

**GAS UTILITY FRANCHISE AREAS
IN COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

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Abington	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Abington Gas Light</i>	2/21/1861	St.1861, c. 56
	2. Plymouth County Gas, Light and Power	10/26/1908	Articles of Organization
Acton	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Boston Consolidated Gas	7/30/1930	DPU 3940
Acushnet	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light	7/3/1914	G&E 743
* separated gas	2. Commonwealth Gas	12/29/1980	DPU 302
Adams	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company		
	1. Adams Gas Light	11/13/1860	Articles of Organization
* separated gas	2. Berkshire Gas	4/6/1953	DPU 10395
Agawam	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. <i>The Agawam Gas Company</i>	2/28/1888	Articles of Organization
	2. Springfield Gas Light	7/26/1904	G&E 422
	(Enabling act was St.1904, c. 337, dated 5/13/1904)		
Alford	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Amesbury	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Salisbury and Amesbury Gas Light</i>	2/16/1854	St.1854, c. 21
	2. Amesbury and Salisbury Gas	8/4/1860	Articles of Organization
* A&SGCo insolvency	3. Amesbury and Salisbury Gas	11/4/1921	DPU 468 ¹
Amherst	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company		
	1. <i>Amherst Gas Light</i>	3/23/1870	St.1870, c. 123
	2. Amherst Gas (association)	9/24/1877	Articles of Association
* AG incorporation	3. Amherst Gas Light	1/17/1878	Articles of Incorporation
	(ceased operations 12/24/1934)		
	4. The Berkshire Gas Company	8/12/1964	DPU 14624
Andover	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. <i>Andover Gas Light</i>	9/26/1889	Articles of Organization
	2. Lawrence Gas	6/4/1901	Town permit
	(Enabling act was St.1877, c. 49, dated 3/10/1877)		
* separated gas	3. Lawrence Gas	4/6/1953	DPU 10401
* River Road	4. Lowell Gas	c. 1972	Company arrangement
	(transferred to Bay State Gas 2012)		
Aquinnah	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Arlington	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Medford Gas Light</i>	3/31/1854	St.1854, c. 203
	2. West Cambridge Gas Light	3/31/1854	St.1854, c. 207
	3. <i>Malden and Melrose Gas Light</i>	6/4/1856	St.1856, c. 280

¹Date of order approving securities issue to recapitalize company; assets had already been conveyed from predecessor company on 6/30/1921. Reference DPU 468 (11/4/1921).

Ashburnham	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Ashby	Currently held by Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company		
	1. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light	1/10/1968	DPU 15640
Ashfield	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Ashland	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. <i>Framingham and Ashland Gas Light</i>	1891	<i>Charter</i> ²
	2. Framingham Gas, Fuel and Power	7/5/1917	G&E 1045
Athol	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
	1. Athol Gas Light	7/8/1878	Articles of Organization
	2. Millers River Gas Light	3/29/1884	Articles of Organization
* separated gas	3. Athol Gas (1950)	12/29/1950	DPU 9257
* AGCo interests	4. Midstate Gas	3/1/1954	DPU 10809
* MGCo interests	5. Athol Gas (1964)	11/10/1964	DPU 14633
	(ceased operations 6/30/1979 pursuant to DPU 19518 (10/17/1978))		
Auburn	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Worcester Gas Light	5/8/1925	DPU 1843
Attleboro	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Attleboro Rosin Gas Light (association)	1859	Town permit?
	2. Attleboro Gas Light (association)	9/1859	Articles of Association
* Second Parish	3. <i>Union Gas Light in Attleboro</i>	2/20/1860	<i>St. 1860, c. 28</i>
* Second Parish	4. <i>Union Gas Light of Attleboro</i>	4/10/1867	<i>St. 1867, c. 135</i>
	5. Attleboro Union Gas Light (association) ³	7/1867	Articles of Association
* AUGL incorporation	6. Attleboro Gas Light Company Corporation	1/20/1899	G&E 224
* south Attleboro	7. South Attleboro Gas/Thomas G. Sadler	9/1902 *	Town permit
	(ceased operations 6/30/1918)		
Avon	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Brockton Gas Light	9/7/1911	G&E 693
Ayer	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Boston Consolidated Gas	7/30/1930	DPU 3940
Barnstable	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
* Cotuit	1. Cotuit Acetylene Gas/Victor H. Nickerson	7/1901 *	Town permit
	(ceased operations 10/1/1914)		
* Hyannis	2. Hyannis Lighting/Victor H. Nickerson	1/1902 *	Town permit
	(ceased operations 1/1/1917)		
* Cotuit/Hyannis	3. <i>Hyannis Gas</i> ⁴	9/11/1911	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
* Cotuit/Hyannis	4. <i>Buzzards Bay Electric</i> ⁵	4/10/1912	<i>St. 1912, c. 460</i>
	5. Cape Cod Gas	2/27/1929	Articles of Organization

²Does not appear to have been incorporated in Massachusetts.

³Changed name to Attleboro Gas Light on 9/11/1886, and incorporated as Attleboro Gas Light Company Corporation on 11/21/1898.

⁴Organized to incorporate then-current proprietor Eugene Carpenter's Cotuit and Hyannis operations. Reference G&E 698 (1911).

⁵Company proposed to take over then-current proprietor Eugene Carpenter's Cotuit and Hyannis operations. Board of G&E Commissioners refused in G&E 762 (1913) to grant necessary approval.

Barre	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
* BAG incorporation	1. Barre Acetylene Gas (association) ⁶ 2. Barre Acetylene Gas (ceased operations 2/1/1912)	9/9/1903 12/22/1905	Town permit G&E 464
Becket	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Bedford	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Boston Consolidated Gas	7/30/1930	DPU 3939
Belchertown	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Bellingham	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
* northern part	1. Brockton-Taunton Gas	5/11/1960	DPU 13227
* southern part ⁷	Currently held by Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corporation		
	1. Woonsocket Gas (Rhode Island)	1905	Town permit
	2. Blackstone Gas	2/7/1962 ⁸	DPU 13786
Belmont	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. West Cambridge Gas Light	4/4/1860	St.1860, c. 204
Berkley	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Taunton Gas Light	8/3/1910	G&E 643
Berlin	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Commonwealth Gas	1971	Town permit?
Bernardston	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
	1. Bernardston Acetylene Gas (ceased operations 10/31/1914)	8/5/1905	Articles of Organization
Beverly	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
* to separate gas	1. Beverly Gas Light	6/15/1859	Articles of Organization
* separated gas	2. <i>Beverly Gas</i>	12/31/1951	Articles of Organization
	3. North Shore Gas	6/1/1953	DPU 10453
Billerica	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Lowell Gas Light	2/7/1929	DPU 3461
Blackstone	Currently held by Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corporation		
* WG interests in town	1. Woonsocket Gas (RI)	1853	Town permit?
* separated gas	2. Blackstone Electric Light	7/17/1909	Charter amendment
	3. Blackstone Gas	12/29/1950	DPU 9257
Blandford	Currently no gas service	NA	NA

⁶Incorporated as The Barre Acetylene Gas Company on 8/29/1904.

⁷South of imaginary line extending east from Mendon-Blackstone border.

⁸Hearing reopened to consider new source of supply for company, which necessitated rerouting of proposed main serving Crooks Corner; new approval granted 10/20/1965.

