 Day firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Aggregate Industries Northeast Region, Inc. for service to a facility in Watertown, Massachusetts.	9/11/2017
17-GC-12	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid, pursuant to G.L. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03, for approval of a 365 Day Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Norwood Hospital.	9/11/2017
17-GC-13	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03, for approval of a 365 Day Firm Transportation Agreement between National Grid and South Shore Hospital.	9/11/2017
16-116	Petition of Genbright LLC for a Declaratory Order requiring National Grid to comply with the terms of the Department's Order Adopting Model Net Metering Tariff in D.P.U. 09-03-A (2009).	9/12/2017
17-RA-124R	Customer Acquisition Specialists of America - Retail Agent	9/12/2017
17-105	Petition of Tesla Inc., for Emergency Declaratory Relief or an Advisory Ruling pursuant to G.L. c. 30A § 8 and 220 C.M.R. § 2.02.	9/12/2017

17-EC-02	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for review and approval by the Department of Public Utilities of an Electric Service Rate Modification Agreement between the Company and Comcast of Boston, Inc.	9/13/2017
17-ERP-01	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for approval of its 2017 annual gas Emergency Response Plan filed pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 85B and 220 C.M.R. § 19.04(3).	9/19/2017
17-ERP-02	Petition of Berkshire Gas Company for approval of its 2017 annual gas Emergency Response Plan filed pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 85B and 220 C.M.R. § 19.04(3).	9/19/2017
17-ERP-03	Petition of Blackstone Gas Company for approval of its 2017 annual gas Emergency Response Plan filed pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 85B and 220 C.M.R. § 19.04(1).	9/19/2017
17-ERP-04	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval of its 2017 annual gas Emergency Response Plan filed pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 85B and 220 C.M.R. § 19.04(3).	9/19/2017
17-ERP-05	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of its 2017 annual gas Emergency Response Plan filed pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 85B and 220 C.M.R. § 19.04(3).	9/19/2017
17-ERP-06	Petition of Liberty Utilities for approval of its 2017 annual gas Emergency Response Plan filed pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 85B and 220 C.M.R. § 19.04(3).	9/19/2017
17-ERP-07	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its 2017 annual gas Emergency Response Plan filed pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 85B and 220 C.M.R. § 19.04(3).	9/19/2017
17-97	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a storage contract with Enbridge Gas Distribution, Incorporated.	9/19/2017
17-122	Petition of Blackstone Gas Company for approval of a Firm Gas Supply Agreement with Direct Energy Business Marketing LLC, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94A.	9/21/2017
16-194	Petition of Harbor Electric Energy Company for approval of its proposed Capacity and Support Charge, for effect January 1, 2017, pursuant to D.P.U. 15-157 (2016).	9/21/2017
17-ERP-08	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval of its 2017 annual electric Emergency Response Plan filed pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 85B and 220 C.M.R. § 19.04(3).	9/22/2017
17-ERP-09	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of its 2017 annual electric Emergency Response Plan filed pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 85B and 220 C.M.R. § 19.04(3).	9/22/2017
17-ERP-10	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its 2017 annual electric Emergency Response Plan filed pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 85B and 220 C.M.R. § 19.04(3).	9/22/2017

