ELECTRIC UTILITY FRANCHISE AREAS

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Abington	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Compar 1. Abington and Rockland Electric Light 2. Abington Electric Light and Power 3. The Electric Light and Power Company of Abington and Rockland 	ny 9/10/1889 1/31/1889 11/28/1889	<i>Town permit</i> ¹ <i>Organization</i> Organization
Acton * AW-NJ rights * AW-MA system	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. <i>Acton Electric</i> 2. American Woolen Company (NJ) 3. American Woolen Company (MA) 4. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston	9/24/1889 5/21/1906 6/1/1916 6/11/1929	<i>Organization</i> St.1906, c. 405 St.1916, c. 354 DPU 3565
Acushnet * northeast corner ² * 600' extension ³ * part of town	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light 2. Plymouth County Electric 3. Plymouth County Electric 4. Plymouth County Electric	7/3/1914 7/6/1944 [filed 1944] 3/14/1947	G&E 876 DPU 7131 DPU 7244 DPU 7639
Adams	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Compar 1. Adams Electric Light and Power 2. Adams Gas Light	ny 12/10/1887 10/17/1902	Organization G&E 344
Agawam * HPCo rights	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. <i>United Electric</i> 2. Village Water Company of Suffield (CT) ⁴ 3. Agawam Electric	<i>5/13/18</i> 96 1904 9/5/1913	<i>St. 1896, c. 386</i> Town permit G&E 803/836
Alford	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Compar 1. Southern Berkshire Power and Electric (Southern Berkshire Power and Electric rights	1925-1928	Town permit? PU 5652 (8/2/1938))
Amesbury * limited C&I	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Compar 1. Electric Light and Patent Flooring 2. Merrimack Valley Power and Buildings	ny 5/28/1886 5/29/1915	Organization Organization
Amherst * AGCo electric divest	 Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Thomson-Houston Electric Plant/ Thomson-Houston Electric (CT) 2. Amherst Gas 3. Western Counties Electric 	1/8/1889 2/23/1889 2/21/1930	Town permit G&E 17 DPU 3770
Andover	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Compar 1. Andover Electric		Organization

¹Later rescinded informally by town officials; see G&E 47 (filed 1890).

²Limited to customers who could be served from an existing line running along North Main Street and Perry Hill Road.

³Petition for a 600' extension off the line which was the subject of D.P.U. 7131 (7/6/1944).

⁴Franchises in Agawam ultimately conveyed to Housatonic Power Company (CT corporation), which leased plant to Enfield Electric Light & Power. Pole permits were held by Oley L. Allen, agent for Housatonic, and Charles Mellen, company president. System appears to have been conveyed to Enfield EL&P immediately prior to transfer to Agawam Electric (possibly to ensure that Agawam Electric had clear title).

Aquinnah	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Cape and Vineyard Electric	1951	Town permit
Arlington	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Somerville Electric Light	2/21/1887	Organization
Ashburnham	(ceased operations 3/4/1907)	3/27/1903	Organization
	2. Town of Ashburnham	10/29/1907	Town vote
Ashby	Currently held by Fitchburg Gas and Electric Ligh 1. Loveland Electric/W. O. Loveland 2. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light	t Company 1/31/1903 5/1/1914	Town permit G&E 871
Ashfield	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Greenfield Electric Light and Power	1915	Town permit?
Ashland	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Framingham Electric	1889	Town permit
Athol * MRGL insolvency	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Compare 1. Athol Electric Lighting and Power 2. Millers River Gas Light 3. Athol Gas and Electric	ny 5/17/1888 1/31/1889 4/1/1891	Town permit G&E 12 Foreclosure
* South Athol	4. New Salem Electric	10/9/1925	Charter
Auburn	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company 1. Worcester Suburban Electric 1911-1912 Town permit? (Worcester Suburban Electric rights validated by DPU 5932 (1/5/1940))		
Attleboro	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Compar	•	
* NAS&ECo insolvency	 North Attleboro Steam and Electric Attleboro Electric 	4/2/1886 1/22/1895	Charter G&E 116
Avon	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comparently held by Massachusetts Electric Comparent 1. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brockton (Enabling act was St.1895, c. 336, dated 4/30/	1909	Town permit mended 3/2/1909)
Ayer	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Compar 1. <i>Ayer Electric</i> 2. Sargent Electric Light/William M. Sargent ⁵	9/24/1889 12/1897 *	<i>Organization</i> Town permit
* Sargent incorporation	 Ayer Light and Power The Ayer Electric Light Company 	10/28/1898 7/26/1901	Charter G&E 296
Barnstable * Hyannis Fire District	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Buzzards Bay Electric 2. <i>Barnstable Electric</i> ⁶ 3. <i>Louis Arenorski</i>	11/7/1911 7/6/1912 1913	G&E 686 Town permit Town permit

⁵Block Plant Electric leased plant from Mr. Sargent on 5/1/1901, with option to purchase, and operated under d/b/a of Ayer Electric Light. The Ayer Electric Company organized 5/7/1901 to acquire assets

⁶Permit overturned in G&E 745 (3/4/1913).

Barre * South Barre	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Compart 1. Barre Street Railway 2. Gardner Electric Light (Gardner Electric Light rights validated by DPU 3. The Barre Wool Combing Co., Ltd. (ME) ⁷ 	<i>4/1/18</i> 97 1911-1912	<i>St.1897, c. 217</i> Town permit? 929)) Corporate action
Becket	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Lee Electric	4/25/1930	DPU 3881
Bedford	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Lexington Gas and Electric	1905	Town permit?
Belchertown	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Compar 1. Belchertown Light, Heat and Power 2. Belchertown Electric 3. Central Massachusetts Electric (Central Massachusetts Electric rights validate) 	7/19/1909 2/12/1912 1915	<i>Charter Charter</i> Town permit? 7 (1/5/1940))
Bellingham	1. Woonsocket Electric Machine and Power (RI) (franchise revoked pursuant to St.1896, c. 387		St.1893, c. 390
* N. Bellingham/Caryvill	e Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Medway Electric Light and Power	4/24/1905	Town permit
* South Bellingham	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Compar 1. Union Electric Light	iy 8/24/1909	Charter amended
Belmont * municipalization	Currently held by Town of Belmont 1. Somerville Electric Light 2. Town of Belmont	2/21/1887 8/20/1896	Charter Town vote
Berkley	Currently held by City of Taunton 1. City of Taunton	7/16/1919	G&E 1198
Berlin	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Compar 1. Marlborough Electric (Worcester Suburban Electric rights validated b	1909	Town permit 1/5/1940))
Bernardston	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Greenfield Electric Light and Power	1912	Town permit
* border customers	2. Halifax Electric Cooperative (VT)	1942	Town permit
Beverly * separated electric	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Compar 1. The Beverly Electric Light Company (assn.) 2. Beverly Gas Light 3. Essex County Electric	y 1887 6/15/1888 6/1/1953	Articles of Association G&E 11 DPU 10453
Billerica * BE incorporation	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Compar 1. Billerica Electric/Walter F. Drucker ⁸ 2. Billerica Electric (Lowell Electric Light Corporation rights validat) 	7/1/1899 * 7/26/1901	Town permit G&E 323 85 (3/14/1933))

⁷System originally built to serve company store and homes of mill employees. ⁸Incorporated as Billerica Electric on 3/21/1901.

Blackstone	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Compar 1. Blackstone Electric 2. Woonsocket Electric Machine and Power (RI) (ceased electric service 8/15/1895; franchise r 3. Blackstone Electric Light 	9/24/1889 2/20/1890	<i>Charter</i> St.1890, c. 45 ant to St.1896, c. 387) Charter
Blandford	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Town of Blandford	1925	Town vote
* Blandford Municipal	2. Western Massachusetts Electric	7/26/1949	DPU 8705
Bolton	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Compar 1. Marlborough Electric (Worcester Suburban Electric rights validated	1912	
* Hudson border area	2. Hudson Light and Power	[filed 1926]	DPU 2493 ¹⁰
Boston * Kneeland Street area * Stanhope Street area * Congress Street area	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. New England Weston Electric Light (CT) 2. Brush Electric Lighting Company of Boston 3. Weston Illuminating 4. Merchants Electric Light and Power (ME)	1880 7/20/1881 5/4/1882 7/18/1883	Charter Charter Charter Charter
* Tremont Street area * consolidations * Federal Court area * Church Green area	 Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston Boston Electric Light (ME) (plant purchased by Church Green EL&P) ¹¹ Church Green Electric Light and Power/ Alonzo W. Perry 	1/8/1886 11/17/1886 7/1887 3/1888 *	Charter Charter City permit City permit
 * Hawley Street area * BEL reincorporation * School Street area * Back Bay area * School Street area * Henry Krey incorp. 	 Walworth Light and Power Boston Electric Light (MA) Henry Krey ¹² Back Bay Incandescent Light MacDonald Electric/D.S. MacDonald Block Plant Electric (ceased operations 10/1/1918) 	5/8/1888 2/14/1888 pre-10/1895 2/1/1890 3/1892 * 12/5/1895	Charter Charter City permit? Charter City permit G&E 140
* Summer Street area * Dewey Square area * City Hall Square area * citywide * Devonshire Street are * School Street area	 15. Steam and Power Company of Boston 16. Blodgett Estate Light, Heat and Power 17. Niles Trust Estate/William J. Niles Estate 18. Mattapan Gas and Electric a 19. L. W. Barnes Steam Specialties 20. J. Murray Howe 	1900 5/26/1900 1900 * <i>4/25/1904</i> 1/30/1911 6/1/1914 *	City permit? Charter? City permit? <i>Charter</i> Charter City permit?
* Brighton * Dorchester * Charlestown * East Boston	 Brookline Gas Light ¹³ Brush Electric Lighting Company of Boston New England Weston Electric Light (CT) Weston Illuminating Charlestown Gas Union Electric Light and Power (ME) Citizens' Electric Light ¹⁴ 	10/10/1887 7/20/1881 1880 5/4/1882 6/9/1886 7/21/1884 12/4/1885	G&E 6 Charter Charter Charter St.1886, c. 272 City permit Charter
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⁹Incorporators began providing electric service in Blackstone on 12/1/1895.

¹⁰Town permit granted in 1926; appeal by Marlborough Electric Light apparently denied in DPU 2493.

¹¹May have been Franklin Electric Light Company of Maine.

¹²Incorporated as Block Plant Electric on 10/10/1895.

¹³Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston and Brookline Gas Light agreed in 1902 to redivide service area so that latter company operated electric system west of line running from Charles River down Deerfield Street, Brookline Avenue, and Chelsea Street down to the Muddy River. G&E 500 (1906); <u>Weld v. Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners</u>, 197 Mass. 556 (1908).

¹⁴Leased to Boston Electric Light.

* Roxbury * South Boston * Hyde Park * EEICo divestiture * BGCo electric divest.	 Brush Electric Lighting Company of Boston The Roxbury Electric Light Company New England Weston Electric Light (CT) Dedham and Hyde Park Gas and Electric Lig Hyde Park Electric Light Mattapan Gas and Electric Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston Boston Edison 	7/20/1881 2/2/1889 1880 ht 5/14/1886 3/26/1888 4/25/1904 8/20/1909 12/6/1972	Charter <i>Charter</i> Charter <i>St. 1886, c. 206</i> Charter <i>Charter</i> G&E 592 DPU 17444
* Various across-pu * across public ways * across Summer * Wendell/Hamilton * Essex/Kingston * Richmond/Clinton * across Province * under Spring Lane * across public ways * 267-275 Washington * across Hawes * across Wendell	 ublic way locations: 1. Frank E. Ferdinand 2. Smith and Patterson 3. D. Webster King 4. Brown, Durrell and Company 5. Quincy Market Cold Storage 6. G. A. and J. L. Damon 7. John H. H/T. W. Carter 8. W. B. Thomas 9. Journal Building Trust 10. Congress Street Associates 11. Weeks Real Estate Trust 	1890 12/30/1889 8/16/1892 2/19/1894 3/4/1895 4/3/1895 1895 1895 1898 3/30/1903 12/17/1906 3/9/1908	City permit City permit
Bourne ¹⁵ * S of Monument River * N of Monument River	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Buzzards Bay Electric 2. Marion Gas	11/7/1911 11/15/1911	G&E 686 Commission vote ¹⁶
Boxborough	Currently held by Town of Littleton 1. Town of Littleton	9/13/1923	DPU 1289
Boxford	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Compa 1. Lawrence Gas	any 1/7/1914	G&E 846
Boylston	Currently held by Town of Boylston 1. Town of Boylston	6/24/1912	Town vote
Braintree	 Currently held by Town of Braintree 1. Braintree Electric 2. The Monatiquot Electric Light and Power Co. 3. Citizens Electric Light/Alvah S. Morrison (ceased operations 5/1900) 4. Town of Braintree 		<i>Charter Charter</i> Town permit Town vote
Brewster	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Cape and Vineyard Electric	7/31/1924	DPU 1610
Bridgewater	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Compa 1. The Bridgewater Electric Company	any 8/23/1889	Charter
Brimfield	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Compa 1. Webster and Southbridge Gas and Electric (Worcester County Electric rights validated by	1914-1915	Town permit? 5/1940))

 ¹⁵Franchise boundary later redefined along Cape Cod Canal in G&E 743/744 (7/19/1912).
 ¹⁶Date of Marion Gas approval noted in G&E 743/744 (7/19/1912); 1911 approval appears to have been granted by vote of the Commission, as opposed to a formal order.