Bolton	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Worcester Gas Light	1963	Town permit?
Boston			
* all but Hyde Park	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>City Gas Company</i>	8/27/1822	<i>Aldermen approval</i>
	1. Boston Gas Light	1/22/1823	St.1822, c. 41
	2. <i>Tremont Gas</i>	2/14/1846	St.1846, c. 18
	3. <i>Suffolk Gas</i>	4/15/1850	St.1850, c. 102
	4. Brookline Gas Light	3/20/1854	St.1854, c. 104
	5. <i>Shawmut Gas Light</i>	4/15/1854	St.1854, c. 321
	6. <i>Union Gas Works</i>	4/15/1856	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	7. <i>The Union Gas Light Company of Boston</i>	9/23/1865	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	8. <i>American Improved Gas Light Company of Boston</i>	11/1/1868	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	9. <i>Consolidated Gas</i>	6/30/1869	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	10. <i>Citizens Gas Light of Boston</i>	10/9/1874	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	11. <i>Drake Gas Light</i>	8/2/1875	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	12. The Bay State Gas Company	2/16/1885	City Approvals
	13. <i>Consumers Gas Company of Boston</i>	11/17/1884	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	14. Massachusetts Gas Pipeline	6/9/1896	St.1896, c. 537 ⁹
	15. <i>Mattapan Gas and Electric</i>	4/25/1904	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	16. <i>Hylen Gas and Electric</i>	4/28/1904	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
* Brighton	1. <i>Brighton Gas Light</i>	2/23/1853	St.1853, c. 29
	2. Newton and Watertown Gas Light	2/20/1860	St.1860, c. 94
	3. Brookline Gas Light	9/11/1865	Town Permit
	(Enabling act was St.1854, c. 104 (3/20/1854))		
* Charlestown	1. Charlestown Gas	3/12/1846	St.1846, c. 98
* Dorchester	1. South Boston Gas Light	5/11/1853	St.1853, c. 320
	2. Dorchester Gas Light	2/6/1854	St.1854, c. 9
* East Boston	1. Massachusetts Solar Gas and Foundry	2/18/1847	St.1847, c. 21
* Roxbury	1. <i>Suffolk Gas</i>	4/15/1850	St.1850, c. 202
	2. Roxbury Gas Light	5/7/1852	St.1852, c. 198
* South Boston	1. South Boston Gas Light	4/13/1852	St.1852, c. 103
	2. Brookline Gas Light	1895	City permit?
* West Roxbury	1. Jamaica Plain Gas Light	3/19/1853	St.1853, c. 63
	2. <i>American Improved Gas Light Company of West Roxbury</i>	10/30/1868	<i>Articles of Organization</i>

⁹Earlier version of bill vetoed by Governor; company ultimately organized on 7/15/1896.

* Hyde Park	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Dedham Gas Light	5/25/1868	St.1868, c. 181
	2. <i>Mattapan Gas and Electric</i>	4/25/1904	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	3. <i>Boston Consolidated Gas</i> ¹⁰	5/4/1935	<i>St.1935, c. 240</i>
	4. <i>City of Boston</i> ¹¹	5/12/1937	<i>St.1937, c. 292</i>
	5. <i>City of Boston</i> ¹²	6/10/1941	<i>St.1941, c. 369</i>
	6. <i>City of Boston</i> ¹³	5/17/1946	<i>St.1946, c. 322</i>
Bourne	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Buzzards Bay Gas	2/27/1929	Articles of Organization
Boxborough	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Boston Gas	7/5/1961	DPU 13593
Boxford	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Haverhill Gas Light	6/3/1955	DPU 11288
Boylston	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Worcester Gas Light	1963	Town permit?
Braintree	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Plymouth County Gas, Light and Power	10/26/1908	Articles of Organization
Brewster	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Buzzards Bay Gas	2/27/1929	Articles of Organization
Bridgewater	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Brockton Gas Light	6/6/1912	G&E 738
Brimfield	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Brockton	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. North Bridgewater Gas Light	9/14/1859	Articles of Organization
* fuel gas	2. <i>Economic Gas Light</i>	5/25/1885	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
Brookfield	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Worcester County Gas	1904	Town permit
* WCGCo interests	2. Spencer Gas	4/28/1922	DPU 647
* separated gas	3. Central Massachusetts Gas	12/29/1950	DPU 9257
Brookline	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Brookline Gas Light	2/19/1853	St.1853, c. 18

¹⁰Petition in DPU 5130 filed 4/9/1936 to effect acquisition of Dedham and Hyde Park Gas and Electric Light's operations in Hyde Park; hearings held, but no decision ever issued.

¹¹Intended to purchase Dedham and Hyde Park Gas and Electric Light's system within Hyde Park section of Boston and lease to Boston Consolidated Gas. Original expiration date of 1/1/1938 extended by St.1938, c. 15 (2/7/1938) to 1/1/1939 and and by St.1939, c. 208 (5/15/1939) to 1/1/1940. Expired 1/1/1940 without acquisition by city.

¹²Intended to purchase Dedham and Hyde Park Gas and Electric Light's system within Hyde Park section of Boston and lease to Boston Consolidated Gas. Original expiration date of 1/1/1943 extended by St.1943, c. 163 (4/12/1943) to 1/1/1945. Expired 1/1/1945 without acquisition by city.

¹³Intended to purchase Dedham and Hyde Park Gas' system within Hyde Park section of Boston and lease to Boston Consolidated Gas. Expired 1/1/1948 without acquisition by city.

Buckland	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Burlington	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. <i>Burlington Gas</i> 2. <i>Lowell Gas Light</i> ¹⁴ 3. <i>Mystic Valley Gas</i>	1/29/1951 5/18/1956 8/1/1958	<i>Articles of Organization</i> <i>DPU 11624</i> <i>DPU 12495</i>
Cambridge	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. <i>Cambridge Gas Light</i>	3/15/1852	St.1852, c. 36
Canton	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts 1. <i>Norwood Gas Light</i> ¹⁵ 2. <i>Brockton Gas Light</i>	<i>[filed 1916]</i> 1/10/1917	<i>G&E 859</i> <i>G&E 1026</i>
Carlisle	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. <i>Boston Gas</i>	7/5/1961	DPU 13593
Carver	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. <i>New Bedford Gas and Edison Light</i> 2. <i>Commonwealth Gas</i>	3/17/1969 12/29/1980	DPU 16011 DPU 302
* separated gas			
Charlemont	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Charlton	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Chatham	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. <i>Atwood Gas/L. Sidney Atwood</i> (ceased operations 1/24/1917) 2. <i>Cape Cod Gas</i>	4/7/1910 * 2/27/1929	Town permit <i>Articles of Organization</i>
Chelmsford	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. <i>Lowell Gas Light</i> (company charter permitted expansion into communities in "vicinity" of Lowell) 2. <i>The Chelmsford Gas Light Company</i>	1894-1895 2/24/1902	Town permit? <i>Articles of Organization</i>
Chelsea	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. <i>Chelsea Gas Light</i> 2. <i>American Fuel</i> ¹⁶	5/5/1852 1890	St.1852, c. 179 <i>City permit</i>
Cheshire	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company 1. <i>Adams Gas Light</i> (Enabling act was St.1905, c. 94, dated 2/23/1905)	<i>[filed 1905]</i>	<i>G&E 455</i>
Chester	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Chesterfield	Currently no gas service	NA	NA

¹⁴Authorization expired in 1957 without action by company.

¹⁵Company decided not to proceed with expansion.

¹⁶Permit revoked in G&E 38 (7/17/1890).

Chicopee	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
* Chicopee Centre	1. Chicopee Gas Works/Dwight Manufacturing ¹⁷	1850	Corporate actions
* Chicopee Falls	2. Chicopee Manufacturing ¹⁸	1867	Corporate actions
* CGW incorporation	3. Chicopee Gas	12/1895	G&E 142
	4. <i>Ellerton Gas Light</i>	1/12/1897	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
* CM incorporation	5. Chicopee Gas Light	2/15/1897	G&E 176
Chilmark	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Clarksburg	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company		
	1. North Adams Gas Light	4/21/1903	G&E 366
	(Enabling act was St.1903, c. 93, dated 3/13/1903)		
* separated gas	2. Berkshire Gas	4/6/1953	DPU 10395
Clinton	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Clinton Gas Light	3/8/1854	St.1854, c. 62
* separated gas	2. Leominster Gas Light	12/29/1950	DPU 9257
Cohasset	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>South Shore Gas</i>	7/24/1912	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Old Colony Gas	9/21/1928	DPU 3359
Colrain	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Concord	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Boston Consolidated Gas	3/11/1930	DPU 3681
Conway	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Cummington	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Dalton	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company		
	1. Pittsfield Coal Gas	4/21/1903	G&E 365
	(Enabling act was St.1903, c. 159, dated 3/17/1903)		
Danvers	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Salem Gas Light</i>	3/15/1853	<i>St.1853, c. 35</i>
	2. Danvers Gas Light	8/1/1861	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
* to separate gas	3. <i>Beverly Gas</i>	12/31/1951	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
* separated gas	4. North Shore Gas	6/1/1953	DPU 10453
Dana	Town disestablished 4/28/1938 for construction of Quabbin Reservoir		
	1. no gas service	NA	NA
Dartmouth	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
* Salters Point	1. Waite and Smith (partnership)	6/1906 *	Town permit
	(ceased operations 9/30/1918)		
* town-wide	2. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light	7/16/1913	G&E 746
* separated gas	3. Commonwealth Gas	12/29/1980	DPU 302

¹⁷Incorporated as Chicopee Gas on 11/7/1895.

¹⁸Incorporated as Chicopee Gas Light on 12/14/1896.