17-BSF-D3	Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid Basic Service Filing For the period November 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018 for Residential and Small Commercial Customers and November 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018 for Industrial Customers.	9/26/2017
17-121	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, d/b/a Unitil for Approval of an Asset Management Agreement with BP Energy Company, for effect November 1, 2017.	9/28/2017
17-28	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company to the Department of Public Utilities for approval of its annual reconciliation filing for recovery of costs through its Solar Cost Adjustment Provision Tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1327.	9/29/2017
17-GC-15	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03, for approval of a 365 Day Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Salem State University.	9/29/2017
17-RA-059R	Better Cost Control LLC - Retail Agent	10/3/2017
17-RA-066R	Pope Energy - Retail Agent	10/3/2017
17-RA-102R	Resource Energy Systems LLC - Retail Agent	10/3/2017
17-RA-145R	Evolution Energy Partners LLC - Retail Agent	10/3/2017
17-146	Inquiry by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion into the eligibility of energy storage systems to net meter pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 138-140 and 220 CMR 18.00, and application of the net metering rules and regulations relating to the participation of certain net metering facilities in the Forward Capacity Market pursuant to Net Metering Tariff, D.P.U. 09-03-A (2009).	10/3/2017
17-CS-046R	NextEra energy Services Massachusetts LLC - Competitive Supplier	10/5/2017
17-CS-077R	Mint Energy LLC - Competitive Supplier	10/5/2017
17-CS-105R	Union Atlantic Electricity LLC - Competitive Supplier	10/5/2017
17-CS-106R	Mega Energy of New England LLC - Competitive Supplier	10/5/2017
17-EB-008R	Chamber Energy Coalition Inc. - Electric Broker	10/5/2017
17-EB-033R	Better Cost Control LLC - Electric Broker	10/5/2017
17-EB-038R	Calpine Energy Solutions LLC - Electric Broker	10/5/2017
17-EB-250R	Alternative Utility Services Inc. - Electric Broker	10/5/2017
17-EB-251R	L5E LLC - Electric Broker	10/5/2017
17-EB-253R	Front Line Power Solutions LLC - Electric Broker	10/5/2017
17-EB-285R	NORESCO LLC - Electric Broker	10/5/2017
17-EB-375R	ComparePower.com - Electric Broker	10/5/2017
17-EB-382R	Energy Objective - Electric Broker	10/5/2017
17-EB-383R	M3 Consulting LLC - Electric Broker	10/5/2017
17-EB-384R	Energy Solutions Inc. - Electric Broker	10/5/2017
17-BSF-A4	Basic Service Filing of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil.	10/5/2017

17-143	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of revisions to Basic Service Adjustment Provision, M.D.P.U. No. 1348.	10/10/2017
17-93	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion to Develop a Model Tariff Governing Revenue Decoupling Mechanisms for Gas Distribution Companies.	10/10/2017
17-RA-146R	Mirabito Energy Products - Retail Agent	10/11/2017
17-RA-12	The Energy Link LLC - Retail Agent	10/11/2017
17-RA-14	PowerOptions Inc. - Retail Agent	10/11/2017
17-CS-162R	Atlantic Energy MA LLC - Competitive Supplier	10/12/2017
17-RA-119R	L5E LLC - Retail Agent	10/12/2017
16-CS-12	Phoenix Energy New England LLC - Competitive Supplier	10/12/2017
17-CS-03	Renaissance Power & Gas - Competitive Supplier	10/12/2017
17-EB-20	Conservice LLC - Electric Broker	10/12/2017
17-EB-21	Energy Choice Solutions LLC - Electric Broker	10/12/2017
17-EB-22	The Energy Link LLC - Electric Broker	10/12/2017
17-RA-029R	National Utility Service Inc. - Retail Agent	10/13/2017
17-RA-045R	Power Management Co, New England LLC - Retail Agent	10/13/2017
17-CS-048R	Patriot Energy Group - Competitive Supplier	10/17/2017
17-CS-093R	Discount Power Inc. - Competitive Supplier	10/17/2017
17-CS-164R	Eligo Energy MA LLC - Competitive Supplier	10/17/2017
17-EB-031R	Patriot Energy Group - Electric Broker	10/17/2017
17-EB-199R	Pope Energy -Electric Broker	10/17/2017
17-EB-204R	Electric Advisors Inc. - Electric Broker	10/17/2017
14-140	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion into Initiatives to Improve the Retail Electric Competitive Supply Market.	10/17/2017
15-138	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the Company's 2015-2016 Pension Adjustment Factor filing.	10/17/2017
16-163	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid for Approval of their 2016-2017 Pension Adjustment Factor.	10/17/2017
17-126	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid for approval of their annual pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2017.	10/17/2017
17-43	Petition of the Town of Stoughton for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	10/18/2017
17-44	Petition of the Town of Billerica for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	10/18/2017

