

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE

D.T.C. 19-1 January 14, 2019

Petition of City of Westfield Gas and Electric Light Department for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On January 8, 2019, the City of Westfield Gas and Electric Light Department ("WG&E") petitioned the Department of Telecommunications and Cable ("Department") for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the purpose of receiving federal funding to offer voice and broadband services including Lifeline within a predetermined service area within the towns of Windsor, Washington, Becket, Otis, Alford, New Ashford, Rowe, Charlemont, Heath, Colrain, Leyden, Wendell, New Salem, Ashfield, Blandford, Chesterfield, Goshen, Plainfield, Cummington, Royalston, and Shutesbury, Massachusetts.

This proceeding is docketed as D.T.C. 19-1 and the Department will investigate WG&E's request as a formal adjudicatory proceeding conducted under G.L. c. 30A and 207 C.M.R. § 1.00. To that end a public hearing will take place at:

Department of Telecommunications and Cable
Hearing Room 1-G
1000 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02118
Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.

The Department will accept public comment on the above-captioned matter at the public hearing. The Department will also accept written public comment from any person until January 31, 2019. Written comments should be directed to Shonda D. Green, Secretary of the Department, at the address below or electronically at dtc.efiling@mass.gov.

Any person who desires to participate formally in this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene by 5:00 p.m. on January 25, 2019 with:

Shonda D. Green, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Cable
1000 Washington Street, Suite 820
Boston, MA 02118-6500
Shonda.Green@mass.gov

Petitions for leave to intervene must satisfy the substantive requirements of 207 C.M.R. § 1.03. The text of the email or written petition must specify: (1) the docket number; (2) the name of the person submitting the filing; (3) that person's title, if any; and (4) a brief descriptive title of the document (e.g., petition to intervene). The petition should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing.

Any requests for reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities or other questions about this hearing should be submitted to Shonda D. Green at shonda.green@mass.gov or (617) 305-3580.