Dedham	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Dedham Gas Light	3/19/1853	St.1853, c. 68
	2. <i>Boston Consolidated Gas</i>	5/4/1935	St.1935, c. 240
Deerfield	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company		
	1. Greenfield Gas Light	3/31/1854	St.1854, c. 212
* south Deerfield	2. South Deerfield Gas (association) (ceased operations 3/28/1908 - explosion)	5/29/1902 *	Town permit
Dennis	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Cape Cod Gas	2/27/1929	Articles of Organization
Dighton	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Taunton Gas Light (Enabling act was St.1907, c. 126, dated 2/18/1907)	7/1/1907	G&E 523
Douglas	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Dover	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
* most of town	1. West Boston Gas	7/30/1926	DPU 2509
* limited area ¹⁹	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Bay State Gas	11/29/1991	Town permit
Dracut	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Lowell Gas Light (company charter permitted expansion into communities in “vicinity” of Lowell)	1886-1887	Town permit?
Dudley	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Webster Gas-Light/Stevens Linen Works	1865	Corporate actions
Dunstable	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Lowell Gas Light	11/20/1930	DPU 4057
Duxbury	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Brockton Gas Light	5/16/1928	DPU 3166
East Bridgewater	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. <i>Hanson Gas and Electric</i>	9/21/1905	Articles of Organization
	2. Brockton Gas Light	6/6/1912	G&E 738
East Brookfield	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Worcester County Gas	1904	Town permit
* WCGCo interests	2. Spencer Gas	4/28/1922	DPU 647
* separated gas	3. Central Massachusetts Gas	12/29/1950	DPU 9257
East Longmeadow	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Springfield Gas Light	2/10/1916	G&E 934

¹⁹Dover-Walpole Medical Building, plus customers abutting connecting main installed along Route 109.

Eastham	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Buzzards Bay Gas</i> ²⁰	11/26/1945	DPU 7325
	2. Colonial Gas	10/14/1992	DPU 92-171
Easthampton	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Easthampton Gas	9/7/1864	Articles of Organization
Easton	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Brockton Gas Light	2/18/1925	DPU 1803
Edgartown	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Egremont	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Erving	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Enfield	Town disestablished 4/28/1938 for construction of Quabbin Reservoir		
	1. no gas service	NA	NA
Essex	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Ipswich Gas Light	6/29/1928	DPU 3217
Everett ²¹	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Malden and Melrose Gas Light	2/27/1854	St.1854, c. 93
	2. Charlestown Gas	1892-1893 ²²	Town permit?
	3. Chelsea Gas Light	1894	Town permit?
	4. Everett Gas (ceased operations during 1920s)	10/20/1899	Articles of Organization
* limited operation			
* part of town			
* limited operation			
Fairhaven	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light	7/16/1914	Town permit
	2. Commonwealth Gas	12/29/1980	DPU 302
* separated gas			
Fall River	Currently held by Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corporation		
	1. Fall River Gas-Works/Fall River Iron Works	1847	Corporate actions
	2. Manufacturers Gas Company of Fall River	3/11/1867	St.1867, c. 61
	3. Manufacturers Gas Light Co. of Fall River	3/31/1880	Articles of Organization
	4. Fall River Gas Works	9/25/1880	Articles of Organization
* MGCo reorganization			
* FRIW gas interests			
Falmouth	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Buzzards Bay Gas	2/27/1929	Articles of Organization
Fitchburg	Currently held by Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company		
	1. Fitchburg Gas Light	5/13/1852	St.1852, c. 208
Florida	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Foxborough	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. <i>Norfolk and Bristol Gas and Electric</i>	7/8/1910	Articles of Organization
	2. Taunton Gas Light	12/10/1925	DPU 2228

²⁰Authorization expired without action by company.

²¹Part of Malden until 1870.

²²1886 Annual Report to General Court references one customer as being served in Everett, none listed in 1888 report.

Framingham	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Framingham Gas, Fuel and Power 2. <i>Framingham and Ashland Gas Light</i> ²³	3/22/1889 1891	Articles of Organization Town permit
Franklin	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts 1. Taunton Gas Light	11/4/1926	DPU 2610
Freetown	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light 2. Commonwealth Gas	12/26/1926 12/29/1980	DPU 2652 DPU 302
* separated gas			
Gardner	Currently held by Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company 1. Gardner Gas Light 2. Gardner Gas, Fuel and Light	12/14/1887 1/2/1895	Articles of Organization G&E 117
* GGLCo insolvency			
Georgetown	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. The Georgetown Gas Company (ceased operations 6/30/1913) 2. Ipswich Gas Light	7/20/1905 8/25/1928	Articles of Organization DPU 3349
Gill	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Gloucester	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Gloucester Gas Light	2/19/1853	St.1853, c. 17
Goshen	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Gosnold	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Grafton	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Worcester Gas Light	1/17/1929	DPU 3444
Granby	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts 1. Springfield Gas Light	7/13/1966	DPU 15173
Granville	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Great Barrington	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company 1. The Great Barrington Gas Light Company (ceased operations c. 1893) 2. The Berkshire Gas Company	11/27/1855 4/21/1965	Articles of Organization DPU 14676
Greenfield	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company 1. Greenfield Gas Light	3/31/1854	St.1854, c. 185
Groton	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Boston Consolidated Gas	7/30/1930	DPU 3940
Groveland	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Haverhill Gas Light	2/18/1914	G&E 853

²³See disposition of appeal in G&E 64 (filed 1891).

Greenwich	Town disestablished 4/28/1938 for construction of Quabbin Reservoir		
	1. no gas service	NA	NA
Hadley	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company		
* HG incorporation	1. Hadley Gas (partnership) ²⁴	1/1/1903	Town permit
	2. Hadley Lighting (ceased operations 4/1/1917)	5/21/1910	G&E 635
	3. The Berkshire Gas Company	8/12/1964	DPU 14624
Halifax	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. <i>Hanson Gas and Electric</i>	9/21/1905	Articles of Organization
	2. Brockton Gas Light	1/12/1927	DPU 2680
Hamilton	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Ipswich Gas Light	6/29/1928	DPU 3217
Hampden	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Springfield Gas Light	10/16/1963	DPU 14329
Hancock	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Hanover	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. <i>Hanson Gas and Electric</i>	9/21/1905	Articles of Organization
	2. Brockton Gas Light	11/4/1926	DPU 2605
Hanson	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. <i>Hanson Gas and Electric</i>	9/21/1905	Articles of Organization
	2. Brockton Gas Light	11/4/1926	DPU 2605
Hardwick	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Harvard	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Boston Gas	7/5/1961	DPU 13593
Harwich	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Cape Cod Gas	2/27/1929	Articles of Organization
Hatfield	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company		
	1. Hatfield Gas (NJ) (ceased operations 6/30/1913)	11/9/1902	Articles of Organization
	2. The Berkshire Gas Company	6/11/1959	DPU 12865
Haverhill	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Haverhill Gas Light	2/12/1853	St.1853, c. 8
	2. <i>Haverhill Gas</i>	4/7/1910	Articles of Organization
* Bradford	3. Haverhill Gas Light	4/16/1853	St.1853, c. 163
Hawley	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Heath	Currently no gas service	NA	NA

²⁴Incorporated as Hadley Lighting on 4/29/1910.

Hingham	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. <i>South Shore Gas</i> 2. Old Colony Gas	7/24/1912 1913	<i>Articles of Organization</i> Town permit?
Hinsdale	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Holbrook	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts 1. Brockton Gas Light	9/7/1911	G&E 693
Holden	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Worcester Gas Light	1955	Town permit?
Holland	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Holliston	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Worcester Gas Light	11/19/1929	DPU 3758
Holyoke	Currently held by City of Holyoke 1. Hadley Falls Company 2. Holyoke Water Power (Corporate actions validated by St.1873, c. 52, dated 3/3/1873) 3. City of Holyoke	1849 1/30/1859 1/5/1897	Corporate actions St.1859, c. 6 City vote
* HFCo acquisition			
* municipalization			
Hopedale ²⁵	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Milford Gas Light	4/10/1854	St.1854, c. 242
Hopkinton	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Worcester Gas Light	11/19/1929	DPU 3747
Hubbardston	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Hudson	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Hudson Gaslight	7/1/1902	Articles of Organization
Hull	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. South Shore Gas 2. <i>Hull Gas</i> 3. <i>Nantasket Gas Light</i> 3. Old Colony Gas	7/24/1912 8/13/1915 11/30/1921 7/17/1930	Articles of Organization <i>Articles of Organization</i> <i>Articles of Organization</i> DPU 3643
Huntington	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Ipswich	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Ipswich Gas Light	10/26/1877	Articles of Organization
Kingston	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Plymouth Gas Light 2. Commonwealth Gas	7/2/1915 12/29/1980	G&E 936 DPU 302
* separated gas			
Lakeville	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts 1. Taunton Gas Light	[filed 1926]	DPU 2386

²⁵Part of Milford until 1886.