Brockton	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brockton 2. Jenny Electric Light and Power	any 3/22/1883 5/2/1884	Charter Charter
Brookfield	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp. 1. Warren and Brookfield Electric 2. Central Massachusetts Electric (Central Massachusetts Electric rights valida) 	<i>4/2/1900</i> 1913	<i>Charter</i> Town permit? 7 (1/5/1940))
Brookline	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Brookline Electric Light 2. Suburban Light and Power 3. Brookline Gas Light	6/20/1885 10/16/1886 10/10/1887	Charter Charter G&E 6
Buckland	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Shelburne Falls Electric Light and Power/ Charles H. Wilcox & William J. Halligan ¹⁷	1897 *	Town permit?
* SFELP incorporation * SFELP interests	 Shelburne Falls Electric Light and Power Greenfield Electric Light and Power ¹⁸ (Enabling act was St.1910, c. 580, dated 5/3) 	5/25/1910 7/14/1911 1/1910)	G&E 632 G&E 677
Burlington	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston	1912-1913	Town permit?
* BELCo reincorporation * Albany/Portland Sts. * across public ways	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. <i>Cambridge and Somerville Electric Light</i> 2. Cambridge Electric Light 3. Boston Electric Light (ME) 4. Boston Electric Light (MA) 5. G. W. Gale Lumber 6. G. W. Gale Lumber	<i>4/9/1884</i> 11/14/1885 11/17/1886 11/17/1888 1896 1911	<i>Charter</i> Charter Charter Charter City permit City permit
Canton	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. <i>The Neponset Electric Company</i> ¹⁹ 2. Canton Electric 3. Blue Hill Electric Light	3/28/1889 7/15/1889 8/14/1889	<i>Charter</i> Town permit Town permit
Carlisle	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston	6/10/1911	Town vote
Carver	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Marion Gas	7/3/1914	G&E 876
Charlemont	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. G. H. Turner Electric Light Plant/ George H. Turner ²⁰	5/1/1903 *	Town permit
* GHTELP incorporatior		6/29/1911	G&E 680

¹⁷Incorporated as Shelburne Falls Electric Light and Power on 8/18/1908.

¹⁸Previously authorized to transact business in town, along with Colrain and Shelburne, except for the sale of electricity for power or light, pursuant to St.1900, c. 429 (7/5/1900). Unclear as to what these other business activities represented.

¹⁹Company only reached stage of constructing exhibition lighting system; reference G&E 29 (1889).

²⁰Incorporated as Charlemont Electric Light and Power on 3/11/1911.

Charlton	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company 1. Webster and Southbridge Gas and Electric 1912-1913 Town permit? (Worcester County Electric rights validated by DPU 5931 (1/5/1940))		
Chatham	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Buzzards Bay Electric	8/13/1914	G&E 855
Chelmsford * North Chelmsford	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Lowell Electric Light Corporation 2. Lowell Electric Light Corporation	any 1895-1896 1901-1902	Town permit? Town permit?
* BELCo reincorporation * business district	 Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Union Electric Light and Power (ME) 2. Citizens' Electric Light ²¹ 3. Boston Electric Light (ME) 4. Chelsea Gas Light 5. Boston Electric Light (MA) 6. Champlin-Babson Electric/ A. B. Champney <u>et al</u> 	7/18/1882 12/4/1885 11/17/1886 1/9/1888 11/17/1888 18809/1893 *	Charter Charter <i>Charter</i> G&E 2 <i>Charter</i> City permit
* CGL electric divest. * across public ways	 7. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston 8. A. G. Walton and Company ²² 	8/20/1909 1913	G&E 592 City permit
Cheshire * most of town	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Adams Gas Light (Enabling act was St.1905, c. 94, dated 2/23	[filed 1905]	G&E 455
* South Cheshire	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Pittsfield Electric	1934	Town permit?
Chester * CEL incorporation * municipalization	Currently held by Town of Chester 1. Chester Electric Light/E. Leroy Gardner ²³ 2. Chester Electric Light 3. Town of Chester	3/18/1899 * 10/7/1909 9/10/1926	Town permit G&E 601 Town vote
Chesterfield	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Hampshire Electric	1/31/1928	Charter
Chicopee * northern part * municipalization * certain C&I * certain C&I	Currently held by City of Chicopee 1. Chicopee Electric Light 2. South Hadley Falls Electric Light 3. City of Chicopee 4. Holyoke Water Power 5. Holyoke Power and Electric	3/1/1887 1892-1893 12/16/1892 5/15/1903 12/1/1925	Charter City permit? Town vote St.1903, c. 350 Charter
* certain C&I * certain C&I	Currently held by NSTAR Electric 6. Amherst Power	2/1913	Board of Alderman
Chilmark	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Cape and Vineyard Electric	6/3/1930	DPU 3901

²¹Leased to Boston Electric Light, which was official holder of permit from city.
²²See disposition of appeal in G&E 839 (1913).
²³Incorporated as Chester Electric Light on 7/7/1907.

Clarksburg	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. North Adams Gas Light (Enabling act was St.1903, c. 93, dated 3/13)	4/21/1903	G&E 366
Clinton	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Schuyler Electric Light (CT) 2. Clinton Gas Light 3. <i>The Merchants Electric Company</i> ²⁴ 	any 1886 8/17/1887 <i>10/1/1889</i>	Town permit? G&E 3 <i>Town permit</i>
Cohasset	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Cohasset Electric	any 3/19/1890	Charter
Corian	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. The Colrain Electric Light Company/ Henry H. Smith <u>et al</u> ²⁵	1907 *	Town permit?
* CELC incorporation * border customers	 The Colrain Electric Light and Power Co. Halifax Electric Cooperative (VT) 	6/7/1908 1942	G&E 551 Town permit
Concord	Currently held by Town of Concord 1. <i>Concord Electric</i> 2. Town of Concord	<i>3/19/1889</i> 3/29/1897	<i>Charter</i> Town vote
Conway	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp	any 11/25/1897	Charter
* CEL&P reincorporation	 Conway Electric Light and Power (ME) ²⁶ Deerfield River Electric Light 	4/20/1905	Charter G&E 440
Cummington	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Hampshire Electric	1/28/1928	Charter
Dalton	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Pittsfield Electric (Pittsfield Electric rights validated by DPU 37	1891-1892 05 (9/20/1929))	Town permit?
Dana	Town disincorporated 4/28/1938 for construction 1. Hitchcock & Davis/ Clarence E. Hitchcock & Elmer Davis (ceased service 2/15/1917 - fire)	n of Quabbin Re c. 1904 *	servoir Town permit?
* northern part * Dana Municipal	 Town of Dana New Salem Electric Gardner Electric Light (Gardner Electric Light rights validated by DF 	10/10/1918 10/9/1925 12/31/1928 PU 3518 (3/25/19	Town vote Charter Purchase 930))
Danvers	 Currently held by Town of Danvers 1. Town of Danvers (Ratified by St. 1891, c. 338, dated 6/6/1891) 2. Danvers Electric 3. Danvers Gas Light (expired 9/1890) 	3/16/1888 accepted by tov 11/5/1889 11/26/1889	Town Vote wn 10/16/1891) <i>Charter</i> <i>G&E 21</i> ²⁷
Dartmouth			

²⁴Permit rescinded in G&E 34 (12/24/1889).

 ²⁵Incorporated as The Colrain Electric Light and Power Company on 2/18/1908.
 ²⁶Company engaged only in wholesale electric operations until 11/1/1901.
 ²⁷Authorization expired in 9/1890 without any action by Company.

Dedham	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. <i>Dedham and Hyde Park G&E Light ²⁸</i> 2. Dedham Electric	<i>5/14/1886</i> 6/21/1889	<i>St. 1886, c. 206</i> Town permit
Deerfield * South Deerfield	 Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Greenfield Electric Light and Power 2. J. B. Bridges and Company/ James B. Bridges & Eugene T. Bridges 	1907 1907 *	Town permit Town permit?
Dennis	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Buzzards Bay Electric	8/13/1914	G&E 855
Dighton * streetlighting	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Fall River Electric Light (Fall River Electric Light rights validated by E 2. Dighton Electric Light District	1921-1922	Town permit? 938)) St.1920, c. 316
* No. Dighton Fire Dist.			
* MHF electric system	 Mount Hope Finishing Company Taunton Municipal Light Plant 	4/26/1926 5/31/1952	St.1926, c. 237 St.1952, c. 372
Douglas	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Douglas Electric	any 3/11/1903	Charter
Dover	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston	1906	Town permit?
Dracut	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Lowell Electric Light Corporation	any 1907	Town permit
Dudley	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Webster Electric (Worcester Suburban Electric rights validated	7/6/1887	Charter 1/5/1940))
Dunstable	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Tyngsborough Electric Light/ Albert A. Flint/Lucius A. Derby ²⁹	any 1908 *	Town permit?
* TEL incorporation * part of town	 Tyngsborough Electric Light Groton Electric Light Department 	8/29/1911 [filed 1935]	G&E 658 DPU 5054
Duxbury	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Plymouth Electric Light	6/30/1907	Town permit
East Bridgewater	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. <i>Town of Whitman</i> ³⁰ 2. Whitman Light and Power 3. <i>Hanson Gas and Electric</i> 4. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brockton (Enabling act was St.1895, c. 336, dated 4/3) 	6/15/1892 1895 9/21/1905 1907	<i>St. 1892, c. 387</i> Town permit <i>Charter</i> Town permit amended 3/2/1909)

²⁸Board of G&E Commissioners denied appeal by company of town grant to Dedham Electric in G&E 27 (1889).

²⁹Incorporated as Tyngsboro Electric Light on 9/24/1909.

³⁰Statute provided that if Whitman developed certain water power rights in Town of East Bridgewater, it would provide electric service to latter community. No evidence that Whitman developed those rights.

East Brookfield ³¹	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company 1. Central Massachusetts Electric 1913 (Central Massachusetts Electric rights validated by	
East Longmeadov	 W Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. United Electric 5/13/ 2. Central Massachusetts Electric 5/19^o (Central Massachusetts Electric rights validated by 	•
Eastham	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Cape and Vineyard Electric 1/12/	/1926 DPU 1985
Easthampton * streetlighting * EGCo electric divest.	2. Peoples Electric 9/28/ 3. Easthampton Gas 3/29/ 4. Easthampton Electric ³² 1/2/1	/1888 Charter /1888 Charter /1891 G&E 61 1907 Charter /1930 DPU 3785
Easton * North Easton	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company	/1890 Charter 11 Town permit
* South Easton	 Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brockton 1915 (Enabling act was St. 1895, c. 336, dated 4/30/1895) 	5 Town permit
Edgartown	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Vineyard Lighting 10/19	9/1908 Town permit?
Egremont	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company 1. Great Barrington Electric Light 1907 (Southern Berkshire Power and Electric rights valid	7-1908 Town permit? dated by DPU 5652 (8/2/1938))
Enfield	Town disincorporated 4/28/1938 for construction of Qu1. Central Massachusetts Electric3/16/	uabbin Reservoir /1913 Town vote
Erving * western part * within district * outside MFWSD * MFWSD elect divest.	5 5	1903 St.1903, c. 221 /1909 St.1909, c. 496 1/1912 No docket
* eastern part * State Forest area	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company 1. Athol Gas and Electric 1910 (Athol Gas and Electric rights validated by DPU 59 2. Gardner Electric Light 4/24/	•
Essex	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company 1. Gloucester Electric 1913 (Gloucester Electric rights validated by DPU 5989)	

³¹Part of Brookfield until 1920.

³²Permit rescinded in G&E 517 (8/9/1907).

Everett	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Malden Electric Light (ME) 2. <i>Everett Electric Light</i>	7/26/1886 2/9/1888	Charter <i>Charter</i>
Fairhaven	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. New Bedford Gas Light	5/3/1889	St.1889, c. 295
Fall River	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Fall River Electric Light 2. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Fall River	2/22/1883	Charter Charter
Falmouth	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Buzzards Bay Electric	4/22/1909	Town permit
Fitchburg * limited C&I	Currently held by Fitchburg Gas and Electric Lig 1. Wachusset Electric Light (ME) 2. Fitchburg Gas Light 3. Connecticut River Transmission	ht Company 3/17/1883 11/26/1889 7/2/1909	Charter G&E 39 G&E 567
Florida	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. <i>North Adams Gas Light</i> 2. Deerfield River Electric	2/16/1906 11/20/1930	<i>St. 1906, c. 75</i> DPU 4072
Foxboro	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. <i>The Foxboro's Electric Company</i> 2. Foxboro Electric/George L. Allen & A. F. Bemis ³³ 	any <i>9/11/1889</i> 4/9/1899 *	<i>Charter</i> Town permit
* FE incorporation	 Foxboro Electric (org. 7/15/1903) Norfolk and Bristol Gas and Electric 	3/16/1904 7/8/1910	G&E 440 Charter
Framingham	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Framingham Electric Light/ Samuel O. Daniels ³⁴	1/15/1887 *	Town permit?
* FEL incorporation * limited municipal ³⁵	 Framingham Electric Town of Framingham 	8/24/1888 6/9/1909	Charter St.1909, c. 479
Franklin	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp		
* FEL incorporation	 Franklin Electric Light/Aaron H. Morse ³⁶ Union Electric Light Woonsocket Electric Machine and Power 	1886 * 3/11/1889 <i>5/26/1893</i>	Town permit? Charter <i>St.1893, c. 390</i>
Freetown	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company	1010	
* border customers * part of town	 New Bedford Gas and Edison Light Plymouth County Electric Plymouth County Electric 	1916 7/6/1944 3/14/1947	Town permit? DPU 7131 DPU 7639
Gardner	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Gardner Electric	any 5/10/1888	Charter
* GECo insolvency	2. Gardner Electric Light	10/28/1891	Charter

³³Incorporated as Foxboro Electric on 7/15/1903.

