



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Massachusetts Municipal Light Plants (Electric and Gas)

FROM: Sean Hanley, Acting Director, Rates and Revenue Requirements Division

RE: Annual Returns Filing Deadline Extension

DATE: January 21, 2020

CC: Matthew H. Nelson, Chair
Robert E. Hayden, Commissioner
Cecile M. Fraser, Commissioner
Shane Early, General Counsel
Emily Luksha, Director, Rates and Revenue Requirements Division
Mark D. Marini, Secretary

Each municipal light plant (“MLP”) engaged in the manufacture and sale or distribution and sale of electricity or gas in Massachusetts is required to submit an Annual Return to the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) on or before March 31 of each year, or “on or before such date as the [D]epartment fixes.” G.L. c. 164, § 63; 220 CMR 79.02. The Commission has delegated authority to the Director of the Rates and Revenue Requirements Division (“Division Director”) to grant extensions for up to 90 days for a utility to file its Annual Return with the Department. Delegation Order, D.P.U. 18-79, at 2 (July 31, 2018). Additionally, the Division Director may grant an extension of more than 90 days after first consulting with the Commission. Delegation Order, D.P.U. 18-79, at 2.

In recent years, a majority of MLPs have individually requested one or more Annual Returns filing deadline extensions during a single filing year. In consideration that under G.L. c. 44, § 56, municipalities operate under a July 1 through June 30 fiscal year, as Acting Division Director, and in consultation with the Division Director and the Commission, I grant to MLPs an automatic six-month filing deadline extension, beginning with their calendar year 2019 Annual Returns. Thus, MLPs must submit their Annual Returns on or before September 30 each year going forward without submitting an extension request.