Lancaster	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Clinton Gas Light	4/11/1887	St.1887, c. 154
Lanesborough	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company		
	1. Pittsfield Coal Gas	[filed 1937]	DPU 5487
Lawrence	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Lawrence Gas	2/14/1849	St.1849, c. 17
	2. <i>American Improved Gas Light Company of Lawrence</i>	8/22/1868	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
* separated gas	3. Lawrence Gas	4/6/1953	DPU 10401
Lee	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company		
	1. Lee Gas Light (successor ceased gas operations c. 1892)	12/17/1880	Articles of Organization
	2. Pittsfield Coal Gas	2/17/1916	G&E 979
Leicester			
* most of town	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Worcester County Gas	1904	Town permit
* WCGCo interests	2. Spencer Gas	4/22/1922	DPU 647
* separated SGCco gas	3. Central Massachusetts Gas	12/29/1950	DPU 9257
* Cherry Valley	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Worcester Gas Light	7/24/1925	DPU 1973
Lenox	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company		
	1. Pittsfield Coal Gas	2/17/1916	G&E 978
Leominster	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Leominster Gas Light	1/15/1873	Articles of Organization
Leverett	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Lexington	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Lexington Gas Light	12/4/1874	Articles of Organization
* LGLCo insolvency	2. The Lexington Gas and Electric Company	11/25/1900	G&E 252
Leyden	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Lincoln	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Boston Consolidated Gas	3/11/1930	DPU 3681
Littleton	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Boston Consolidated Gas	7/11/1930	DPU 3940
Longmeadow	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Springfield Gas Light	2/24/1898	St.1898, c. 96

Lowell	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Lowell Gas Light</i>	3/17/1833	St.1833, c. 202 ²⁶
	2. <i>Lowell Gas</i>	3/25/1837	St.1837, c. 91 ²⁷
	3. <i>Lowell Gas</i>	2/14/1846	St.1846, c. 37 ²⁸
	4. <i>Lowell Gas Light</i>	2/5/1849	St.1849, c. 234
	5. <i>American Improved Gas Light Company of Lowell</i>	1/6/1868	Articles of Organization
	6. <i>The Citizens Gas Company</i>	4/28/1875	Articles of Organization
Ludlow	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. <i>Springfield Gas Light</i>	4/17/1906	G&E 480
	(Enabling act was St.1906, c. 70, dated 2/1/1906)		
Lunenburg	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
* part of town	1. <i>Leominster Gas Light</i>	1910-1911	Town permit?
	Currently held by Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company		
* north and west sections	2. <i>Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light</i>	11/30/1959	DPU 13075
* limited area	3. <i>Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light</i>	7/14/1960	DPU 13267
* north of West Street	4. <i>Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light</i>	7/13/1966	DPU 15265
* 200' w of Chase Road			
Lynn	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Lynn Gas Light</i>	2/18/1853	St.1853, c. 35
* fuel gas	2. <i>Citizens Steam and Gas Light Co. of Lynn</i>	7/17/1880	Articles of Organization
	(ceased operations 11/25/1889 - fire)		
	3. <i>Sagamore Gas Light and Heating</i>	11/17/1880	Articles of Organization
* separated gas	4. <i>Lynn Gas</i>	12/14/1959	DPU 13085
Lynnfield	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Lynn Gas and Electric</i>	3/6/1913	G&E 749
Malden	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Malden and Melrose Gas Light</i>	2/27/1854	St.1854, c. 43
	2. <i>Malden and Medford Gas Light</i>	4/29/1854	St.1854, c. 443
Manchester-by-The-Sea	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Ipswich Gas Light</i>	7/20/1928	DPU 3307
Mansfield	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. <i>Mansfield Gas</i>	8/31/1915	Articles of Organization
	2. <i>Taunton Gas Light</i>	11/4/1916	G&E 963
Marblehead	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Marblehead Gas Light</i>	3/31/1854	St.1854, c. 35

²⁶Provided system in place within three years. Authorization expired 3/17/1836 without action by company.

²⁷Provided system in place within three years. Authorization expired 3/25/1840 without action by company.

²⁸Provided system in place within three years. Authorization expired, but new company charter issued 5/2/1849.

Marion	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Bay State Illuminating/ Bay State Illuminating Company (ME) ²⁹	12/26/1901	Town permit
* BSI reincorporation	2. Marion Gas (ceased gas service 11/1920)	6/4/1902	G&E 329
	3. <i>Buzzards Bay Gas</i>	2/27/1929	Articles of Organization
	4. Marion Gas	6/13/1930	Articles of Organization
* separated gas	5. Commonwealth Gas	12/29/1980	DPU 302
Marlborough	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Marlborough Gas	1/23/1861 ³⁰	Articles of Organization
	2. Marlborough Gaslight	2/15/1865	St.1865, c. 25
	3. <i>Citizens Gas Company of Marlboro</i> ³¹	3/31/1890	Articles of Organization
	4. Worcester Gas Light	9/21/1928	DPU 3339
Marshfield	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Brockton Gas Light	10/30/1928	DPU 3385
Mashpee	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Buzzards Bay Gas</i> ³²	11/26/1945	DPU 7325
	2. Buzzards Bay Gas	12/8/1959	DPU 13095
Mattapoiset	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light	3/15/1927	DPU 2732
* separated gas	2. Commonwealth Gas	12/29/1980	DPU 302
Maynard	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Marlboro-Hudson Gas	1912	Town permit?
Medfield	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Taunton Gas Light	2/19/1930	DPU 3831
Medford	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Medford Gas Light</i>	3/31/1854	St.1854, c. 203
	2. <i>Malden and Medford Gas Light</i>	4/29/1854	St.1854, c. 443
	3. Malden and Melrose Gas Light	6/4/1856	St.1856, c. 280
* 150' north of Broadway	4. Charlestown Gas	3/13/1860	St.1860, c. 66
	5. <i>Citizens Gas Company of Medford</i>	12/10/1894	Articles of Organization
Medway	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Taunton Gas Light	7/23/1929	DPU 3658
Melrose	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Malden and Melrose Gas Light	2/27/1854	St.1854, c. 93
	2. <i>George W. Chipman</i> ³³	11/1/1887	Town permit

²⁹Company controlled by Maine corporation; had insufficient capital to meet Massachusetts corporation requirements. Reincorporated as Marion Gas on 4/17/1902.

³⁰Date of confirmation of earlier proceedings organizing company. Corporation Division records indicate may have been informally absorbed into Marlboro Gaslight.

³¹Permit revoked in G&E 51 (12/20/1892).

³²Authorization expired without action by company.

³³Permit revoked in G&E 7 (filed 1887).

Mendon

* west of TGP main Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company
 1. Commonwealth Gas 1/9/1987 DPU 86-138

* east of TGP main Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts
 1. Bay State Gas 1/9/1987 DPU 86-179

Merrimac

Currently held by Boston Gas Company
 1. Haverhill Gas Light 2/18/1914 G&E 853

Methuen

Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts
 1. Lawrence Gas 3/10/1877³⁴ *St. 1877, c. 49*
 2. *George M. Drew*³⁵ 6/22/1889 *Town permit*
 3. *Methuen Gas* 3/10/1890 *Articles of Organization*
 * separated gas 4. Lawrence Gas 4/6/1953 DPU 10401

Middleborough

Currently held by Town of Middleboro
 1. Middleboro Gas Works (proprietorship) 1847 Town permit?
 * proprietorship 2. Middleboro Gas Works/Nahum.H. Wilbur 9/4/1856 Town permit?
 * Wilbur system 3. Middleboro Gas Works/W.B. Hammond³⁶ 1887 Town permit?
 * MGW incorporation 4. Middleboro Gas and Electric 1/21/1889 Articles of Incorporation
 * municipalization 5. Town of Middleboro 10/28/1893 Town vote

Middlefield

Currently no gas service NA NA

Middleton

Currently held by Boston Gas Company
 1. North Shore Gas 11/15/1961 DPU 13710

Milford

Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company
 1. Milford Gas Light 4/10/1854 St.1854, c. 242

Millbury

Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company
 1. Worcester Gas Light 5/8/1925 DPU 1843

Millis

Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts
 1. The Millis Company 1892 Town permit
 (ceased gas service c. 1897)
 2. Brockton-Taunton Gas 6/16/1960 DPU 13228

Millville

Currently held by Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corporation
 1. Blackstone Gas 2/26/1995 DPU 88-159
 * border customer 2. Commonwealth Gas 1971 Town permit?