 ³⁴Incorporated as Foxboro Electric on 8/24/1888.
 ³⁵Authorized to construct poles and string wires to serve its water and sewer plant.
 ³⁶Aaron H. Morse conveyed assets to Union Electric Light on 7/15/1889.

Georgetown	Currently held by Town of Georgetown 1. Town of Georgetown	3/4/1912	Town vote
Gill * part of town	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Franklin Electric Light 2. Greenfield Electric Light and Power	12/17/1886 12/5/1886	Charter Charter
Gloucester * across public ways	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Gloucester Electric Light 2. Oceanside Company ³⁷	any 5/16/1884 1911	Charter Town permit
Goshen	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Northampton Electric Lighting (Northampton Electric Lighting validated by I	1923	Town permit? 940))
Gosnold * Wood plant * Wood acquisition	Currently held by Town of Gosnold 1. William C. Wood 2. Town of Gosnold (lease) (Town action validated by St. 1934, c. 319, d 3. Town of Gosnold (purchase)	1917 9/6/1932 ated 6/3/1934) 8/1/1947	Town permit? Town vote Grant by Deed
Grafton	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. <i>The Grafton and Upton Electric Company</i> 2. Grafton Electric	any <i>9/12/1889</i> 10/9/1894	<i>Charter</i> Charter
Granby	 Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company South Hadley Falls Electric Light Central Massachusetts Electric ³⁸ (Central Massachusetts Electric rights validat Elbert C. Aldrich ³⁹ 	10/13/1911 1914-1915 ed by DPU 5927 1928	G&E 702 Town permit? (1/5/1940)) Town permit
Granville * Granville Municipal	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Town of Granville 2. Lee Electric	1926 10/24/1930	Town vote DPU 4020
Great Barrington	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Great Barrington Electric Light 2. <i>Berkshire Light, Heat and Power</i>	any 1/5/1888 <i>12/12/1894</i>	Charter Charter
Greenfield	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Greenfield Electric Light and Power	12/5/1886	Charter
Greenwich	Town disincorporated 4/28/1938 for construction 1. North Dana Box and Electric Light/ Anthony W. Mason (ceased electric service 2/15/1917 - fire)	n of Quabbin Re 3/30/1913	servoir Town vote
Groton * West Groton	Currently held by Town of Groton 1. Town of Groton 2. Ayer Electric Light	7/2/1909 1914-1915	Town vote Town permit?

³⁷See status of appeal in G&E 703 (filed 1911).

 ³⁸Town's payment to South Hadley Electric Light Company included severance for some property in Granby. Central Massachusetts Electric acquired authority to serve rest of town sometime around 1915.
 ³⁹See status of appeal in DPU 3230 (filed 1928).

Groveland * EEL&P reincorp. * municipalization	Currently held by Town of Groveland 1. Essex Electric Light and Power (ME) 2. Haverhill Electric 3. Town of Groveland	7/28/1884 12/7/1888 12/26/1906	Charter Charter Town vote
Hadley * AGCo electric divest.	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Amherst Gas 2. Western Counties Electric	1912-1913 2/21/1930	Town permit? DPU 3770
Halifax	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. <i>Hanson Gas and Electric</i> 2. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brockton	9/21/1905	<i>Charter</i> Town permit
Hamilton	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Beverly Gas and Electric (Enabling act was St.1901, c. 89, dated 2/27	7/24/1903	Commission vote 40
Hampden	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Central Massachusetts Electric (Central Massachusetts Electric rights valida	1917	Town permit? 7 (1/5/1940))
Hancock * northern part * Hancock Center * Hancock Road area	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Western Massachusetts Electric 2. Williamstown Gas	any 2/19/1925 3/10/1933	Charter DPU 4585
* southern part * southern Hancock	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 3. Pittsfield Electric	7/29/1931	DPU 4215
Hanover	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp1. Hanson Gas and Electric2. The Electric Light and Power Company of Abington and Rockland	any <i>9/21/1905</i> 1906	<i>Charter</i> Town permit
Hanson * South Hanson * Bryantville * part of town	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Hanson Gas and Electric 2. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brockton 3. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brockton 4. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brockton 5. The Electric Light and Power Company of Abington and Rockland 	any <i>9/21/1905</i> 1914 1914 1915 1929	<i>Charter</i> Town permit Town permit Town permit Town permit?
Hardwick	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Ware Electric	any 1906	Town permit?
Harvard	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Harvard Gas and Electric (Wachusset Electric rights validated by DPU	11/6/1906	Charter)
Harwich	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Buzzards Bay Electric 2. <i>The Harwich Electric Company</i>	8/13/1914 9/23/1914	G&E 855 Charter

⁴⁰Commission initially refused approval in G&E 293 (5/27/1901). Minutes of 7/24/1903 Commission meeting state that informal approval was later granted in August of 1901; Commission formally voted to ratify its August 1901 decision.

Hatfield	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Amherst Gas	1907	Town permit
* AGCo electric divest.	2. Western Counties Electric	2/21/1930	DPU 3770
Haverhill * EEL&P reincorp.	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Essex Electric Light and Power (ME) 2. Haverhill Electric	7/28/1884 12/7/1888	Charter Charter
	3. Haverhill Illuminating	6/2/1902	Charter
Hawley	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Charlemont Electric Light and Power (Northern Berkshire Gas rights validated by I	1936	Town permit 940))
Heath	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Deerfield River Electric	12/29/1929	Charter
Hingham	Currently held by Town of Hingham	0//0//000	
* municipalization	 Weymouth Light and Power Town of Hingham 	2/18/1889 7/26/1893	Charter Town vote
Hinsdale	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Pittsfield Electric (Pittsfield Electric rights validated by DPU 37	1913-1914 '05 (9/20/1929))	Town permit?
Holbrook	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. The Randolph and Holbrook Electric Co. 2. Randolph and Holbrook Light and Power 3. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brockton 4. Randolph and Holbrook Electric/ Charles Doughty ⁴¹ 	any 9/25/1889 11/15/1889 4/30/1895 1902 *	<i>Charter Charter St.1895, c. 336</i> Town permit?
* RHE estate admin. * RHPA incorporation	 5. Randolph Light and Power Association 6. Randolph and Holbrook Power and Electric 	8/3/1914 3/10/1916	Articles of Association G&E 967
Holden	Currently held by Town of Holden 1. Town of Holden	9/5/1911	Town vote
Holland	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Webster and Southbridge Gas and Electric (Worcester County Electric rights validated b	1925-1928	Town permit? 5/1940))
Holliston	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. <i>Holliston Gas and Electric</i> 2. Framingham Electric	6/5/1891 1902	<i>Charter</i> Town permit
Holyoke * municipalization * limited C&I ⁴²	 Currently held by City of Holyoke 1. Holyoke Electric Light and Power 2. Holyoke Water Power 3. <i>Holyoke Electric</i> 4. City of Holyoke 5. Holyoke Water Power (distribution franchise revoked pursuant to Si 	12/19/1884 3/10/1888 5/1/1890 1/5/1897 5/15/1903 t 2008 c 428 (1	Charter G&E 8 <i>Charter</i> Town vote St.1903, c. 350 2/23//2008))
* HWP dist. assets	 6. Holyoke Gas and Electric Department 	12/15/2001	City vote

⁴¹Randolph Light and Power Association formed on 8/3/1914 to adminster estate; Randolph and Holbrook Power and Electric organized on 7/2/1915 to incorporate association.

⁴²Authorized to provide bulk electricity in Holyoke and South Hadley, plus wholesale service to municipal systems in Hampden and Hampshire

Hopedale ⁴³	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Milford Electric Light and Power	any 5/28/1886	St.1886, c. 243
- · ·	 Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. <i>Hopkinton Electric</i> 2. Hopkinton Electric Plant/Leroy E. Coolidge ⁴ 3. Woodville Electric Light 4. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston 5. Maspenock Electric Light (partnership) ⁴⁵ (ceased operations 12/31/1941) 	9/25/1889 ⁴ 2/1900 * 7/29/1905 12/5/1906 8/1933 *	<i>Charter</i> Town permit G&E 461 Town permit Town permit
Hubbardston	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Gardner Electric Light (Gardner Electric Light rights validated by DF	1911-1912	Town permit? 929))
Hudson * municipalization	Currently held by Town of Hudson 1. Hudson Electric Light (ME) 2. Town of Hudson	9/16/1886 9/2/1891	Charter Town vote
Hull * municipalization	Currently held by Town of Hull 1. <i>Nantasket Electric Light and Power</i> 2. Hull Electric Light and Power 3. Town of Hull	6/3/1890 4/13/1892 10/6/1894	<i>Charter</i> Charter Town vote
Huntington * HES incorporation *	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Henry E. Stanton ⁴⁶ 2 Huntington Electric Light	pre-1904 * 7/29/1905	Town permit? G&E 453
Ipswich * Ipswich Mills	Currently held by Town of Ipswich 1. <i>Agawam Electric</i> 2. Town of Ipswich 3 Newburyport Gas and Electric	<i>11/30/1889</i> 9/23/1901 6/3/1918	<i>Charter</i> Town vote G&E 1113
Kingston	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Plymouth Electric Light	6/30/1905 ⁴⁷	Town permit
Lakeville * most of town	Currently held by Town of Middleboro 1. Town of Middleboro	5/3/1916	G&E 986
* part of town * Howlands area ⁴⁸	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 2. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light	5/1/1959	DPU 12765
* northern corner	Currently held by City of Taunton 3. Taunton Municipal Light Plant	1920-1929	Town permit?

counties. Authorization expanded to tenant customers with demands greater than 100 horsepower pursuant to St. 1909, c. 152 (3/8/1909). Had been providing retail service to about 33 industrial customers until 12/15/2001, plus bulk service to Holyoke and South Hadley. Retail authorization revoked pursuant to St. 2008, c. 428 (12/23/2008).

⁴³Part of Milford until 1886.

⁴⁴Incorporated as Woodville Electric Light on 7/5/1905.

⁴⁵Served about 100 customers on private ways located by Lake Maspenock. Ceased operations 12/31/1941; Boston Edison presumably extended service into area as part of settlement. Reference DPU 4695 (3/3/1941).

⁴⁶Incorporated as Huntington Electric Light on 12/7/1904.

⁴⁷Annual reports to legislature for 1888 through 1897 indicate that Plymouth Electric Light had been serving customers in the town during that period.

⁴⁸Service to Apponoquet Junior-Senior High School and surrounding area (Howland).

Lancaster	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Clinton Gas Light	any 8/19/1887	G&E 3
Lanesborough	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Pittsfield Electric (Pittsfield Electric rights validated by DPU 37	1913-1914 05 (9/20/1929))	Town permit?
Lawrence	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Lawrence Electric Light (ME) 2. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Lawrence 3. Lawrence Gas	6/7/1882	Charter Charter G&E 5
Lee	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Lee Electric	11/24/1888	Charter
Leicester * LELCo insolvency.	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Leicester Electric Light 2. Rawson Light and Power (Worcester County Electric rights validated b	12/7/1887 5/29/1895	Charter G&E 130 5/1940))
Lenox			
* most of town	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Lenox Gas and Electric	any 11/24/1888	Charter
* southwest corner	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Lee Electric	1895	Town permit?
Leominster * Fitchburg border area	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Leominster Electric Light and Power 2. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light	any 2/27/1888 [filed 1921]	Charter DPU 571
Leverett	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Leverett Electric	8/26/1924	Charter
Lexington * LGLCo insolvency. * LG&E electric divest.	 Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Woburn Electric Light and Power 2. Lexington Gas Light 3. The Lexington Gas and Electric Company 4. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston 	6/4/1888 11/16/1892 11/25/1900 4/26/1910	<i>Town permit ⁴⁹</i> G&E 83 G&E 252 G&E 618
Leyden	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
* border customers * HECooperative area	 Western Massachusetts Electric Halifax Electric Cooperative (VT) Western Massachusetts Electric 	1930 1942 8/7/1950	Town permit Town permit Town permit
Lincoln	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston	1913-1914	Town permit?
Littleton	Currently held by Town of Littleton 1. Town of Littleton	11/6/1911	Town vote

⁴⁹Company never exercised electric franchise rights; sold rights to Lexington Gas Light in 1892; reference G&E 83 (11/16/1892).