17-46	Petition of the Town of New Ashford for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	10/18/2017
17-48	Petition of the Town of Medway for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	10/18/2017
17-GC-16	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a 365 Day Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and CHB Properties Inc., pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. 5.03.	10/18/2017
17-GC-17	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Hanscom Air Force Base, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. 5.03.	10/18/2017
17-RA-055R	Bay State Consultants LLC - Retail Agent	10/19/2017
17-RA-117R	Accenture LLP - Electric Broker	10/19/2017
17-RA-19R	Premier Energy Group LLC - Retail Agent	10/19/2017
17-154	Petition of Mountain Water Systems, Inc. for approval of revised rates and changes to its rules and regulations pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and G.L. c. 165, § 2.	10/19/2017
17-CS-108R	Eligo Energy MA LLC - Competitive Supplier	10/20/2017
17-EB-110R	PRES Energy - Electric Broker	10/20/2017
17-EB-131R	Freedom Energy Logistics LLC - Electric Broker	10/20/2017
17-EB-226R	Shop My Power - Electric Broker	10/20/2017
17-EB-283R	Progressive Energy Consultants LLC - Electric Broker	10/20/2017
17-EB-332R	Save On Energy LLC - Electric Broker	10/20/2017
17-EB-334R	Solidified energy LLC - Electric Broker	10/20/2017
17-124	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2017 Peak Period, November 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018.	10/24/2017
17-129	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of the Companies' 2017-2018 Peak Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors.	10/24/2017
17-130	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, d/b/a Unitil, for approval of its Gas Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2017-2018 Peak Period, November 1, 2017, through April 30, 2018.	10/24/2017
17-131	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corporation d/b/a Liberty Utilities for approval of its Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2017-2018 Peak Period, for effect November 1, 2017, through April 30, 2018.	10/24/2017
17-GC-18	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164 § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03, for approval of a 365 Day Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Bird Incorporated d/b/a CertainTeed.	10/25/2017
17-CS-045R	Constellation Energy - Competitive Supplier	10/26/2017

17-EB-002R	AETNA Corp - Electric Broker	10/26/2017
17-EB-004R	Affiliated Power Purchasers International LLC - Electric Broker	10/26/2017
17-EB-159R	Energy Edge Consulting LLC - Electric Broker	10/26/2017
17-EB-290R	Accenture LLP - Electric Broker	10/26/2017
17-EB-386R	Eco Power - Electric Broker	10/26/2017
17-RA-19	Power Brokers LLC d/b/a PB2 Texas - Retail Agent	10/26/2017
17-RA-15	Paragon Advisors - Retail Agent	10/26/2017
17-RA-16	PES Brokers Inc. - Retail Agent	10/26/2017
17-RA-18	Energy Management Services - Retail Agent	10/26/2017
17-ARR-01	Investigation into Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, and New England Power Company, each d/b/a National Grid 2017 Annual Reliability Report.	10/26/2017
17-ARR-02	NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy's Annual Reliability Report.	10/26/2017
17-ARR-03	Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy's 2017 Annual Reliability Report.	10/26/2017
17-ARR-04	Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil's Annual Reliability Report.	10/26/2017
16-178	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each d/b/a Eversource Energy, for Approval to Implement Demand Reduction Demonstration Offerings and Associated Budget.	10/30/2017
16-184	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for Approval to Implement Demand Response Demonstration Offerings and Associated Budget.	10/30/2017
17-141	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for approval of its Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2017-2018 Peak Period, November 1, 2017, through April 30, 2018.	10/30/2017
16-181	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for review and approval of their five-year Forecast and Supply Plan for the period November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2021.	10/31/2017
17-125	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for approval of its annual pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2017.	10/31/2017
17-127	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval of its annual gas division and electric division pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2016 (gas) and January 1, 2017 (electric).	10/31/2017
17-128	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities for approval of its annual pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2017.	10/31/2017