Milton

Currently held by Boston Gas Company
 1. Milton Gas Light 2/6/1861 St.1861, c. 26
 2. *Citizens Gas and Electric Light Company of* 6/8/1899 *Articles of Organization*
 Milton, Massachusetts
 * 1011 Metropolitan Ave 3. Dedham and Hyde Park Gas 12/31/1951 DPU 9751

³⁴Town permit reissued 9/6/1890 because original had been lost.

³⁵Intended to form as Methuen Gas Light. Town denied permit; sustained on appeal in G&E 26 (2/24/1891).

³⁶Incorporated as Middleboro Gas and Electric on 1/21/1889.

Monroe	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Monson	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. <i>Monson Gas and Electric</i>	10/15/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Worcester County Gas (ceased operations 12/1/1934)	1904	Town permit
	3. <i>Bay State Natural Gas</i>	10/11/1949	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	4. <i>Monson Gas</i>	12/4/1958	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	5. Bay State Gas	7/3/1987	DPU 87-46
Montague	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company		
* Turners Falls	1. Greenfield Gas Light (Enabling act was St.1907, c. 124, dated 2/16/1907)	5/27/1907	G&E 519
Monterey	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Montgomery	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Mount Washington	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Nahant	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
* separated gas	1. Lynn Gas and Electric	3/26/1873	St.1873, c. 112
	2. Lynn Gas	12/14/1959	DPU 13085
Nantucket	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
* NG&ECo insolvency	1. Nantucket Gas Light	2/16/1854	St.1854, c. 19
	2. Citizens Gas, Electric and Power Company of Nantucket (ceased gas service 12/31/1972 pursuant to DPU 17406 (9/6/1972))	4/27/1905	G&E 448
Natick	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
* north of I-90	1. <i>Natick Gas Light</i>	3/9/1861	<i>St.1861, c. 68</i>
	2. Natick Gas Light	3/16/1875	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	3. Boston Gas	3/14/1962	DPU 13818
Needham	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Newton and Watertown Gas Light	3/18/1881	St.1881, c. 108
	2. <i>The Needham Gas Company</i>	8/1/1905	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	3. <i>Needham Gas</i>	10/28/1915	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	4. West Boston Gas	7/30/1926	DPU 2509
New Ashford	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
New Bedford	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
* separated gas	1. New Bedford Gas Light	4/4/1850	St.1850, c. 144
	2. <i>Consumers Gas Company of New Bedford</i>	6/23/1891	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	3. Commonwealth Gas	12/29/1980	DPU 302
New Braintree	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
New Marlborough	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
New Salem	Currently no gas service	NA	NA

Newbury	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
* separated gas	1. Newburyport Gas and Electric	3/12/1901	St.1901, c. 139
	2. Haverhill Gas Light	10/18/1950	DPU 9181
Newburyport	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
* separated gas	1. Newburyport Gas	4/10/1850	St.1850, c. 147
	2. Haverhill Gas Light	10/18/1950	DPU 9181
Newton	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Newton and Watertown Gas Light	2/27/1854	St.1854, c. 44
Norfolk	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Brockton-Taunton Gas	3/11/1955	DPU 11258
North Adams ³⁷	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company		
* separated gas	1. <i>North Adams Gas Light</i>	2/14/1861	St.1861, c. 41
	2. North Adams Gas Light	2/29/1864	St.1864, c. 57
	3. Berkshire Gas	4/6/1953	DPU 10395
North Andover	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
* separated gas	1. <i>Lawrence Gas</i>	3/10/1877	St.1877, c. 49
	2. Lawrence Gas	10/5/1889	G&E 28
	3. Lawrence Gas	4/6/1953	DPU 10401
North Attleboro ³⁸	Currently held by Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corporation		
* Attleboro Falls	1. North Attleborough Gas Light	4/13/1855	Articles of Organization
* NAGLCo insolvency	2. North Attleborough Gas Light	4/13/1855	Articles of Organization
	3. North Attleboro Gas	3/14/1930	DPU 3863
North Brookfield	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
* WCGCo interests	1. Worcester County Gas	1904	Town permit
* separated gas	2. Spencer Gas	4/28/1922	DPU 647
	3. Central Massachusetts Gas	12/29/1950	DPU 9257
North Reading	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Reading and Stoneham Gas Light</i>	2/19/1859	St.1859, c. 45
	2. Lowell Gas	12/15/1965	DPU 14847
Northampton	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Northampton Gas Light	3/19/1853	St.1853, c. 59
Northborough	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Worcester Gas Light	9/21/1928	DPU 3338
Northbridge	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Worcester Gas Light	2/14/1929	DPU 3473
Northfield	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
	1. Northfield Acetylene Gas/Charles E. Williams (ceased operations 1/15/1912)	7/19/1904 *	Town permit

³⁷Part of Adams until 1878.

³⁸Part of Attleboro until 1887.

Norton	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Taunton Gas Light	11/4/1916	G&E 963
Norwell	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Brockton Gas Light	10/30/1928	DPU 3385
Norwood	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Norwood Gas Light	10/26/1884	Articles of Organization
* NGLCo reorganization	2. Norwood Gas	7/10/1909	G&E 576
Oak Bluffs	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
	1. Cottage City Gas	9/1/1885	Articles of Organization
* CGC reorganization	2. Cottage City Gas and Electric (ceased gas service 5/25/1921)	3/28/1889	Articles of Organization
Oakham	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Orange	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Orleans	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Cape Cod Gas	2/27/1929	Articles of Organization
Otis	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Oxford	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Boston Gas	7/8/2003	DTE 03-49
Palmer	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. <i>Palmer Gas Light</i>	11/20/1890	Articles of Organization
	2. Worcester County Gas (ceased operations 12/1/1934)	1904	Town permit
	3. <i>Bay State Natural Gas</i>	10/11/1949	Articles of Organization
	4. <i>Monson Gas</i>	12/4/1958	Articles of Organization
	5. Bay State Gas	7/3/1987	DPU 87-62
Paxton	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Peabody ³⁹	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Salem Gas Light	3/15/1853	St.1853, c. 39
* limited area	2. Lynn Gas and Electric	[filed 1945]	DPU 7374
* limited area	3. Lynn Gas and Electric	1/4/1952	DPU 9691
* some of North Shore Gas interests	4. Lynn Gas and Electric	11/18/1955	DPU 11465
* Lynnfield border area	5. Lynn Gas and Electric	5/16/1957	DPU 12147
* limited area	6. Lynn Gas and Electric	10/27/1958	DPU 12707
Pelham	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
	1. Amherst Gas (ceased operations 12/24/1934)	4/17/1906	G&E 466

³⁹Part of Danvers until 1858.

Pembroke	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Hanson Gas and Electric	9/21/1905	Articles of Organization
	2. Brockton Gas Light	11/4/1926	DPU 2605
Pepperell	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Lowell Gas Light	11/20/1930	DPU 4057
Petersham	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Peru	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Phillipston	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Pittsfield	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company		
	1. Pittsfield Coal Gas	2/23/1853	St.1853, c. 21
* limited operation - 3 mills	2. Union Gas Works (joint venture)	1886-1890	Corporate arrangement
Plainfield	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Plainville ⁴⁰	Currently held by Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corporation		
	1. North Attleborough Gas Light	4/4/1884	St.1884, c. 130
* NAGLCo insolvency	2. North Attleboro Gas	3/14/1930	DPU 3863
Plymouth	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Plymouth Gas Light	4/8/1853	St.1853, c. 128
* separated gas	2. Commonwealth Gas	12/29/1980	DPU 302
* Buttermilk Bay	3. Colonial Gas	5/31/1991	Company agreement
* Cedarville	4. Colonial Gas	11/27/1992	Company agreement
* The Ponds	5. Colonial Gas	6/8/1995	Company agreement
* Colonial Gas interests	6. NSTAR Gas	9/30/2002 ⁴¹	DTE 02-44
Plympton	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Hanson Gas and Electric	9/21/1905	Articles of Organization
	2. Brockton Gas Light	11/4/1926	DPU 2605
Princeton	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
	1. J.D. Gregory Gas/Josiah D. Gregory (ceased operations 12/31/1921)	6/21/1909	Town permit
Prescott	Town disestablished 4/28/1938 for construction of Quabbin Reservoir		
	1. No gas service	NA	NA
Provincetown	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
	1. <i>Provincetown Gas Light</i>	3/31/1854	St.1854, c. 194
	2. <i>Buzzards Bay Gas</i> ⁴²	11/26/1945	DPU 7325

⁴⁰Part of Wrentham until 1905.