Longmeadow	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. United Electric Light (Enabling act was St.1896, c. 386, dated 5/1	1902-1903 1/1896)	Town permit?
Lowell * limited C&I	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Lowell Electric Light Corporation 2. Middlesex Electric Light (ME) 3. Wamesit Power (ceased operations c. 1930) 	any 12/30/1881 3/20/1883 4/8/1902	Charter Charter St.1902, c. 278 ⁵⁰
Ludlow * separated electric	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Ludlow Manufacturing 2. Ludlow Electric	4/21/1889 7/24/1914	St.1889, c. 200 G&E 877
Lunenburg * municipalization * town-owned system	Currently held by Fitchburg Gas and Electric Lig 1. Leominster Electric Light and Power 2. Town of Lunenburg 3. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light	ght Company 1902-1903 4/23/1914 5/14/1920	Town permit? Town vote DPU 121
Lynn	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Lynn Electric Lighting	any 4/26/1882	Charter
Lynnfield * South Lynnfield	Currently held by City of Peabody 1. City of Peabody	3/5/1901	St.1901, c. 97
* Lynnfield Centre	Currently held by Town of Reading 1. Town of Reading (Enabling act was St.1908, c. 369, dated 4/8/19	3/1/1909 908)	Town Meeting vote
Malden * MELCo reincorporation	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Malden Electric Light (ME) 2. Malden Construction (association) n 3. Malden Electric	oany 7/26/1886 pre-3/1888 3/12/1888	Charter Articles of Association? Charter
Manchester-by- the-Sea	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Beverly Gas and Electric (Enabling act was St.1901, c. 89, dated 2/27 2. Manchester Electric 	7/24/1903	Commission vote ⁵¹ Charter
Mansfield * within district	Currently held by Town of Mansfield 1. <i>Mansfield Electric</i> 2. Town of Mansfield 3. <i>Mansfield Water Supply District</i>	9/11/1889 10/16/1901 3/25/1898	<i>Charter</i> Town vote <i>St.1898, c. 223</i>
Marblehead	Currently held by City of Marblehead 1. <i>Marblehead Gas Light</i> 2. City of Marblehead	<i>5/20/1886</i> 6/15/1892	<i>St.1886, c. 225</i> Town vote

⁵⁰Charter amendments effectively permitted generation and sale of electricity produced by steam and hydropower.
⁵¹Commission initially refused approval in G&E 293 (5/27/1901). Minutes of 7/24/1903 Commission meeting state that informal approval was later granted in August of 1901; Commission formally voted to ratify its AuguSt.1901 decision.

Marion * border customers * border customers	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Marion Gas 2. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light 3. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light	11/19/1908 12/12/1929 7/6/1944	G&E 556 ⁵² DPU 3678 DPU 7131
Marlborough	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Marlborough Schuyler Electric Light	oany 2/15/1886	Charter
Marshfield	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Plymouth Electric Light	6/13/1914	Town permit
Mashpee	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Buzzards Bay Electric	8/13/1914	G&E 855
Mattapoiset * border customers	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light 2. Plymouth County Electric	8/8/1907 7/6/1944	Town permit DPU 7131
Maynard	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. American Woolen Co. of New Jersey	4/29/1902	St.1902, c. 347
* AW-NJ rights * AW-MA elect divest.	 American Woolen Co. of Massachusetts Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston 	6/1/1916 6/11/1929	St.1916, c. 354 DPU 3565
Medfield	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Medfield Electric Light and Power	10/25/1897	Charter
Medford	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Malden Electric Light (ME) 2. <i>Medford Electric Light</i>	any 7/26/1886 2/6/1888	Charter <i>Charter</i>
Medway	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Medway Electric Light and Power 2. <i>Norfolk Electric Light and Power</i>	9/24/1895 10/2/1899	Charter <i>Charter</i>
Melrose	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Malden Electric Light (ME)	any 7/26/1886	Charter
Mendon	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Worcester Suburban Electric (Worcester Suburban Electric rights validate	1915-1916	
Merrimac	Currently held by Town of Merrimac 1. <i>Merrimac Electric</i> 2. Town of Merrimac	<i>10/15/1889</i> 1/30/1904	<i>Charter</i> Town vote
Methuen	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Lawrence Gas	any 2/24/1891 ⁵³	G&E 26
Middleborough * municipalization	 Currently held by Town of Middleboro 1. Middleborough Electric Light and Power (permit later revoked and town went around 2. Middleboro Gas and Electric 3. Town of Middleboro 	1/12/1889 cutting down pol 4/3/1889 10/28/1893	Town permit es) Town permit Town vote

⁵²Petition related to issuance of securities necessary to construct electric plant. ⁵³Town had issued an earlier permit, but had to reissue it on 8/2/1890 because original permit was lost.

Middlefield	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Lee Electric	4/25/1930	DPU 3881
Middleton * future customers * municipalization	Currently held by Town of Middleton 1. Middleton Electric Light 2. City of Danvers ⁵⁴ 3. Town of Middleton	4/21/1910 4/11/1911 10/15/1913	Charter St.1911, c. 108 Town vote
Milford	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Milford Electric Light and Power	any 5/28/1886	St.1886, c. 243
Millbury	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Millbury Electric	any 5/6/1887	Charter
Millis * MCo insolvency.	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. The Millis Company/Henry Millis 3. Millis Electric Light 4. <i>Norfolk Electric Light and Power</i>	1892 * 2/3/1898 10/2/1899	Town permit? G&E 196 <i>Charter</i>
Millville ⁵⁵	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Woonsocket Electric Machine and Power (RI) (ceased electric service 8/15/1895; franchise 2. Blackstone Electric Light (Worcester Suburban Electric rights validate 	2/20/1890 revoked pursua 1/1/1896	Charter
Milton	 Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Milton Light and Power 2. Citizens' Electric Company of Milton, Massachusetts 3. Mattapan Gas and Electric 	1/1/1890 2/20/1890 4/25/1904	Charter Charter Charter
Monroe * Monroe Bridge * Deerfield Glassine * rest of town Monson	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. North Adams Gas Light ⁵⁶ 2. Deerfield Glassine 3. Northern Berkshire Electric ⁵⁷ 4. Northern Berkshire Electric Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 	2/16/1906 10/7/1926 1/30/1935 6/1952	<i>St.1906, c. 75</i> Town permit? DPU 4930 Town permit
	 Palmer Electric (Central Massachusetts Electric rights valida Monson Gas and Electric 	6/15/1887 ted by DPU 592 <i>10/15/1889</i>	Charter 7 (1/5/1940)) <i>Charter</i>

⁵⁵Part of Blackstone until 1916.

⁵⁴Authorized to serve future municipal and domestic customers in Middleton, upon permission of Middleton Electric Light; required to sell system to Middleton if Middleton subsequently formed its own municipal light plant.

⁵⁶Franchise right may have been exercised by Northern Berkshire Gas in 1952 when that company extended service into Monroe.

⁵⁷DPU 4930 approved Deerfield Glassine reorganization such that Northern Berkshire Gas would extend service to Deerfield Glassine, whereupon latter company would become reseller of electric power to customers in Monroe. Northern Berkshire Gas extended direct service to Monroe in 6/1952.

Montague * Turners Falls * Montague Village * within district * Turners Falls * MFWSD elect divest. * streetlighting	 Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company Franklin Electric Light Montague Electric Light and Power Millers Falls Water Supply District Turners Falls Company (wholesale) Franklin Electric Light Montague Lighting District 	12/31/1886 11/25/1902 4/9/1903 5/13/1904 12/31/1912 6/16/1914	Charter Charter St.1903, c. 221 St.1904, c. 340 No docket St.1914, c. 638
Monterey	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Berkshire Electric Light, Heat and Power 2. Southern Berkshire Power and Electric (Southern Berkshire Power and Electric right) 	1 <i>2/12/1893</i> 1919-1920	<i>Charter</i> Town permit? PU 5652 (8/2/1938))
Montgomery	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Huntington Electric Light	6/5/1930	DPU 3923
Mount Washington	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Southern Berkshire Power and Electric	any 1949	Town permit?
Nahant	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Lynn Gas and Electric	any 1891-1892	Town permit?
Nantucket * NELCo insolvency * NG&ECo insolvency	 Currently held by Nantucket Electric Company Nantucket Electric Light Nantucket Electric Nantucket Gas Light Citizens Gas, Electric and Power Company of Nantucket 	6/1/1888 5/31/1895 7/22/1903 4/27/1905	Charter G&E 127 G&E 375 G&E 448
Natick * NECo reincorporation	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Natick Electric (ME) 2. Natick Electric (MA)	5/8/1886 4/15/1889	Charter Charter
Needham * streetlighting * commercial * Greendale * Town-owned system * Cartwright Road	 Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Needham Electric 2. Town of Needham 3 Natick Gas and Electric 4. Greendale Chemical and Electric Lighting/ William W. Carter et al, ⁵⁸ 5. Needham Electric 6. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston 7. Wellesley Municipal Light Plant 	8/24/1889 5/31/1892 1895 9/1/1898 * 6/5/1900 2/25/1908 1918	<i>Charter</i> Town vote Town Contract Town permit <i>Charter</i> Contract Town practice
New Ashford	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Pittsfield Electric	7/29/1931	DPU 4215
New Bedford	 Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. New Bedford Electric Light 2. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of New Bedford 3. New Bedford Gas Light 	7/10/1883 5/27/1884 2/15/1888	Charter Charter G&E 4

⁵⁸While Needham Electric organized on 6/5/1900 to incorporate system, merger never completed; reference G&E 271 (7/18/1900).

New Braintree	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Gardner Electric Light (Gardner Electric Light rights validated by DF	1929	Town permit? 40))
New Marlborough	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Great Barrington Electric Light (Southern Berkshire Power and Electric right	1909-1910	Town permit? PU 5652 (8/2/1938))
New Salem	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. New Salem Electric	any 10/9/1925	Charter
Newbury * Dummer Academy * western part	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Compa 1. Newburyport Gas and Electric 2. Rowley Municipal Light Department 3. Town of Georgetown ⁵⁹	any 3/12/1901 5/31/1910 7/2/1914	St.1901, c. 139 St.1910, c. 324 St.1914, c. 737
Newburyport	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. The Newburyport Electric Light & Power Co. 2. Newburyport Gas 3. R.F. Electric Light and Power		Charter G&E 20 Charter
Newton * across public ways * NandWGL elect divest * across public ways	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Newton Electric Light and Power 2. Newton and Watertown Gas Light 3. Waltham Street Railway ⁶⁰ 4. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston 5. Saco-Lowell Shops ⁶¹	9/30/1886 11/23/1888 1902 8/20/1909 1913	Charter G&E 14 Town permit G&E 592 City permit
Norfolk	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Union Electric Light	3/11/1889	Charter
North Adams	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. North Adams Electric Light and Power 2. North Adams Gas Light	any 2/7/1885 3/14/1890	Charter G&E 25
North Andover * across public ways	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Lawrence Gas 2. <i>Merrimack Valley Horse Railway</i> ⁶²	any 10/5/1889 1890	G&E 28 Town permit
North Attleboro ⁶³ * municipalization	Currently held by Town of North Attleboro 1. North Attleboro Steam and Electric 2. Town of North Attleboro	4/2/1886 4/16/1892	Charter Town vote
North Brookfield	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company 1. North Brookfield Electric 2. North Brookfield Electric Light and Power (Central Massachusetts Electric rights validation) 	1/26/1889 1/1913	<i>Charter</i> Association 7 (1/5/1940))

⁵⁹Statute required Georgetown to sell system to Newbury if latter subsequently voted to form its own municipal system.

⁶⁰See G&E 339 for disposition of appeal.

⁶¹See G&E 785 for disposition of appeal.

⁶²See G&E 62 for disposition of appeal.

⁶³Part of Attleboro until 1887.

North Reading	Currently held by Town of Reading 1. Town of Reading (Enabling act was St.1908, c. 369, dated 4/8	6/21/1910 /1908)	Town Meeting vote		
Northampton	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Northampton Schuyler Electric Light & Powe (ceased operations 1886)	r 1886	City permit?		
	 Northampton Electric Lighting <i>H.C. Hawkes</i> ⁶⁴ 	11/16/1886 3/20/1891	Charter City permit		
Northborough	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Marlborough Electric (Worcester Suburban Electric rights validated	1/9/1908	Town permit (1/5/1940))		
Northbridge * across public ways	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing (PA) 2. Uxbridge and Northbridge Electric 3. Whitin Machine ⁶⁵		Town permit Charter Town permit		
across public ways		1000	rown permit		
Northfield	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Greenfield Electric Light and Power	1912	Town permit		
Norton	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company 1. Norton Electric Light and Power 5/11/1908 Charter				
* NEL&Co insolvency	2. Norton Power and Electric	6/10/1916	G&E 995		
Norwell	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. The Electric Light and Power Company of Abington and Rockland	any 10/6/1908	Town permit		
Norwood	Currently held by Town of Norwood 1. <i>Norwood Electric</i> 2. <i>Norwood Electric</i> 3. <i>Norwood Light and Power</i> 4. Town of Norwood	9/28/1889 9/28/1899 3/21/1904 4/9/1906	Charter Charter Charter Town vote		
Oak Bluffs	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		_		
* across public ways	 Cottage City Gas H.S. Kemp (of Cottage City Street RR) ⁶⁶ Martha's Vineyard Electric Light and Power 	5/3/1886 1892 12/10/1895	St.1886, c. 181 Town permit Charter		
Oakham	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp	any			
* Oakham Municipal	 Town of Oakham Gardner Electric Light (Gardner Electric Light rights validated by DF 	8/15/1927 12/31/1928 PU 3518 (3/25/19	Town vote Purchase 929))		
Orange * OEL insolvency	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Orange Electric Light 2. Athol Gas and Electric Light (Athol Gas and Electric rights validated by D 	10/7/1887 4/1/1910	Charter Bankruptcy sale 40))		

⁶⁴Permit revoked pursuant to G&E 65 (6/9/1891).