17-GAF-P1	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2017/18 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2017.	10/31/2017
17-GAF-P2	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2017/18 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2017.	10/31/2017
17-GAF-P3	Petition of Blackstone Gas Company pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2017/18 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2017.	10/31/2017
17-GAF-P4	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2017/18 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2017.	10/31/2017
17-GAF-P5	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2017/18 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2017.	10/31/2017
17-GAF-P6	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2017/18 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2017.	10/31/2017
17-GAF-P8	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2017/18 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2017.	10/31/2017
17-GREC-01	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2016 Gas System Enhancement Plan and for review and approval of its Gas System Enhancement Reconciliation Adjustment Factors.	10/31/2017
17-GREC-02	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2016 Gas System Enhancement Plan and for review and approval of its Gas System Enhancement Reconciliation Adjustment Factors.	10/31/2017
17-GREC-03	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2016 Gas System Enhancement Plan and for review and approval of its Gas System Enhancement Reconciliation Adjustment Factors.	10/31/2017
17-GREC-04	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2016 Gas System Enhancement Plan and for review and approval of its Gas System Enhancement Reconciliation Factors.	10/31/2017

17-GREC-05	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2016 Gas System Enhancement Plan and for review and approval of its Gas System Enhancement Reconciliation Factors.	10/31/2017
17-GREC-06	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2015 Gas System Enhancement Plan.	10/31/2017
15-179	Petition of Housatonic Water Works Company for approval of general changes in rates, pursuant to G.L. c. 165, § 2.	11/1/2017
16-157	Petition of Powerhead LLC for an Exception to the Net Metering Regulations pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 18.00 et seq., and to the “Single Parcel” Rule, pursuant to Net Metering and Interconnection of Distributed Generation, D.P.U. 11-11-C (2012).	11/1/2017
17-90	Petition of Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, Inc., pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94, G.L. c. 165, § 2, and 220 C.M.R. § 5.00 et seq., for Approval of a General Rate Increase as set forth in Tariff M.D.P.U. No. 3.	11/3/2017
17-RA-038R	Taylor Consulting & Contracting LLC - Retail Agent	11/6/2017
17-RA-077R	Best Practice Energy LLC - Retail Agent	11/6/2017
17-RA-122R	The Energy Executives LLC - Retail Agent	11/6/2017
17-RA-141R	Proton Energy Group Inc. - Retail Agent	11/6/2017
17-31	Petition of Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for authorization for a limited waiver of the penalty provisions of Section V.B.1 of the service quality guidelines adopted by the Department in D.P.U. 12-120-D.	11/6/2017
17-SQ-10	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities into Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil’s 2016 Service Quality Report filed pursuant to Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 04-116-B (2006) and D.T.E. 04-116-C (2007).	11/6/2017
17-SQ-11	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities into Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid’s 2016 Service Quality Report filed pursuant to Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 04-116-B (2006) and D.T.E. 04-116-C (2007).	11/6/2017
17-SQ-12	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities into Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid’s 2016 Service Quality Report filed pursuant to Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 04-116-B (2006) and D.T.E. 04-116-C (2007).	11/6/2017
17-SQ-13	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities into NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy’s 2016 Service Quality Report filed pursuant to Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 04-116-B (2006) and D.T.E. 04-116-C (2007).	11/6/2017