⁴¹Cut-in of NSTAR Gas main to area completed 11/3/2003.

⁴²Authorization expired without action by company.

Quincy	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Quincy Gas Light</i>	2/6/1854	St.1854, c. 5
	2. Citizens' Gas Light Company of Quincy	2/24/1860	St.1860, c. 36
	3. <i>Quincy Gas Light</i>	12/6/1877	Articles of Organization
	4. <i>Quincy Gas Light</i>	1/16/1906	Articles of Organization
Randolph	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. <i>Plymouth County Gas, Light and Power</i>	1910	Town permit?
	2. Brockton Gas Light	9/7/1911	G&E 693
Raynham	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Taunton Gas Light (Enabling act was St.1907, c. 126, dated 2/18/1907)	9/23/1913	G&E 823
Reading	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Reading and Stoneham Gas Light</i>	2/19/1859	St. 1859, c. 45
	2. Citizens' Gas Light Company of Reading, South Reading and Stoneham	1/10/1862	Articles of Organization
Rehoboth	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Brockton-Taunton Gas	9/8/1965	DPU 14960
Revere	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Revere Gas Light</i>	12/3/1887	Town permit
	2. <i>Chelsea Gas Light</i>	5/28/1886	St. 1886, c. 255
	3. Suburban Gas and Electric	2/13/1895	Articles of Organization
	4. <i>Revere and Winthrop Gas</i>	1/18/1897	Town permit
	5. <i>Winnisimmet Gas</i>	10/14/1898	Articles of Organization
	7. <i>Suburban Gas</i>	12/31/1951	Articles of Organization
	8. Lynn Gas and Electric	1/11/1952	DPU 9722
	9. Malden and Melrose Gas Light	5/28/1953	DPU 10454
* to separate gas			
* Saugus border area			
* separated gas			
Richmond	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Rochester	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light	7/1/1966	DPU 15134
	2. Commonwealth Gas	12/29/1980	DPU 302
* separated gas			
Rockland	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Union Gas Light</i>	8/25/1885	Articles of Organization
	2. Plymouth County Gas, Light and Power	10/26/1908	Articles of Organization
Rockport	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Rockport Gas</i>	7/16/1895	Articles of Organization
	2. Gloucester Gas Light	7/29/1931	DPU 4229
Rowe	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Rowley	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Ipswich Gas Light	6/29/1928	DPU 3217
Royalston	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Russell	Currently no gas service	NA	NA

Rutland	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Salem	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
* limited area	1. Salem Gas-Light	3/11/1847	St.1847, c. 67
	1. Lynn Gas	9/18/1961	DPU 13667
Salisbury	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Salisbury and Amesbury Gas Light</i>	2/16/1854	St.1854, c. 21
	2. Amesbury and Salisbury Gas ⁴³	8/4/1860	Articles of Organization
	2. Amesbury and Salisbury Gas	1901-1902	Town permit?
* A&SGCo insolvency	3. Amesbury and Salisbury Gas	11/4/1921	DPU 468 ⁴⁴
Sandisfield	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Sandwich	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Buzzards Bay Gas</i> ⁴⁵	11/26/1945	DPU 7325
	2. Buzzards Bay Gas	12/8/1959	DPU 13095
Saugus	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Lynn Gas Light	3/26/1873	St.1873, c. 112
* separated gas	2. Lynn Gas (org. 6/1/1959)	12/14/1959	DPU 13085
Savoy	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Scituate	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. <i>South Shore Gas</i>	7/24/1912	Articles of Organization
	2. Brockton Gas Light	10/30/1928	DPU 3385
Seekonk	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Attleboro Gas Light	[filed 1928]	DPU 3210
Sharon	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Brockton Gas Light	8/23/1922	DPU 868
Sheffield	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Shelburne	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Sherborne	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. West Boston Gas	7/30/1926	DPU 2509
Shirley	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Boston Gas	7/6/1961	DPU 13593
Shrewsbury	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Worcester Gas Light	5/8/1925	DPU 1843

⁴³Section of town originally receiving gas service was annexed to Amesbury in 1886.

⁴⁴Date of order approving initial securities issue to recapitalize company; predecessor's assets had been conveyed to new company on 6/30/1921. Reference DPU 468 (11/4/1921).

⁴⁵Authorization expired without action by company.

Shutesbury	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Somerset	Currently held by Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corporation 1. Fall River Gas Works (Enabling act was St.1907, c. 127, dated 2/18/1907)	3/21/1908	G&E 553
Somerville: * eastern part ⁴⁶	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Charlestown Gas	2/23/1853	St.1853, c. 24
* western part	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Cambridge Gas Light 2. <i>Somerville Gas Light</i> 3. <i>The Somerville Gas Light Company</i>	4/11/1853 4/13/1854 3/13/1885	St.1853, c. 137 St. 1854, c. 291 Articles of Organization
South Hadley * South Hadley Center * SHG incorporation * South Hadley Falls	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts 1. South Hadley Gas (association) ⁴⁷ 2. The South Hadley Gas Company 3. Chicopee Gas Light (Enabling act was St.1906, c. 74, dated 2/16/1906) (town annulled permits 7/14/1914; action ratified pursuant to St.1915, c. 230 (3/27/1915))	11/1901 * 6/24/1904 8/17/1906	Town permit G&E 414 see G&E 484
* annulled Chicopee GL	4. Springfield Gas Light (Town action ratified pursuant to St.1915, c. 230 (3/27/1915))	7/14/1914	Town permit
Southampton	Currently held by City of Holyoke 1. Holyoke Gas and Electric Department	9/3/1986	DPU 86-80
Southborough	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Marlboro-Hudson Gas	1916	Town permit?
Southbridge	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Mutual Gas Light Company of Southbridge	4/21/1871	Articles of Organization
Southwick	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts 1. Bay State Gas	6/3/1987	DPU 87-40
Spencer * separated gas	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Spencer Gas 2. Citizens Gas and Electric Light Company of Spencer 3. Worcester County Gas 4. Central Massachusetts Gas	7/31/1886 6/19/1899 1904 12/29/1950	Articles of Organization Articles of Organization Town permit DPU 9257
Springfield	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts 1. Springfield Gas Light 2. <i>Equitable Gas of Springfield</i>	2/10/1847 5/27/1887	St.1847, c. 15 Articles of Organization
Sterling	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Worcester Gas Light	9/20/1929	DPU 3688

⁴⁶Boundary ultimately set along railroad track; Charlestown Gas took east of track and Somerville Gas Light took west of track.

⁴⁷Incorporated as The South Hadley Gas Company on 4/25/1904.

Stockbridge	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company		
	1. Pittsfield Coal Gas	9/14/1933	DPU 4713
Stoneham	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Reading and Stoneham Gas Light</i>	2/19/1859	St. 1859, c. 45
	2. Citizens' Gas Light Company of Reading, South Reading and Stoneham	1/10/1862	Articles of Organization
Stoughton	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Stoughton Gas Light	7/19/1889	Articles of Organization
	2. Stoughton Gas and Electric	2/9/1891	Articles of Organization
* separated gas	3. Brockton Gas Light	6/10/1915	G&E 907
Stow	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Marlborough-Hudson Gas	1916	Town permit?
Sturbridge	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Sudbury	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Boston Consolidated Gas	3/11/1930	DPU 3681
Sunderland	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company		
	1. Sunderland Gas (association) ⁴⁸	10/12/1903 *	Town permit
* SG incorporation	2. Sunderland Gas (AZ) (ceased operations 7/1/1915)	1/10/1910	Asset Sale
	3. <i>The Berkshire Gas Company</i> ⁴⁹	9/24/1969	DPU 16190
	4. The Berkshire Gas Company	7/25/2000	DTE 99-116
Sutton	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Worcester Gas Light	[filed 1928]	DPU 3459
Swampscott	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Lynn Gas Light	3/26/1873	St. 1873, c. 112
* separated gas	2. Lynn Gas	12/14/1959	DPU 13085
Swansea	Currently held by Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corporation		
	1. Fall River Gas Works	[filed 1929]	DPU 3750
Taunton	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Taunton Gas Light	2/11/1853	St. 1853, c. 3
	2. <i>Peoples Gas</i>	5/19/1885	Articles of Organization
Templeton	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
* Precincts 3 and 4	1. <i>Baldwinville Electric Light District</i>	3/19/1904	St. 1904, c. 160
Tewksbury	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Lowell Gas Light (company charter permitted expansion into communities in "vicinity" of Lowell)	1886-1887	Town permit?