⁶⁵See G&E 199 for disposition of appeal.

⁶⁶See G&E 100 for disposition of appeal.

Orleans	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Cape and Vineyard Electric	7/31/1924	DPU 1610
Otis	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Lee Electric	9/20/1929	DPU 3704
Oxford	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Webster Electric (Worcester County Electric rights validated b	1905	Town permit? 5/1940))
Palmer * Bondsville	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Palmer Electric Light (Central Massachusetts Electric rights valida 2. Boston Duck (company-owned facilities)	6/15/1887	Charter 7 (1/5/1940)) St.1909, c. 456
Paxton	Currently held by Town of Paxton 1. Town of Paxton	8/2/1913	Town vote
Peabody * municipalization * municipalization * 19 Howley Street	 Currently held by City of Peabody Salem Electric Lighting ⁶⁷ <i>Naumkeag Electric</i> <i>Peabody Electric Light and Power</i> City of Peabody ⁶⁸ City of Peabody Peabody Municipal Light Plant ⁶⁹ 	9/15/1888 11/8/1889 11/20/1889 8/8/1890 8/20/1891 2/7/2002	City permit <i>Charter</i> <i>Charter</i> Town vote Town vote DTE 98-122
Pelham * AGCo electric divest.	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Amherst Gas 2. Western Counties Electric	4/17/1906 2/21/1930	G&E 466 DPU 3770
Pembroke * west of Route 3 * North Pembroke * Pembroke Center * Monponsett * east of Route 3	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Hanson Gas and Electric 2. The Electric Light and Power Company of Abington and Rockland 3. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brockton 4. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brockton Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 	any <i>9/21/1905</i> 1915-1916 1915 1915	<i>Charter</i> Town permit? Town permit Town permit
	1. Plymouth County Electric	1/14/1962	DPU 13787

⁶⁷Appears to have been limited to two arc lamps in center of city; lack of company responsiveness to requests for increased service was a factor in city decision to build its own electric plant using telephone company poles.

⁶⁸Supreme Judicial Court ruled in <u>Spaulding v. Peabody</u>, 152 Mass. 129 (1891) that city had no authority under then-existing statutes to engage in utility operations. 1891 vote made pursuant to St.1891, c. 370.

⁶⁹75 percent of customer's building laid within Massachusetts Electric's service territory, which prompted MECo petition in DTE 98-122.

Pepperell * East Pepperell * streetlighting * NRP operations * NRP Inc operations * Parsons incorporation		1906 c. 1906 4/13/1914 9/15/1915 * 11/20/1917	Town permit? Town vote? Charter Town permit Charter
* Groton border area	6. Groton Electric Light Department	[filed 1935]	DPU 5054
Petersham	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Compa 1. Gardner Electric Light (Gardner Electric Light rights validated by DF	1917-1918 PU 3518 (1929))	Town vote
* western part	2. New Salem Electric	10/9/1925	Charter
Peru	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Pittsfield Electric	3/25/1930	DPU 3880
Phillipston	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Compa 1. Gardner Electric Light (Gardner Electric Light rights validated by DF	1929	Town permit? 40))
Pittsfield	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
* PEL reincorporation.	 Pittsfield Electric Light (ME) The Pittsfield Electric Light Company 	11/21/1884 4/21/1885	Charter Charter
* consolidation	 Pittsfield Illuminating Pittsfield Electric 	6/15/1887 7/24/1890	Charter Charter
Plainfield	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Hampshire Electric	10/26/1928	DPU 3381
Plainville ⁷³	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Union Electric Light	any 8/24/1909	Charter amendment
Plymouth	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company	40/05/4005	Objector
* PEL reincorporation	 Plymouth Electric Light (NH) Plymouth Electric Light (MA) 	12/25/1885 11/23/1888	Charter Charter
Plympton	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company1. <i>Hanson Gas and Electric</i>2. Southeastern Massachusetts Power and Electric	9/21/1905 7/23/1924	<i>Charter</i> DPU 1611
Princeton	Currently held by Town of Princeton 1. <i>Princeton Electric</i> 2. Town of Princeton	7/20/1911 9/4/1912	<i>Charter</i> Town vote

⁷⁰Manufacturing operation engaged in electric business; incorporated as Nashua River Paper on 4/13/1914.

⁷¹Nashua River Paper provided streetlighting service on town-owned poles, wires, and fixtures. Arrangement may have been informal.

⁷²Incorporated as The Pepperell Electric Light and Power Company on 11/20/1917; capital stock not issued and company remained in hands of orgranizers.

⁷³Part of Wrentham until 1905.

Prescott	Town disincorporated 4/28/1938 for construction 1. Hitchcock & Davis/ Clarence E. Hitchcock & Elmer Davis (ceased service 2/15/1917 - fire)	n of Quabbin Re c. 1904 *	servoir Town permit?
Provincetown	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. <i>Provincetown Electric</i> 2. <i>Provincetown Electric Light and Power</i> 3. Cape Light, Heat, and Power	3/21/1889 5/16/1901 1/25/1904	<i>Charter</i> <i>Charter</i> Charter
CLH&PCo insolvency * PLPA incorporation	 Provincetown Light and Power Associates ⁷⁴ Provincetown Light and Power 	8/23/1913 1/23/1916	Articles of Association G&E 884/966
Quincy	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Quincy Electric Light and Power	any 2/15/1888	Charter
Randolph * RHE estate admin.	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Randolph Electric Light and Power 2. The Randolph and Holbrook Electric Co. 3. Randolph and Holbrook Light and Power 4. Randolph Electric Light/Charles Doughty ⁷⁵ 5. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brockton 6. Randolph Light and Power Association 	1/4/1889 9/25/1889 11/15/1889 1893 * 4/30/1895 8/3/1914	<i>Charter</i> <i>Charter</i> <i>Charter</i> Town permit? <i>St.1895, c. 336</i> Articles of Association
* RHPA incorporation	7. Randolph and Holbrook Power and Electric	3/10/1916	G&E 967
Raynham	Currently held by City of Taunton 1. City of Taunton	8/13/1914	G&E 879
Reading	Currently held by Town of Reading 1. <i>Citizens Gas Light Company of Reading,</i> <i>South Reading and Stoneham</i> 2. <i>Reading Electric Light and Power</i>	12/16/1889 7/31/1890	G&E 25 Charter
* municipalization	 Reading Gas and Electric Town of Reading 	5/2/1894 3/7/1892	<i>Charter</i> Town vote
Rehoboth	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Seekonk Electric	any 1919-1920	Town permit?
Revere	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. North Shore Electric Light	any 5/12/1890	Town permit
* NSELCo insolvency * separated electric	 Suburban Gas and Electric Suburban Electric (Malden Electric) 	3/28/1895 5/28/1953	G&E 128 DPU 10454
Richmond	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Pittsfield Electric (Pittsfield Electric rights validated by DPU 37	1916 705 (9/20/1929))	Town permit
<pre>Rochester * border customers * border customers</pre>	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Marion Gas 2. Plymouth County Electric 3. Plymouth County Electric	7/3/1914 7/6/1944 [filed 1946]	G&E 876 DPU 7131 DPU 7639

 ⁷⁴Incorporated as Provincetown Light and Power on 8/16/1914.
 ⁷⁵Changed name to Randolph and Holbrook Electric around 1902. Randolph Light and Power Association formed on 8/3/1914 to administer estate; Randolph and Holbrook Power and Electric organized 7/2/1915 to incorporate association.

Rockland	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp1. The Rockland Electric Light and Power Co.2. Abington and Rockland Electric Light3. The Electric Light and Power Company of Abington and Rockland	any 12/4/1888 9/12/1889 11/26/1889	Charter Charter Charter
Rockport	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Gloucester Electric (Gloucester Electric rights validated by DPU 2. Rockport Electric Power, Heat and Light (ME) 	12/15/1893	Town permit) <i>Town permit</i>
Rowe	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Deerfield River Electric	any 12/29/1929	Charter
Rowley * transit to Ipswich Mills	Currently held by Town of Rowley 1. Town of Ipswich ⁷⁶ 2. Town of Rowley 3. Newburyport Gas and Electric	5/13/1904 2/12/1910 6/3/1918	St.1904, c. 324 Town vote G&E 1113
Royalston * South Royalston * AWCo electric divest.	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp1. American Woolen Company2. Gardner Electric Light (Gardner Electric Light rights validated by DF	3/19/1917 8/4/1928	St.1917, c. 210 No docket 929))
Russell			
* part of town	Currently held by Town of Russell 1. Russell Municipal Light	3/8/1920	Town vote
* Wornoco * Wornoco * SPCo electric divest.	 Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 2. Strathmore Paper 3. Westfield River Paper (ceased electric service c. 1938?) 4. Huntington Electric Light 	1925 ⁷⁷ 1929 3/15/1961	Town permit? Town permit? DPU 13534
Rutland	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Gardner Electric Light (Gardner Electric Light rights validated by Df	1914-1915	Town permit? 929))
Salem	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Salem Electric Lighting	any 1/30/1882	Charter
Salisbury	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Amesbury Electric Light	any 1912-1913	Town permit?
Sandisfield	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Lee Electric	9/20/1929	DPU 3704
Sandwich * north of Canal	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Buzzards Bay Electric 2. Plymouth County Electric	11/7/1911 2/4/1944	G&E 686 DPU 7130

⁷⁶Statute required Ipswich to sell system to Rowley if latter subsequently voted to form its own municipal system.

⁷⁷Strathmore Paper had been providing electric service to company-owned properties as far back as 1911.

Saugus	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Lynn Gas and Electric	any 1894-1895	Town permit?
Savoy	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. <i>North Adams Gas Light</i> 2. Pittsfield Electric	2/16/1906 1942	<i>St.1906, c. 75</i> DPU 6668
Scituate			
* most of town	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Cohasset Electric	any 7/31/1890	Charter
* Humarock Beach	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Plymouth Electric Light	1919-1920	Town permit?
Seekonk	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp	any	
	1. Seekonk Electric	3/11/1911	Charter
* border customers	2. Narragansett Electric Lighting	pre-1911	Town permit?
Sharon	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Medfield Electric Light and Power	1901-1902	Town permit?
Sheffield	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp	any	
	 The Sheffield Electric Light and Power Company 	1/30/1905	Charter
	2. Great Barrington Electric Light (Southern Berkshire Power and Electric right	1909-1910 ts validated by D	Town permit? PU 5652 (8/2/1938))
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Shelburne	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Shelburne Falls Electric Light and Power	10/16/1888	Charter
	2. Shelburne Falls Electric Light and Power/	1897 *	Town permit?
	Charles H. Wilcox & Ernest J. Halligan ⁷⁸	E/0E/1010	
* SFELP incorporation * SFEL&PCo interests	 Shelburne Falls Electric Light and Power Greenfield Electric Light and Power ⁷⁹ 	5/25/1910 7/14/1911	G&E 632 G&E 677
	(Enabling act was St.1910, c. 580, dated 5/3		
Sherborne	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
Unerborne	1. Framingham Electric	1902-1903	Town permit?
Shirley	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp		
* OND in a motion	1. Ballou Electric/Gilbert Merritt Ballou ⁸⁰	9/1903 12/22/1913	Town permit G&E 789
* GMB incorporation * Lunenburg border area	 Shirley Light, Heat, and Power Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light 	1934	Town permit?
Shrewsbury	Currently held by Town of Shrewsbury		
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Shutesbury	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. New Salem Electric	any 6/19/1931	DPU 4181

⁷⁸Incorporated as Shelburne Falls Electric Light and Power on 8/18/1909.

⁷⁹Previously authorized to transact business in town, along with of Buckland and Colrain, other than the sale of electricity for power or light, pursuant to St.1900, c. 429 (7/5/1900). Unclear as to what other business would have represented.

⁸⁰Lawrence E. Cushing purchased system on 2/1/1913, and conveyed it to Whittaker and Cushing on 2/5/1913. Shirley Light, Heat, and Power organized on 2/10/1913 to incorporate system.

Somerset	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company 1. Fall River Electric Light 1910-1911 Town permit? (Fall River Electric Light rights validated by DPU 5618 (4/1/1938))			
Somerville * east Somerville	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. <i>Cambridge and Somerville Electric Light</i> 2. Charlestown Gas 3. Somerville Electric Light	4/9/1884 6/9/1886 2/21/1887	<i>Charter</i> St.1886, c. 272 Charter	
South Hadley	Currently held by Town of South Hadley 1. The Holyoke Electric Light and Power Company	12/9/1884	Charter	
* limited C&I	 South Hadley Falls Electric Light Holyoke Water Power (distribution franchise revoked pursuant to S Town of South Hadley 	12/13/1888 5/15/1903 t.2008, c. 428 (1 1/12/1914	Charter St.1903, c. 350 2/23//2008)) Town vote	
* bulk service	 Holyoke Power and Electric (distribution franchise revoked pursuant to S 	3/24/1926	St.1926, c. 147	
Southampton	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		- "0	
* EGCo electric divest.	 Easthampton Gas Western Counties Electric 	1912-1913 3/21/1930	Town permit? DPU 3785	
Southborough	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Marlborough Electric (Worcester Suburban Electric rights validate	1907	Town permit (1/5/1940))	
Southbridge	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Southbridge Electric 2. Mutual Gas Light Company of Southbridge	6/7/1887	Charter G&E 37	
Southwick	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. <i>Southwick Electric</i> 2. Town of Southwick	6/1/1915 8/12/1919	<i>Charter</i> Town vote	
* Southwick Municipal	3. Lee Electric	7/31/1930	DPU 4211	
Spencer	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Spencer Gas	any 7/31/1886	Charter	
* SGCo electric divest.	2. Worcester County Electric	12/29/1950	DPU 9257	
Springfield	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Springfield Electric Light 2. E. Morgan et al ⁸¹	8/22/1881 1905	Charter City permit	
Sterling	Currently held by Town of Sterling 1. Town of Sterling	1/28/1911	Town vote	
Stockbridge * northeast corner	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Stockbridge Lighting 2. Lenox Electric	any 11/9/1906 11/24/1894	Charter Charter	

⁸¹See G&E 469 for disposition of appeal.