17-SQ-14	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities into Western Massachusetts Electric Company's 2016 Service Quality Report filed pursuant to Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 04-116-B (2006) and D.T.E. 04-116-C (2007).	11/6/2017
16-64	Investigation of the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, Commencing a Rulemaking pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 138 and 139; G.L. c. 30A, § 2; 220 C.M.R. § 2.00 et seq.; and Executive Order 562, to Amend 220 C.M.R. § 18.00 et seq.	11/6/2017
17-140	Joint Petition of Electric Distribution Companies for Approval of Model Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target Tariff pursuant to An Act Relative to Solar Energy, St. 2016, c. 75, § 11(b), 225 CMR 20.00.	11/6/2017
17-CS-040R	Hampshire Council of Governments - Competitive Supplier	11/9/2017
17-CS-066R	Massachusetts Gas & Electric Inc. - Competitive Supplier	11/9/2017
17-CS-123R	Interstate Gas Supply Inc. d/b/a IGS Energy - Competitive Supplier	11/9/2017
17-EB-093R	National Utility Service Inc. - Electric Broker	11/9/2017
17-EB-205R	Hampshire Council of Governments - Electric Broker	11/9/2017
17-EB-342R	Mirabito Energy Products - Electric Broker	11/9/2017
16-185	Petition of Blackstone Gas Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69I, for Review and Approval of its Long-Range Forecast and Resource Plan for the five-year period 2016-2021.	11/10/2017
17-BSF-B4	Basic Service Filing of Western Massachusetts electric Company.	11/10/2017
17-RA-169R	Energy Solutions USA - Retail Agent	11/13/2017
17-RA-20	Affiliated Power Purchasers - Retail Agent	11/13/2017
17-RA-21	Legend Energy Advisors - Retail Agent	11/13/2017
17-SQ-01	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities into Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts 2016 Service Quality Report filed pursuant to Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 04-116-B (2006) and D.T.E. 04-116-C (2007).	11/14/2017
17-SQ-02	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities into The Berkshire Gas Company's 2016 Service Quality Report filed pursuant to Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 04-116-B (2006) and D.T.E. 04-116-C (2007).	11/14/2017
17-SQ-03	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities into Blackstone Gas Company's 2016 Service Quality Report filed pursuant to Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 04-116-B (2006) and D.T.E. 04-116-C (2007).	11/14/2017
17-SQ-04	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities into Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil's Gas Division 2016 Service Quality Report filed pursuant to Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 04-116-B (2006) and D.T.E. 04-116-C (2007).	11/14/2017

17-SQ-06	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities into Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid's 2016 Service Quality Report filed pursuant to Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 04-116-B (2006) and D.T.E. 04-116-C (2007).	11/14/2017
17-SQ-08	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities into Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities' 2016 Service Quality Report filed pursuant to Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 04-116-B (2006) and D.T.E. 04-116-C (2007).	11/14/2017
17-SQ-09	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities into NSTAR Gas Company's 2016 Service Quality Report filed pursuant to Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 04-116-B (2006) and D.T.E. 04-116-C (2007).	11/14/2017
17-EB-041R	Power Management Co, New England LLC - Electric Broker	11/15/2017
17-EB-055R	Premier Energy Group LLC - Electric Broker	11/15/2017
17-EB-092R	Paragon Advisors - Electric Broker	11/15/2017
17-EB-170R	Resource Energy Systems - Electric Broker	11/15/2017
17-EB-337R	ElectricityMatch.com - Electric Broker	11/15/2017
17-EB-016R	SourceOne Inc. - Electric Broker	11/16/2017
17-RA-052R	Acclaim Energy Ltd - Retail Agent	11/16/2017
17-RA-130R	MSI Utilities Inc - Retail Agent	11/16/2017
17-RA-172R	EnerConnex LLC - Retail Agent	11/16/2017
17-10	Investigation of the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, Commencing a Rulemaking pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 139A; G.L. c. 30A, § 2; and 220 C.M.R. § 2.00 et seq., to Amend 220 C.M.R. § 18.00 et seq.	11/17/2017
17-170	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company for a general increase in rates and related proposals, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR §§ 5.00 et seq.	11/17/2017
17-POR-04	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil pursuant to the Company's Tariff M.D.P.U. No. 285, § 8B for review and approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the Company's Standard Complete Billing Percentages for effect December 1, 2017, under the Company's Purchase of Receivables Program.	11/17/2017
17-GC-19	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a 365 Day Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and General Electric Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	11/20/2017
17-GC-20	Petition of Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a 365 Day Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Aggregate Industries - Northeast Region, Inc. for service to a facility in Dennis, Massachusetts, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	11/20/2017