⁴⁸Incorporated in Arizona as Sunderland Gas, because it had insufficient capital to meet Massachusetts corporation requirements.

⁴⁹Authorization expired 5/31/1970 without action by company.

Tisbury	Currently no gas service 1. Vineyard Haven Gas and Electric (ceased operations 11/23/1917)	NA 3/9/1888	NA St.1888, c. 117
Tolland	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Topsfield	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Ipswich Gas Light	6/29/1928	DPU 3217
Townsend	Currently held by Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company 1. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light	5/18/1966	DPU 14889
Truro	Currently no gas service 1. <i>Buzzards Bay Gas</i> ⁵⁰	NA 11/26/1945	NA DPU 7325
Tyngsborough	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Lowell Gas Light	11/20/1930	DPU 4057
Tyringham	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Upton	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Worcester Gas Light	9/18/1929	DPU 3634
Uxbridge	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Worcester Gas Light	9/19/1929	DPU 3672
Wakefield	Currently held by Town of Wakefield 1. <i>Reading and Stoneham Gas Light</i> 2. Citizens' Gas Light Company of Reading, South Reading and Stoneham 3. Town of Wakefield 4. Lynn Gas and Electric 5. Mystic Valley Gas	2/19/1859 1/10/1862 8/15/1892 10/17/1957 2/16/1960	St.1859, c. 45 Articles of Organization Town vote DPU 12308 DPU 13170
* municipalization * Lynnfield border area * Reading border area			
Wales	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Walpole	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts 1. Taunton Gas Light	11/24/1926	DPU 2643
Waltham	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Waltham Gas Light 2. <i>Gas and Electric Lighting of Waltham</i>	4/1/1853 8/6/1886	St.1853, c. 118 <i>Articles of Organization</i>
Ware	Currently no gas service 1. Gas Works of the Otis Company 2. <i>Ware Gas Light</i> ⁵¹ 3. Ware Gas Light (1907) 4. Otis Company 5. Ware Gas (1923) (ceased operations 6/30/1979 pursuant to DPU 19517 (10/17/1978))	NA c. 1847 3/17/1853 1/17/1908 3/18/1908 7/23/1923	NA Corporate actions St.1853, c. 50 G&E 545 St.1908, c. 235 DPU 1259
* separated gas * WGLCo interests * separated gas			

⁵⁰Authorization expired without action by company.

⁵¹No capital stock issued; gas works operated as adjunct of Otis Company, and Ware Gas Light eventually absorbed in 1860.

Wareham	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Marion Gas (Enabling act was St.1909, c. 260, dated 4/2/1909) ⁵² (ceased gas service 11/1920)	1910	Town permit?
	2. Buzzards Bay Gas	2/27/1929	Articles of Organization
Warren	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Worcester County Gas	1905	Town permit?
* WCGCo interests	2. Spencer Gas	4/28/1922	DPU 647
* separated gas	3. Central Massachusetts Gas	12/29/1950	DPU 9257
Warwick	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Washington	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Watertown	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Newton and Watertown Gas Light	2/27/1854	St.1854, c. 44
Wayland			
* north of I-90	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Boston Consolidated Gas	3/11/1930	DPU 3681
* south of I-90	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Worcester Gas Light	3/14/1962	DPU 13819
Webster	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Webster Gas-Light/Stevens Linen Works	1865	Corporate actions
Wellesley ⁵³	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Newton and Watertown Gas Light	3/18/1881	St.1881, c. 108
Wellfleet	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
	1. <i>Buzzards Bay Gas</i> ⁵⁴	11/26/1945	DPU 7325
Wendell	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Wenham	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Ipswich Gas Light	6/29/1928	DPU 3217
Westborough	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. <i>Westboro Gas and Electric</i> ⁵⁵	10/9/1889	Articles of Organization
	2. Worcester Gas Light	11/24/1926	DPU 3339
West Boylston	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Worcester Gas Light	8/11/1927	DPU 2920

⁵²Approval 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.

⁵³Part of Needham until 1881.

⁵⁴Authorization expired without action by company.

⁵⁵Operations confined to electric business; never entered gas business.

West Bridgewater	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. Brockton Gas Light	6/6/1912	G&E 738
West Brookfield	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Worcester County Gas	1904	Town permit
* WCGCo interests	2. Spencer Gas	4/28/1922	DPU 647
* separated gas	3. Central Massachusetts Gas	12/29/1950	DPU 9257
West Newbury	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Newburyport Gas and Electric	3/12/1901	St.1901, c. 139
* separated gas	2. Haverhill Gas Light	10/18/1950	DPU 9181
West Springfield	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts		
	1. <i>West Springfield Gas Light</i>	1/25/1882	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. <i>The Mutual Gas Light Company of West Springfield</i>	3/10/1894	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	3. Springfield Gas Light	3/22/1895	St.1895, c. 154
	4. <i>Chicopee Gas Light</i>	12/14/1896	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
West Stockbridge	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
West Tisbury	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Westfield	Currently held by City of Westfield		
	1. Westfield Gas Light	1861 ⁵⁶	Articles of Incorporation
* municipalization	2. City of Westfield	3/1/1899	Town vote
Westford	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Lowell Gas Light	11/20/1930	DPU 4057
Westhampton	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Westminster	Currently held by Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company		
	1. Gardner Gas, Fuel and Light	8/3/1966	DPU 15123
Weston	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Newton and Watertown Gas Light	3/18/1881	St.1881, c. 108
Westport	Currently held by Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corporation		
	1. Fall River Gas Works	8/17/1955	DPU 11389
Westwood ⁵⁷	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Dedham and Hyde Park Gas and Electric	1929	Town permit?
	2. <i>Boston Consolidated Gas</i>	5/4/1935	<i>St. 1935, c. 240</i>
Weymouth	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Weymouth Gas</i>	10/19/1885	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Plymouth County Gas, Light and Power	10/26/1908	<i>Articles of Organization</i>

⁵⁶Organized in 1861, but incorporation papers not filed with Secretary of State until 8/13/1868.

⁵⁷Part of Dedham until 1897.

Whatley	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company 1. The Berkshire Gas Company	6/11/1959	DPU 12865
Whitman	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Plymouth County Gas, Light and Power	10/26/1908	Articles of Organization
Wilbraham	Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts 1. Springfield Gas Light	9/8/1959	DPU 12892
Williamsburg	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Williamstown	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company 1. Williamstown Gas 2. Berkshire Gas	3/11/1889 4/6/1953	Articles of Organization DPU 10395
* separated gas			
Wilmington	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Lowell Gas	12/6/1951	DPU 9380
Winchendon	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Winchester	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. <i>Winchester Gas Light</i> 2. <i>West Cambridge Gas Light</i> 3. <i>The Winchester Gas and Electric Company</i>	4/13/1852 4/4/1860 2/13/1899	<i>St.1852, c. 102</i> <i>St.1860, c. 204</i> <i>Articles of Organization</i>
Windsor	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Winthrop	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. <i>Winthrop Gas</i> 2. <i>The Winthrop Gas and Electric Company</i> 3. <i>Suburban Gas and Electric</i> 4. <i>Revere and Winthrop Gas</i> 5. <i>The Winthrop Gas and Electric Company</i> 6. <i>East Boston Gas</i> 7. <i>Suburban Gas</i> 8. <i>Malden and Melrose Gas Light</i>	8/23/1887 10/9/1889 2/13/1895 12/6/1895 2/13/1899 4/2/1901 12/31/1951 5/28/1953	<i>Articles of Organization</i> <i>Articles of Organization</i> <i>Articles of Organization</i> <i>Articles of Organization</i> <i>Articles of Organization</i> <i>St.1901, c. 228</i> <i>Articles of Organization</i> DPU 10454
* to separate gas			
* separated gas			
Woburn	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Woburn Gas Light	3/31/1854	St.1854, c. 211
Worcester	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Worcester Gas Light (association) ⁵⁸ 2. <i>Worcester Gas Light</i> ⁵⁹ 3. Worcester Gas Light 3. <i>Worcester Electric Light</i> ⁶⁰	6/20/1849 2/19/1850 5/15/1851 4/9/1926	<i>Town permit?</i> <i>St.1850, c. 29</i> <i>St.1851, c. 159</i> <i>St.1926, c. 224</i>
* WGL incorporation			
* WGL incorporation			
Worthington	Currently no gas service	NA	NA

⁵⁸Incorporated as Worcester Gas Light 5/15/1851.