Stoneham * WELCo insolvency	 Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Woburn Electric Light and Power 2. Woburn Electric Light 3. The Stoneham and Wakefield Electric Light and Power Company 4. Citizens Gas Light Company of Reading, South Reading and Stoneham 5. Woburn Light, Heat and Power 	6/17/1887 5/22/1888 5/11/1889 12/16/1889 7/30/1897	Charter Charter <i>Charter</i> <i>G&E 25</i> G&E 183
Stoughton * SLH&PCo insolv.	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Stoughton Light, Heat and Power (ME) 2. Stoughton Gas Light 3. Stoughton Gas and Electric	any 1/1888 7/19/1889 2/9/1891	Charter Charter Charter
Stow	 Currently held by Town of Hudson 1. Town of Hudson (Enabling act was St.1898, c. 143, dated 3/8 2. Stow Municipal Electric Department 	3/6/1906 /1898) <i>6/1/1994</i>	Town vote <i>Town vote</i>
Sturbridge	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Webster Electric	any 5/22/1907	St.1907, c. 440
Sudbury	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Weston Electric Light	1911-1912	Town permit?
Sunderland * AGCo electric divest.	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Sunderland Electric Light and Power 2. Western Counties Electric	3/16/1905 2/21/1930	Charter DPU 3770
Sutton	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Grafton Electric (Worcester Suburban Electric rights validated	1894-1895	Town permit? 1/5/1940))
Swampscott	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Lynn Electric Lighting 2. <i>Swampscott Electric</i>	any 1882-1886 <i>4/19/1890</i>	Town permit? <i>Charter</i>
Swansea	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp Seekonk Electric Fall River Electric Light (Fall River Electric Light rights validated by E 	3/11/1911 1911-1912	Charter Town permit? 938))
Taunton * municipalization	 Currently held by City of Taunton 1. Taunton Electric Lighting 2. <i>The Bristol County Electric Company</i> ⁸² 3. City of Taunton 4. Daniel F. Lehan (ceased operation c. 1900) 	6/7/1882 <i>12/9/1889</i> 11/26/1896 1/1/1899 *	Charter <i>Charter</i> Town vote Town permit
Templeton * Precincts 3 and 4	Currently held to Town of Templeton 1. <i>Baldwinville Electric Light District</i> 2. Town of Templeton	<i>4/2/1898</i> 5/14/1906	<i>Ch.1898, c. 272</i> Town vote

⁸²See G&E 42 for disposition of appeal.

Tewksbury	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Lowell Electric Light Corporation	Town permit?	
Tisbury	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. <i>Vineyard Haven Gas and Electric</i> ⁸³ 2. Cottage City Gas and Electric	<i>3/9/1888</i> 1911	<i>St.1889, c. 17</i> Town permit?
Tolland	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Lee Electric	10/24/1930	DPU 4020
Topsfield	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Beverly Gas and Electric (Enabling act was St.1909, c. 438, dated 5/2	7/7/1909	G&E 595
Townsend	Currently held by Fitchburg Gas and Electric Lig 1. U.S. Adams Electric Light/Union S. Adams 2. Anson D. Fessenden ⁸⁴ 3. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light	ht Company 1/1/1898 * 10/25/1899 * 7/3/1914	Town permit Town permit G&E 875
Truro	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Provincetown Light and Power	8/6/1914	Charter
Tyngsborough * part of town	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Lowell Electric Light Corporation 2. Tyngsborough Electric Light/Albert A Flint & Lucius L. Derby⁸⁵ 	1907	Town permit? Town permit?
* TEL incorporation * Notre Dame Acad. ⁸⁶	 Tyngsborough Electric Light Lowell Electric Light Corporation 	8/29/1911 [filed 1927]	G&E 658 DPU 2844
Tyringham	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Lee Electric (Lee Electric rights validated by DPU 3704 (9	1923-1928 /20/1929))	Town permit?
Upton	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. <i>The Grafton and Upton Electric Company</i> 2. Upton Electric	any <i>9/12/18</i> 89 3/11/1903	<i>Charter</i> Charter
Uxbridge	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Uxbridge and Northbridge Electric		Charter
Wakefield	 Currently held by Town of Wakefield Wakefield Electric Light and Power The Stoneham and Wakefield Electric Light and Power Company Peoples Electric Light and Power 	4/14/1888 5/11/1889 7/19/1889	Charter Charter Charter
* municipalization	 Citizens Gas Light Company of Reading, South Reading and Stoneham Town of Wakefield 	12/16/1889 8/15/1892	G&E 33 ⁸⁷ Town vote

⁸³Legislation authorized company named "The Vineyard Haven Electric Light and Power Company," charter accepted by shareholders under different name on 1/16/1889.

⁸⁴Permit restricted to private use in G&E 247 (6/2/1902).

⁸⁵Incorporated as Tyngsboro Electric Light on 9/24/1909.

⁸⁶Petition of Notre Dame Academy for service from company.

⁸⁷General authority for utility to engage in electric operations approved on this date. Selectmen refused company permission to string lines; selectmen's decision overturned in G&E 50 (5/27/1890).

Wales	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Webster and Southbridge Gas and Electric (Worcester County Electric rights validated b	1911-1912	Town permit? 5/1940))	
Walpole * BLE incorporation	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Bradford-Lewis Electric/ Bradford Lewis and Son ⁸⁸ 2. Medfield Electric Light & Power	11/1891 * 6/26/1899	Town permit G&E 270	
Waltham	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Waltham Electric Lighting 2. Gas and Electric Light of Waltham	7/2/1886 <i>8/6/1886</i>	Charter <i>Charter</i>	
* WGL electric divest.	 Waltham Gas Light Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston Waltham Electric 	1886 8/20/1909 12/30/1913	Stockholders G&E 592 Charter	
Ware	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. The Ware Electric Light Company 2. <i>Ware Power and Improvement</i>	any 9/14/1887 <i>7/7/1890</i>	Charter Charter	
* company properties	 Ware Industries (utility operations validated by St.1947, c. 26 (ceased operations 1970) 	12/1/1937	Corporate actions 47)	
Wareham	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Marion Gas (Enabling act was St.1909, c. 260, dated 4/2	1910-1911 /1909) ⁸⁹	Town permit?	
Warren	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Warren Electric 2. Central Massachusetts Electric (Central Massachusetts Electric rights valida 3. Warren and Brookfield Electric ⁹⁰ 	1 <i>0/2/1889</i> 1895	<i>Charter</i> Town permit? 7 (1/5/1940)) <i>Charter</i>	
Warwick	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Gardner Electric Light (Gardner Electric Light rights validated by DF	1929	Town permit? 931)	
Washington	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Lee Electric	4/25/1930	DPU 3881	
Watertown * N&GL divest.	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Newton Electric Light and Power 2. Newton and Watertown Gas Light 3. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston	9/30/1886 11/23/1888 8/20/1909	Charter G&E 14 G&E 592	
Wayland * Cochituate * Wayland Centre	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Natick Electric 2. Weston Electric	4/`5/1889 11/10/1902	Charter G&E 337	

⁹⁰See G&E 272 for disposition of appeal.

⁸⁸Incorporated as Medfield Electric Light and Power on 10/25/1897.

⁸⁹Approval of Board of Gas and Electric Light Commission required by statute; no record of docketed request, but may have been granted as part of a financing case or separate vote of Commission.

Webster	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp1. Webster Electric2. Citizens Electric (ceased operations c. 1890)	any 7/6/1887 12/3/1888	Charter Charter
Wellesley * streetlighting * commercial	Currently held by Town of Wellesley 1. <i>Wellesley Electric</i> 2. Town of Wellesley 3. Natick Gas and Electric	<i>1/29/1889</i> 6/8/1892 1895	<i>Charter</i> Town vote Town contract
* commercial	4. Town of Wellesley	4/18/1905	Town vote
Wellfleet * limited area	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Cape and Vineyard Electric 2. Provincetown Light and Power	1/12/1926 [filed 1946]	DPU 1985 DPU 7461
Wendell	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Athol Gas and Electric	any 1910	Town permit?
Wenham	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Beverly Gas and Electric (Enabling act was St.1901, c. 89, dated 2/27,	7/24/1903	Commission vote 91
Westborough	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Westborough Electric Light and Power (ME) 2. Westboro Gas and Electric 3. Henry S. Jackson ⁹²		Charter Charter <i>Town permit</i>
West Boylston	Currently held by Town of West Boylston 1. Town of West Boylston	12/20/1909	Town vote
West Bridgewater	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brockton (Enabling act was St.1895, c. 336, dated 4/3	1911	Town permit amended 3/2/1909)
West Brookfield	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Central Massachusetts Electric (Central Massachusetts Electric rights valida	1904	Town permit? 7 (1/5/1940))
West Newbury	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Newburyport Gas and Electric	any 3/12/1901	St.1901, c. 139
West Springfield	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. United Electric Light	5/11/1896	St.1896, c. 386
West Stockbridge	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. West Stockbridge Lighting/James F. Bossidy (Southern Berkshire Power and Electric right	1914 *	Town permit? PU 5652 (8/2/1938))
West Tisbury	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Cape and Vineyard Electric	6/3/1930	DPU 3901

 ⁹¹Commission initially refused approval in G&E 293 (5/27/1901). Minutes of 7/24/1903 Commission meeting state that informal approval was later granted in 8/1901; Commission formally voted to ratify its 8/1901 decision.
 ⁹²Refer to G&E 50 for disposition; proceedings suspended 1/3/1894.

Westfield * municipalization	Currently held by City of Westfield 1. Westfield Schuyler Electric Light 2. Westfield Electric Light 3. Westfield Gas Light 4. City of Westfield	1885 2/9/1887 9/23/1887 3/1/1899	City permit? Charter G&E 5 Ch.1891, c. 370
Westford	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp. 1. Lowell Electric Light Corporation (Lowell Electric Light Corporation rights valid	1909-1910	Town permit? 84 (3/14/1933))
Westhampton * EGCo electric divest.	 Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Easthampton Gas 2. Western Counties Electric (Western Counties Electric rights validated b) 	1930 3/21/1930 y DPU 3926 (6/5	Town permit? DPU 3785 5/1930))
Westminster	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Gardner Electric Light (Gardner Electric Light rights validated by DF	1912-1913	Town permit? 929))
Weston * WELCo divest.	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Weston Electric Light 2. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Bos	4/10/1896 ton 8/6/1912	Charter G&E 736
Westport * eastern part	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light	1913-1914	Town permit?
* western part	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Fall River Electric Light (Fall River Electric Light rights validated by D	1913-1914	Town permit? 938))
Westwood ⁹³	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. <i>Dedham and Hyde Park Gas and Electric</i> ⁹⁴ 2. Dedham Electric	<i>5/14/1886</i> 12/5/1888	<i>St.1886, c. 206</i> Charter
Weymouth	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Weymouth Light and Power	any 2/18/1889	Charter
Whatley * AGCo electric divest.	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Amherst Gas 2. Western Counties Electric	1912 2/21/1930	Town permit? DPU 3770
Whitman * WECo insolvency	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp. 1. Whitman Electric 2. Whitman Light and Power 3. Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Brockton (Enabling act was St.1903, c. 215, dated 4/9/ 	11/19/1888 11/1896 7/26/1904	Charter G&E 169 Commission Vote ^s

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⁹³Part of Dedham until 1897.

⁹⁴Board of G&E Commissioners denied appeal by company of town grant to Dedham Electric in G&E 27 (1889).

⁹⁵Same day as associated financing order in G&E 417 (7/26/1904); order provided in Annual Report to General Court.