17-138	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for review and approval of its basic service costs adder rate adjustment for effect December 1, 2017, pursuant to M.D.P.U. No. 282.	11/21/2017
17-139	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company, pursuant to G. L. c. 164, §94B, for approval of an Insurance Framework Agreement, dated as of July 1, 2016.	11/21/2017
17-BSF-C4	Basic Service Filing of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy.	11/22/2017
17-57	Adjudicatory hearing in the matter of a possible violation of G.L. c. 82, § 40, 40A-40E, and 220 C.M.R. 99.09, by P. Gioioso & Sons, Inc.	11/28/2017
17-58	Adjudicatory hearing in the matter of a possible violation of G.L. c. 82, § 40, 40A-40E, and 220 C.M.R. 99.09, by P. Gioioso & Sons, Inc.	11/28/2017
17-59	Adjudicatory hearing in the matter of a possible violation of G.L. c. 82, § 40, 40A-40E, and 220 C.M.R. 99.09, by P. Gioioso & Sons, Inc.	11/28/2017
16-173	Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its Annual Solar Compliance Filing, pursuant to D.P.U 09-05 (2009).	11/28/2017
17-115	Joint Petition of Eversource Energy and Macquarie Utilities, Inc. for Approval of a Change in Control of Macquarie Utilities Inc., a Holding Company of Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, Inc. pursuant to G.L. c. 165, § 2, and G.L. c. 164, § 96.	11/28/2017
17-132	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion Commencing a Rulemaking pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 2 and 220 CMR 2.00, revising 220 CMR 151.00.	11/28/2017
17-GC-21	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of the eighth amendment of the Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Massachusetts Development Finance Agency d/b/a MassDevelopment, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	11/28/2017
16-107	Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company to the Department of Public Utilities for Deferral of Certain Property Tax Expenses Incurred in 2016.	11/30/2017
17-05	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each doing business as Eversource Energy, Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.00 et seq., for Approval of General Increases in Base Distribution Rates for Electric Service and a Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism.	11/30/2017
17-117	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of ten long-term contracts for procurement of renewable energy and renewable energy certificates from ten individual renewable energy projects, pursuant to St. 2012, c. 209, § 36, and 220 CMR 21.00.	12/5/2017

17-118	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of ten long-term contracts for procurement of renewable energy and renewable energy certificates from ten individual renewable energy projects, pursuant to St. 2012, c. 209, § 36, and 220 CMR 21.00.	12/5/2017
17-119	Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of ten long-term contracts for procurement of renewable energy and renewable energy certificates from ten individual renewable energy projects, pursuant to St. 2012, c. 209, § 36, and 220 CMR 21.00.	12/5/2017
17-120	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Until for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of ten long-term contracts for procurement of renewable energy and renewable energy certificates from ten individual renewable energy projects, pursuant to St. 2012, c. 209, § 36, and 220 CMR 21.00.	12/5/2017
17-166	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for review and approval of its five-year Forecast and Supply Plan for the period November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2022.	12/8/2017
17-161	Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, pursuant to M.D.P.U. No. 1044E to the Department of Public Utilities Seeking to Recover Actual and Projected Costs Associated With its Solar Program.	12/12/2017
17-167	Application of Public Service Company of New Hampshire for Findings Under 18 C.F.R. 366.7(a) and Section 32(c) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 Regarding Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.	12/12/2017
17-163	Petition of Harbor Electric Energy Company for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its 2018 Capacity and Support Charge, for effect January 1, 2018.	12/13/2017
17-GLR-01	Report on the Prevalence of Natural Gas Leaks in the Natural Gas System to the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy, and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, pursuant to An Act Relative to Natural Gas Leaks, St. 2014, c. 149, § 9.	12/13/2017
17-05	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each doing business as Eversource Energy, Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. § 5.00 et seq., for Approval of General Increases in Base Distribution Rates for Electric Service and Approval of a Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism.	12/14/2017
16-106	Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Until's Capital Investment Report for calendar year 2015.	12/18/2017
16-106	Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Until's Capital Investment Report for calendar year 2015.	12/18/2017
17-21	Petition of the Town of Shirley for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	12/18/2017