⁵⁹Association refused to accept charter.

⁶⁰Commission refused in DPU 2526 (7/22/1927) to grant necessary approval.

Wrentham

* Plainville area ⁶¹

Currently held by Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts

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| 1. North Attleborough Gas Light | 4/4/1884 | St.1884, c. 130 |
| 2. <i>Wrentham Gas</i> | 12/23/1915 | <i>Articles of Organization</i> |
| 3. Taunton Gas Light | 11/4/1926 | DPU 2611 |

Yarmouth

Currently held by Boston Gas Company

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| 1. Cape Cod Gas | 2/27/1929 | Articles of Organization |
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⁶¹Part of Wrentham until 1905.

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 Company by NIPSCO) 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 allow utilities to expand into communities not included in articles of incorporation (St.1910, c. 197).

For municipal systems created pursuant to Ch. 370, Acts of 1891, et seq., date given is the date of second vote required by statute.

* Denotes date of initial operations for non-incorporated entities

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 historical conditions, where a town served by one company was later annexed by a community served by a different company (NStar Gas serving the Hyde Park section of Boston), or economic reasons where a company only chose to extend its lines into part of a town, permitting a second company to enter the remaining portion of the town (Bellingham’s division between Bay State Gas and Blackstone Gas). On occasion, a division of a community was sanctioned by legislative act, as in the case of Charlestown Gas Company’s expansion into Medford (already authorized to be served by Malden and Melrose Gas Light Company) pursuant to St.1860, c. 66 (3/13/1860). Examples of these types of divided gas service territories include Bellingham, Boston’s Hyde Park section, Mendon and Somerville.

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. See, for example, Worcester Gas Light Company, DPU 1973 (7/24/1925) (the Cherry Valley section of Leicester); Dedham and Hyde Park Gas Company, DPU 9751 (12/31/1951) (a house in Milton); Boston Gas Company, DPU 13818 and Worcester Gas Light Company, DPU 13819 (3/14/1962) (resetting the boundary in Natick and Wayland along the Massachusetts Turnpike); Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, DPU 15265 (7/13/1966) (a section of Lunenburg); Colonial Gas Company/NSTAR Gas Company, D.P.U. 02-44 (2002) (a reversion of a section of Plymouth back to NStar Gas) 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. Bay State Gas Company’s 1991 arrangement with Commonwealth Gas Company concerning service in the Town of Dover is a good example). 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. D.P.U. 02-44, cited above, would be such an example.

Additionally, mergers and consolidations have served to reduce the total number of fringe customers over time. A comprehensive listing of all fringe customers at all points of time is beyond the scope of this document.

ENTRY OR EXPANSION DENIED BY OR APPEALED TO COMMISSION

<u>Community</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Appellant</u>	<u>Docket</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Barnstable	Buzzards Bay Electric	NA	G&E 762 (filed 1912)	Entry Denied
Bedford	Lowell Gas Light	NA	DPU 3840 (2/11/1930)	Entry Denied?
Bedford	Lowell Gas Light	NA	DPU 9380 (12/6/1955)	Petition Withdrawn
Bedford (Hanscom AFB)	Lowell Gas Light	NA	DPU 11489 (12/19/1955)	??
Beverly	Beverly Gas	NA	DPU 9897 (3/27/1952)	Petition Withdrawn
Boston	Brookline Gas Light	Boston Gas Light/ Bay State Gas/ Roxbury Gas Light	G&E 85 (filed 1893)	Entry Approved
Boston	Brookline Gas Light	Bay State Gas/ South Boston Gas Light/ Roxbury Gas Light/ Boston Gas Light	G&E 119 (filed 1894)	Dismissed
Boxborough	Boston Gas	NA	DPU 11541 (12/21/1955)	Dismissed Without Prejudice
Burlington	Burlington Gas	NA	DPU 12336 (8/1/1958)	Petition Withdrawn
Burlington (limited)	Boston Gas (granted to Mystic Valley Gas)	NA	DPU 12573 (8/1/1958)	Entry Denied
Carlisle	Boston Gas	NA	DPU 11540 (12/21/1955)	Dismissed Without Prejudice
Chelmsford	Chelmsford Gas Light	Lowell Gas Light	G&E 325 (filed 1902)	??
Chelmsford	Lowell Gas Light	Chelmsford Gas Light	G&E 334 (filed 1902)	??
Chelsea	American Fuel	Chelsea Gas Light	G&E 38 (7/17/1890)	Entry Denied
Chelsea	(inaction by Aldermen)	Boston Gas Light	G&E 489 (9/20/1907)	Street Permit Granted
Concord	Lowell Gas Light	NA	DPU 3840 (2/1/1930)	Entry Denied?
Dedham	Worcester Gas Light	NA	DPU 3883 (2/26/1931)	Entry Denied
Dover	Worcester Gas Light	NA	DPU 3883 (2/26/1931)	Entry Denied
Framingham	Framingham & Ashland Gas	Framingham Gas, Fuel & Power	G&E 64 (filed 1891)	??
Harvard	Boston Gas	NA	DPU 11541 (12/21/1955)	Dismissed Without Prejudice
Haverhill	Haverhill Gas	NA	G&E 655 (filed 1913)	Entry Denied
Holliston	Taunton Gas Light (granted to Worcester Gas Light)	NA	DPU 3744 (11/19/1929)	Dismissed
Lincoln (Hanscom AFB)	Lowell Gas Light	NA	DPU 11489 (12/19/1955)	??
Marion	New Bedford G&E Light	NA	DPU 3678 (12/12/1929)	??
Marion	New Bedford G&E Light	NA	DPU 3869 (7/31/1930)	Dismissed
Marion	New Bedford G&E Light	NA	DPU 4190 (filed 1930)	Entry Denied
Marlboro	Citizens Gas Co.of Marlboro	Marlboro Gas Light	G&E 51 (12/20/1892)	Entry Denied
Melrose	George W. Chipman	Malden and Melrose GL	G&E 7 (filed 1887)	Entry Denied
Methuen	George M. Drew <u>et al</u> (denial by Selectmen)	Lawrence Gas Methuen Gas Light	G&E 26(2/24/1891) G&E 60 (12/20/1892)	Entry Denied Entry Denied
Middleton	Lowell Gas Light	NA	G&E 9380 (12/6/1951)	Entry Denied
Monson	Bay State Natural Gas	NA	DPU 8800 (10/23/1952)	Petition Withdrawn
Monson	Monson Gas	NA	DPU 14390 (2/4/1965)	Petition Withdrawn
New Bedford	(denial by Aldermen/ Board of Public Works)	Consumers Gas Co. of New Bedford	G&E 67 (6/3/1892)	Entry Denied
North Reading	Lowell Gas Light	NA	DPU 9380 (12/6/1951)	Entry Denied
North Reading	Mystic Valley Gas (granted to Lowell Gas)	NA	DPU 14863 (12/15/1965)	Entry Denied
Palmer	Bay State Natural Gas	NA	DPU 8800 (10/23/1952)	Petition Withdrawn
Palmer	Monson Gas	NA	DPU 14390 (2/4/1965)	Petition Withdrawn
Plainville (limited)	Bay State Gas	NA	DPU 86-245 (10/17/1991)	Petition Withdrawn

Reading	(denial by Selectmen	Peoples G&E Company of Stoneham	G&E 192 (filed 1897)	??
Reading	(denial by Selectmen	Peoples G&E Company of Stoneham	G&E 197 (filed 1898)	??
Revere Shirley	Suburban Gas Boston Gas	NA NA	DPU 9900 (3/27/1952) DPU 11541 (12/21/1955)	Petition Withdrawn Dismissed Without Prejudice
South Hadley	Springfield Gas Light	South Hadley Gas Light	G&E 885 (filed 1914)	Settled - G&E 937
Townsend	Lowell Gas (granted to Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light)	NA	DPU 14889 (3/8/1966)	Entry Denied
Westminster	Gardner Gas, Fuel & Light	NA	DPU 12297 (4/1/1959)	Petition Withdrawn
Westwood	Worcester Gas Light	NA	DPU 3883 (2/26/1931)	Permit Denied
Winthrop	Suburban Gas	NA	DPU 9900 (3/27/1952)	Petition Withdrawn
Worcester	Worcester Electric Light	NA	DPU 2526 (7/22/1927)	Entry Denied