Wilbraham	 Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. United Electric 2. Central Massachusetts Electric (Central Massachusetts Electric rights validation) 	<i>5/13/1896</i> 1906 ated by DPU 592	<i>St.1896, c. 386</i> Town permit? 7 (1/5/1940))
Williamsburg	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Mill River Electric Light	oany 6/16/1902	Charter
Williamstown	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. <i>The Williamstown Electric Light Company</i> 2. Williamstown Gas	oany 2/8/1888 12/24/1903	Charter Charter amendment
Wilmington	Currently held by Town of Reading 1. Town of Reading (Enabling act was St.1908, c. 369, dated 4/8	6/26/1911 3/1908)	Town Meeting vote
Winchendon	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. <i>Winchendon Electric</i> ⁹⁶ 2. Winchendon Electric Light and Power	eany <i>9/13/1889</i> 9/26/1889	<i>Charter</i> Charter
Winchester * WELCo insolvency	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. The Winchester Electric Light Company 2. <i>Winchester Gas and Electric</i> 3. Woburn Light, Heat and Power	2/14/1888 7/26/1895 7/30/1897	Charter <i>Charter</i> G&E 183
Windsor	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Pittsfield Electric	9/20/1929	DPU 3705
Winthrop * NSELCo insolvency * separated electric	 Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp North Shore Electric Light The Winthrop Gas and Electric Company Suburban Gas and Electric The Winthrop Gas and Electric Company Suburban Electric (Malden Electric) 	any 1891-1892 10/9/1889 3/28/1895 2/13/1899 5/28/1953	Town permit? <i>Charter</i> G&E 128 <i>Charter</i> DPU 10454
* WELCo insolvency * across public ways	 Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Woburn Gas Light 2. Woburn Electric Light 3. Woburn Electric Light and Power 4. Woburn Light, Heat and Power 5. Algonquin Leather ⁹⁷ 	6/30/1886 6/17/1887 5/22/1888 7/30/1897 1919	<i>St.1896, c. 349</i> Charter Charter G&E 183 City permit
Worcester	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp	any	Charter

⁹⁶Permit denied by selectmen; appeal withdrawn in G&E 52 (9/13/1890).

⁹⁷See G&E 1206 for disposition of appeal.

⁹⁸Permit rescinded in G&E 71 (6/30/1893).

Worthington	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Hampshire Electric	1/31/1928	Charter
Wrentham	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Comp 1. Union Electric Light	any 8/18/1909	Charter
Yarmouth * Great Island	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Buzzards Bay Electric 2. Great Island Electric	8/13/1914 <i>12/14/1</i> 938	G&E 855 Charter
Great Island		12/14/1930	Charler

NOTES

This tabulation is intended to include all corporate and non-corporate entities receiving authorization to provide service within a community, with the exception of two categories. First, undocketed "fringe" customer approvals as discussed below have been largely excluded. Second, "shell" companies created for the sole purpose of effecting mergers (such as the formation of Acquisition Gas Company in 1999 to effect the acquisition of Bay State Gas and the formation of ECGC Acquisition Gas Company in 1998 to effect the acquisition of Essex County Gas Company in 1998) have been excluded. For a listing of those companies, refer to "Corporate History of Gas and Electric Utilities in Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

Since 1908, mergers have required prior approval of Commission (St.1908, c. 549). Since 1910, Commission approval required to expand into communities not included in articles of incorporation (St.1910, c. 197).

For municipal systems created pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, § 36 and predecessor legislation, date given is the date of second vote required by statute.

Notes:

italics Company never exercised granted franchise right in town.

* Unincorporated system; date represents first day of operations

FRINGE CUSTOMERS

Although utility service areas are, in large part, based on municipal boundaries, many exceptions to this general practice exist. In some communities, two utilities can be found providing service to distinct geographic sections of the community. This practice resulted from either geographic considerations, such as the presence of a river or mountain making line extensions difficult or costly, or historical conditions, such as a community with multiple population clusters and few inhabitants outside those clusters. Under these conditions, a utility often found it more economical to serve only part of that community, and would not object to a second company serving the remaining portion of the community. Current examples of these types of divided electric service territories include Bellingham, Cheshire, Dighton, Erving, Hancock, Russell, Scituate, and Westport.

Even where there is only one company considered to be the primary utility in a particular community, there are a number of situations where a physical barrier, such a highway, exists, or where the incumbent utility considered it to be too costly to provide service to a particular area within the community. In those cases, the marginal or remote areas were broken off from the incumbent utility to be served by a neighboring company. These arrangements have historically required Department approval. See, for example, re Marion Gas Company, G&E 743/744 (7/19/1912); Plymouth County Electric Company, DPU 7131 (7/6/1944); Plymouth County Electric Company, DPU 13787 (1/14/1962). This reference work includes all docketed border revision proceedings, and in most instances identifies the general area involved.

Less formal arrangements also exist to deal with these situations. A utility serving a particular community may find that extending service to an area of the community would be more costly than it would be for a neighboring company whose mains are closer to provide service to those customers. Therefore, customers who lived in one service territory could be served by a neighboring company, based on a mutual arrangement between the two companies that could be terminated by one of the parties. In most cases, the creation of "fringe customers" did not require any affirmative Department involvement. A review of utility company annual returns over time suggests that many of these "fringe customer" arrangements were limited in number of customers (as few as one customer could be affected) and intended to remain in place only until a time that the incumbent utility was able to extend service to the area. Additionally, mergers and consolidations have served to reduce border milage and consequent situations requiring presence of fringe customers over time. A comprehensive listing of all fringe customers at all points of time is beyond the scope of this document.

ISOLATED ELECTRIC PLANTS

In 1888, there were more than 250 "isolated" electric light plants (also referred to as "block plants") in Massachusetts, consisting largely of mills, manufacturing firms and commercial establishments with their own generating facilities. Service could be provided to surrounding buildings, so long as the lines did not cross public ways. At that time, 62 of these plants furnished arc lighting through 2,350 lights, and about 190 plants supplied incandescent lighting through over 58,000 lights.

By 1912, there were 532 privately-owned electric generating plants within the franchise area of EEI Company of Boston ("Edison" or "BECo"), of which 414 were in the City of Boston. A substantial number of these plants were selling power to other customers. Resale customers fell into three categories: (1) resale to tenants; (2) resale to non-tenants in other buildings (these customers were descended from the days of block plants); and (3) housing authorities (who eventually got from BECo a separate rate in 1953). Edison was able to either buy out or persuade virtually all of the privately-owned generating plants in its service area to shut down and buy power from the utility. However, some building owners desired to retain the right to resell Edison's power to their tenants (the existence of step rates influenced their decisions), so Edison agreed to sell bulk power to these customers for resale.

By 1923, there were about 200 customers engaged in resale in Edison's service territory. Edison viewed these resale providers as a "necessary evil". By 1930, resale had increased to a point where it was adversely affecting Edison's revenues. In December of 1930, Edison notified its known resale customers that the practice would not be expanded. Subsequently, Edison began on an informal basis to discourage resale service. It stopped renting, servicing or reading metering equipment owned by sub-meterers in 1937, and its sales force actively discouraged resale service, unless the provision of this service was deemed unavoidable. A partial restriction on resale service was implemented by BECo in December of 1937.

By 1947, there were about 234 customers reselling power to about 10,390 tenants and non-tenants in BECo's service territory. Of these, about 170 customers, serving about 6,000 tenants and non-tenants, were in the City of Boston. In 1949, while there were no remaining "block plants" in BECo's service territory, there were 93 buildings (representing 721 ultimate customers) being served under non-tenant resale arrangements. These included 13 buildings containing 110 customers being served by Quaker Building (recognized by the DPU since 1916 as a utility, and considered a qualified electric company by the IRS since 1932). Another 28 buildings, with about 700 customers supplied through about 1,200 meters, were being served by A. W. Perry, Inc.. A number of these latter customers were not tenants of A.W Perry.

In 1947, A.W. Perry sought to replace its existing DC current service with AC current, because of the increased use of fluorescent lighting by both tenants and non-tenant customers. The Department turned down this request in <u>Boston Edison Company</u>, D.P.U. 7697 (10/31/1947). After the Department's decision, BECo considered the option of a complete ban on resale, but decided instead to seek restrictions on resale through a proposed resale tariff. In <u>Boston Edison Company</u>, D.P.U. 8228 (10/19/1949), the Department refused to use customer end-use as an appropriate criteria for a tariff (the Order indicates that resale restrictions <u>per se</u> were not a problem). In <u>Boston Edison Company</u>, D.P.U. 8862 (3/4/1953), the Department approved changes to BECo's terms and conditions concerning resale. Resale customers receiving service prior to July 1, 1951 were "grandfathered" in to permit the continuation of service under special tariff provisions. These provisions were applied as well to Quaker Building. The Supreme Judicial Court upheld this decision in <u>Boston Real Estate Company</u> v. <u>Department of Public Utilities</u>, 334 Mass. 477 (1956) and <u>Kargman v. Department of Public Utilities</u>, 334 Mass. 497 (1956).

ENTRY OR EXPANSION DENIED BY OR APPEALED TO COMMISSION

Community	Company	Appollant	Dookot	Dianasitian
<u>Community</u>	Company	<u>Appellant</u>	<u>Docket</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Abington	The Electric Light and Power Co. of Abington and Rockland	Abington and Rockland EL	G&E 47 (filed 1890)	Settled?
Adams	Adams Gas Light (electric service)	NA	G&E 22 (12/30/1890)	Petition Withdrawn
Adams	Connecticut River Transmission	Adams Gas Light	G&E 790 (7/2/1915)	Conditions Set
Athol	(denial by Board of Selectmen)	F. R. Davis	G&E 12 (1/31/1889)	Settled by Parties
Athol	L.S. Starrett Company	Athol Gas and Electric	G&E 683 (3/4/1911)	Permit Annulled
Auburn	New England Power New England Power	Worcester Suburban Electric Worcester Suburban Electric	DPU 107 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized Conditions Set
Auburn Ayer	Connecticut River Transmission	Ayer Electric Light	DPU 1442 (filed 1924) G&E 650 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Set
Barnstable	Barnstable Electric	Buzzards Bay Electric	G&E 745 (3/4/1913)	Entry Denied
Barnstable	Louis Arenorski	Buzzards Bay Electric	G&E 784 (filed 1914)	Entry Denied?
Barnstable	Great Island Electric	NA	DPU 5759 (filed 1938)	No Order Issued
Berlin	Connecticut River Transmission	Marlboro Electric	G&E 844 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Blackstone	Connecticut River Transmission	Blackstone Electric Light	G&E 928 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Bolton	Connecticut River Transmission	Marlboro Electric	G&E 845 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Bolton	Hudson Light and Power	Marlborough Electric Light	DPU 2493 (filed 1926)	Entry Approved?
Boston Boston/Boybur	Alonzo W. Perry	Boston Electric Light	G&E 16 (1/2/1889)	Expansion Denied
Boston	y(denial by Board of Aldermen) (denial by Board of Aldermen)	Roxbury Electric Light Walworth Light and Power	G&E 18 (7/28/1889) G&E 19 (6/6/1889)	Entry Denied Entry Denied-
DOSION	(denial by board of Aldermen)	Walworth Light and 1 Ower	0 CCL 13 (0/0/1003)	Withdrawn
Boston	Smith and Patterson	EEI Company of Boston/	G&E 45 (filed 1892)	Suspended 1/4/1894
		Boston Electric Light	(<i>'</i>	
Boston	Frank E. Ferdinand	EEI Company of Boston	G&E 48 (filed 1890)	??
Boston	D.W. King	EEI Company of Boston/	G&E 79 (filed 1892)	Suspended 1/4/1894
Boston	Suburban Light and Power	Boston Electric Light EEI Company of Boston	G&E 81 (filed 1892)	Suspended 1/4/1894
Boston	Suburban Light and Power	Boston Electric Light	G&E 82 (filed 1892)	Suspended 1/4/1894
Boston	A.W. Perry	EEI Company of Boston/	G&E 88 (filed 1893)	??
	,	Boston Electric Light		
Boston	Oliver H. Durrell <u>et</u> <u>al</u>	EEI Company of Boston	G&E 102 (6/13/1894)	Expansion Denied
Boston	Quincy Market Cold Storage	EEI Company of Boston	G&E 129 (filed 1895)	??
Boston	G.A. and J.L. Damon	EEI Company of Boston	G&E 131 (filed 1895)	Settled by Parties
Boston	John H.H./T. W. Carter	EEI Company of Boston	G&E 133 (filed 1895)	?? ??
Boston Boston	W.B. Thomas Journal Building Trust	EEI Company of Boston EEI Company of Boston	G&E 218 (filed 1898) G&E 367 (8/6/1903)	Settled by Parties
Boston	Congress Street Associates	EEI Company of Boston	G&E 508 (filed 1906)	??
Boston	Weeks Real Estate Trust	EEI Company of Boston	G&E 555 (filed 1908)	??
Boston	Saco-Lowell Shops	EEI Company of Boston	G&E 785 (filed 1913)	??
Boston	A. G. Walton	EEI Company of Boston	G&E 839 (filed 1913)	??
Boston	Massachusetts Society for the	EEI Company of Boston	G&E 920 (filed 1915)	??
D (Prevention of Cruelty to Animals		DDU 40470 (0/0/4000)	
Boston	MATEP	Boston Edison	DPU 19479 (8/6/1990)	Settled/Petition Withdrawn
Braintree	A.S. Morrison and Brothers	Braintree Electric	G&E 35 (filed 1889)	Suspended 1/4/1894
Cambridge	G.W. Gale Lumber	Cambridge Electric Light	G&E 157 (filed 1896)	??
Cambridge	New England Maple Syrup	Cambridge Electric Light	G&E 541 (filed 1907)	??
Cambridge	G.W. Gale Lumber	Cambridge Electric Light	G&E 721 (filed 1911)	??
Cambridge	Cambridge Gas Light (electric service)	NA	DPU 3729 (6/27/1930)	Entry Denied
Canton	Blue Hill Electric	Canton Electric	G&E 29 (filed 1889)	Entry Denied
Chatham	Buzzards Bay Electric	NA Chalana Can Light	G&E 811 (filed 1913)	Petition Withdrawn?
Chelsea Chelsea	Champlin-Babson Electric A.G. Walton and Company	Chelsea Gas Light EEI Company of Boston	G&E 95 (2/9/1894) G&E 839 (filed 1913)	Expansion Denied Conditions Set
Clarksburg	Connecticut River Transmission	North Adams Gas Light	G&E 956 (10/15/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Clinton	The Merchants Electric Company	Clinton Gas Light	G&E 34 (12/24/1889)	Entry Denied
Clinton	Bigelow Carpet	Clinton Gas Light	G&E 298 (3/21/1902)	Public Ways Denied;
				Private Use Sustained
Clinton	Connecticut River Transmission	Clinton Gas Light	G&E 603 (12/8/1911)	Conditions Set
Cottage City	Martha's Vineyard EL&P	Cottage City Gas and Electric	G&E 151 (filed 1897)	Settled by Parties
Dedham	Dedham Electric	Dedham and Hyde Park G&E	G&E 27 (filed 1889)	Entry Approved
	······	Light		
Dennis	Buzzards Bay Electric	NĂ	G&E 811 (filed 1913)	Petition Withdrawn
Dunstable	New England Power	Tyngsboro Electric Light	G&E 1214 (3/5/1920)	Conditions Set