17-05	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each doing business as Eversource Energy, Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. § 5.00 et seq., for Approval of General Increases in Base Distribution Rates for Electric Service and Approval of a Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism.	12/19/2017
17-116	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil requesting approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Capital Investment Report for Calendar Year 2016 and Capital Cost Adjustment Factors for effect January 1, 2017.	12/20/2017
17-12	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company to the Department of Public Utilities pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69I, for Review and Approval of its Long-Range Forecast and Supply Plan for the five-year forecast period November 1, 2016, through October 31, 2021.	12/20/2017
17-162	Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company for approval of its annual Storm Recovery Adjustment Factor filed pursuant to its Storm Recovery Reserve Cost Adjustment tariff.	12/20/2017
17-170	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each doing business as National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.00, for Approval of General Increases in Base Distribution Rates for Gas Service.	12/20/2017
17-169	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company (electric division) for approval of its annual Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for effect January 1, 2018.	12/21/2017
17-125	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for approval of its annual pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2017.	12/21/2017
17-126	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid for approval of their annual pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2017.	12/21/2017
17-127	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval of its annual gas division and electric division pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2017 (gas) and January 1, 2018 (electric).	12/21/2017
17-128	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities for approval of its annual pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2017.	12/21/2017
17-142	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for authorization and approval to issue long-term debt in the principal amount of up to \$155,000,000 pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 14; and for an exemption from the competitive solicitation and advertising requirements of G.L. c. 164, § 15.	12/22/2017
17-159	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company, NSTAR Gas Company, and Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of their annual pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect January 1, 2018.	12/22/2017

17-165	Petition of the Cape Light Compact JPE for approval of its 2018 Energy Efficiency Surcharge for effect January 1, 2018, pursuant to D.P.U. 15-166.	12/22/2017
17-BSF-D4	Basic Service Filing of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid For the period February 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018 for Industrial Customers.	12/22/2017
17-GC-23	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a 365 Day Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and New England Baptist Hospital, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/22/2017
17-GC-24	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a 365 Day Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/22/2017
16-102	Petition of the Town of Wareham for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	12/28/2017
16-197	Petition of the Town of Hamilton for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	12/28/2017
17-157	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each d/b/a Eversource Energy, for approval of their 2017 electric reconciliation filing effective January 1, 2018, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1A(a) and 220 CMR 11.03(4)(e).	12/28/2017
17-171	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1A(a) and 220 CMR § 11.03(4)(e) for approval of its 2017 electric reconciliation filing, effective January 1, 2018.	12/28/2017
17-95	Request of the Towns of Aquinnah, Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Chilmark, Dennis, Edgartown, Eastham, Falmouth, Harwich, Mashpee, Oak Bluffs, Orleans, Provincetown, Sandwich, Tisbury, Truro, West Tisbury, Wellfleet, and Yarmouth, and the Counties of Barnstable and Dukes, acting together as the Cape Light Compact, to the Department of Public Utilities, for an advisory ruling pursuant to G.L. c. 30A § 8 and 220 CMR 2.02 and 2.08.	12/29/2017

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