Easthampton Enfield Erving	Easthampton Electric Connecticut River Transmission New England Power	Easthampton Gas Central Massachusetts Electric Athol Gas and Electric	G&E 517 (8/9/1907) G&E 761 (5/21/1920) DPU 1145 (filed 1923)	Entry Denied Conditions Formalized Conditions Set
Fitchburg Fitchburg Fitchburg Franklin	Connecticut River Transmission New England Power Massachusetts Electric EEI Company of Boston	Fitchburg G&E Light Fitchburg G&E Light Fitchburg G&E Light Union Light and Power	G&E 567 (7/2/1909) DPU 4468 (filed 1932) DPU 85-71 (1985) DPU 2598 (filed 1926)	Conditions Set Conditions Set Entry Approved ??
Granby	Elbert C. Aldrich/South Hadley Electric	Central Massachusetts Electric	DPU 3230 (filed 1928)	??
Grafton Great Barrington	Light Department New England Power Berkshire Light, Heat and Power	Worcester Suburban Electric Great Barrington Electric Light	DPU 2647 (filed 1926) G&E 101 (6/15/1894)	Conditions Set Entry Denied
Gloucester	Oceanside Company	Gloucester Electric	G&E 703 (filed 1911)	??
Hamilton	Beverly Gas and Electric	NA	G&E 293 (5/27/1901)	Entry Denied; Later Approved
Harwich Haverhill Haverhill Holbrook Holyoke Hopkinton Hopkinton	Buzzards Bay Electric Haverhill Illuminating C.H. Hayes Company H.L. Hamel Leather EEI Company of Boston (denial by Board of Aldermen) Maspenock Electric Light Boston Edison	NA Haverhill Electric/W.A. Brooks Haverhill Electric Haverhill Electric Randolph and Holbrook P&E Holyoke Street Railway EEI Company of Boston Maspenock Electric Light	G&E 811 (1913) G&E 336 (7/22/1903) G&E 491 (3/23/1907) DPU 7046 (6/29/1943) DPU 2596 (filed 1926) G&E 959 (filed 1915) DPU 4695 (3/3/1941) DPU 5918 (3/3/1941)	Petition Withdrawn? Entry Denied Expansion Denied Expansion Denied ?? Appeal Withdrawn Settled by Parties Settled/Appeal
Hopkinton	Boston Edison	Maspenock Electric Light	DPU 5967 (3/3/1941)	Dismissed Settled/Appeal
Lee Lenox Ludlow Ludlow Ludlow Lunenburg Lynnfield Manchester- by-the-Sea Marion Medford Mendon Middleboro Milford Millbury Millbury Millbury Millbury Millbury Millbury Millbury Millbury Monson Natick Needham (Olin College)	Pittsfield Electric Pittsfield Electric Warren Power Warren Power Massachusetts Electric Lynn Gas and Electric Beverly Gas and Electric Beverly Gas and Electric New Bedford Gas and Edison Light Medford Electric Light New England Power Middleboro Gas and Electric New England Power Connecticut River Transmission New England Power New England Power New England Power New England Power New England Power Connecticut River Transmission Natick Gas Light (electric service) Design/Housing, Inc, (from Wellesley) Wellesley Municipal Light	NA NA Central Massachusetts Electric Ludlow Manufacturing Ludlow Manufacturing Fitchburg Gas and Electric Ligh NA NA Marion Gas Malden Electric Worcester Suburban Electric Middleboro EL&P Milford EL&P Worcester Suburban Electric Worcester Suburban Electric Worcester Suburban Electric Worcester Suburban Electric Worcester Suburban Electric Central Massachusetts Electric NA NA Boston Edison	G&E 1015 (filed 1916) G&E 1015 (filed 1916) G&E 770 (filed 1912) G&E 777 (filed 1912) G&E 797 (filed 1913) t DPU 85-71 (7/1/1985) G&E 749 (3/6/1913) G&E 293 (5/27/1901) G&E 1293 (5/27/1901) G&E 15 (filed 1888) DPU 1727 (filed 1924) G&E 24 (1889) DPU 2221 (filed 1925) G&E 176 (5/21/1920) G&E 1127 (filed 1918) DPU 1443 (filed 1924) DPU 2235 (filed 1925) G&E 880 (5/21/1920) G&E 54 (filed 1890) DTE 01-23 (4/10/2001) DTE 01-95 (10/24/2001)	Dismissed Petition Withdrawn? Petition Withdrawn? Petition Withdrawn? ?? ?? Entry Approved Petition Withdrawn Entry Denied; Later Approved Bulk Transmission Only Entry Denied (?) Conditions Set Entry Denied Conditions Set Conditions Formalized Suspended 1/4/1894 Settled by parties; dismissed Entry Denied
Newton Northampton North Adams	Waltham Street Railway H.C. Hawkes Connecticut River Transmission Merrimack Valley Horse Railway Connecticut River Transmission	Newton & Watertown GL Northampton Electric Lighting North Adams Gas Light Lawrence Gas Central Massachusetts Electric	G7E 339 (filed 1902) G&E 65 (6/9/1891) G&E 955 (10/15/1920) G&E 60 (12/20/1892) G&E 781 (5/21/1920)	?? Entry Denied Conditions Formalized Permit Withdrawn Conditions Formalized
North Reading Northbridge Northbridge Norwood Oak Bluffs Oak Bluffs Oxford Palmer Palmer	(denial by Board of Selectmen) Whitin Machine New England Power Norwood Gas Light (electric service) H.S. Kemp (Cottage City Street Railway) Martha's Vineyard EL&P New England Power Warren Power New England Power	Maspenock Electric Light Uxbridge & Northbridge Electric Worcester Suburban Electric NA Cottage City Gas and Electric Cottage City G&E Webster and Southbridge G&E Central Massachusetts Electric Central Massachusetts Electric	DPU 109 (5/21/1920) G&E 245 (filed 1899) G&E 100 (filed 1892) G&E 151 (filed 1897) G&E 1123 (10/15/1920) G&E 760 (filed 1912)	Entry Denied? ?? Conditions Formalized Petition Withdrawn (?) ?? Settled by Parties Conditions Set ?? Conditions Formalized

Peabody	(denial by Board of Selectmen)	Phoebus H. Alexander	G&E 41 (12/23/1892)	Dismissed With
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Pepperell Pepperell	New England Power Tyngsboro Electric Light	Pepperell Light and Power A.S. Dewing/ Middlesex Engineers	G&E 1213 (3/5/1920) DPU 515 (filed 1921)	Conditions Set ??
Quincy	Citizens Gas Light Company of Quincy (electric service)	NA	G&E 9 (filed 1888)	Entry Denied (?)
Quincy	Braintree Municipal Light Department	Massachusetts Electric	DPU/DTE 97-84 (12/20/1999)	Settled by parties; appeal withdrawn
Randolph	Randolph and Holbrook L&P	Randolph & Holbrook Electric/ E.H. Galligan <u>et al</u>	G&E 40 (1/3/1894)	Settled by Parties
Randolph Rockland	EEI Company of Boston The Electric Light and Power Co. of Abington and Rockland	Randolph and Holbrook P&E Rockland EL&P	DPU 2597 (filed 1926) G&E 56 (filed 1890)	?? Settled?
Rockland Rockport	(decision by Board of Selectmen) Rockport Electric Power, Heat & Light	Rockland EL&P Gloucester Electric	G&E 56 (filed 1890) G&E 113 (3/1/1895)	Settled? Entry Denied
Salem	(denial by Mayor/ Board of Aldermen)	Eastern Massachusetts Electric	: G&E 1012 (filed 1916)	??
Salem	Peabody Municipal Light Plant	Massachusetts Electric	DTE 98-122 (2/7/2002)	Entry Approved
Salisbury	Haverhill Electric	Amesbury Electric Light (10/30/1929)	DPU 3742	??
Saugus	Eastern Massachusetts Electric	Lynn Gas and Electric	G&E 984 (filed 1916)	Conditions Set
Spencer	Connecticut River Transmission	Spencer Gas	G&E 791 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Springfield	E. Morgan	United Electric Light	G&E 469 (filed 1905)	??
Springfield	(denial by Board of Aldermen)	D.H. Morgan	G&E 511 (filed 1907)	Entry Denied?
Sutton	New England Power	Worcester Suburban Electric	G&E 1148 (filed 1918)	??
Sutton	New England Power	Worcester Suburban Electric	DPU 110 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Taunton	(denial by Board of Aldermen)	The Bristol County Electric Co.	G&F 42 (12/18/1894)	Appeal Withdrawn
Townsend	A.D. Fessenden (private use)	U.S. Adams	G&E 247 (6/19/1902)	Appeal Dismissed – defendant removed
Townsend	(denial by Board of Selectmen)	A.D. Fessenden	G&E 341 (6/19/1902)	offending poles Appeal Dismissed - defendant removed
Townsend	New England Power	Fitchburg G&E Light	DPU 4421 (filed 1932)	certain poles Conditions Set
Upton	New England Power	Worcester Suburban Electric	DPU 2283 (filed 1932)	Conditions Set
Uxbridge	New England Power	Worcester Suburban Electric	DPU 108 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Uxbridge	New England Power	Worcester Suburban Electric	DPU 1728 (filed 1924)	Conditions Set
Wakefield	(denial by Board of Selectmen)	Citizens Gas Light Company of Reading, South Reading		Entry Approved
\\/alcafiald	(deniel by Deerd of Colectroom)	and Stoneham		
Wakefield	(denial by Board of Selectmen)	Wakefield EL&P	G&E 51 (12/23/1892)	Appeal Withdrawn
Ware Ware	Connecticut River Transmission New England Power	Ware Electric Ware Electric	G&E 773 (5/21/1920) G&E 1001 (filed 1916)	Conditions Formalized ??
Wareham	New Bedford Gas and Edison Light	Marion Gas	G&E 930 (7/2/1915)	Bulk Transmission Only
Wareham	Cape and Vineyard Electric	Southeastern Massachusetts	DPU 1402 (1923)	??
		Power and Electric	2. 002 (.020)	
Warren	Warren and Brookfield Electric	Central Massachusetts Electric	G&E 272 (filed 1900)	Entry Denied?
Wayland	Weston Electric Light	Newton & Watertown GL	G&E 337 (11/10/1902)	Entry Approved
Webster	New England Power	Webster and Southbridge G&E	G&E 1137 (10/15/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Wenham	Beverly Gas and Electric	NA	G&E 293 (5/27/1901)	Entry Denied; Later Approved
Wendell	New England Power	Athol Gas and Electric	DPU 1114 (filed 1923)	Conditions Set
West	New England Power	Central Massachusetts Electric	G&E 1006 (filed 1916)	??
Brookfield				
West	New England Power	Central Massachusetts Electric	DPU 106 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Brookfield				
Westboro	Henry S. Jackson <u>et al</u>	Westboro Gas and Electric	G&E 80 (filed 1892)	Suspended 1/4/1894
Westfield	Turners Falls Power and Electric	Westfield Municipal Light Bd.	G&E 1070 (12/28/1917)	Conditions Set
West Springfield	Warren Power	United Electric Light	G&E 769 (filed 1912)	??
Weymouth	EEI Company of Boston	Weymouth Light and Power	DPU 1441 (filed 1924)	??
Weymouth	EEI Company of Boston	Weymouth Light and Power	DPU 2599 (filed 1924)	??
Winchendon	(denial by Board of Selectmen)	The Winchendon Electric Co.	G&E 52 (9/13/1890)	Appeal Withdrawn
Winchendon	New England Power	Winchendon EL&P	DPU 2834 (filed 1927)	Conditions Set
Woburn	Algonquin Leather	EEI Company of Boston	G&E 1206 (filed 1919)	??
Worcester	Worcester Gas Light (electric service)	NA	G&E 59 (12/20/1890)	Entry Denied
Worcester	Quinsigamond EL&P	Worcester Electric Light	G&E 71 (6/30/1893)	Entry Denied
Worcester	Connecticut River Transmission	Worcester Electric Light	G&E 599 (10/23/1909)	Conditions Set
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Worcester Alfred S. Lowell

Worcester Electric Light

G&E 663/707 (5/17/1911) Entry Denied

28 towns; Tri-County Electric mostly in Franklin County NA

DPU 5354 (6/23/1937) Entry Denied