

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

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Abington	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Abington and Rockland Electric Light	9/10/1889	Town permit <sup>1</sup>
	2. Abington Electric Light and Power	1/31/1889	Articles of Organization
	3. The Electric Light and Power Company of Abington and Rockland	11/26/1889	Articles of Organization
Acton	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. <i>Acton Electric</i>	9/24/1889	Articles of Organization
	2. American Woolen Company (New Jersey) (enabling act expired pursuant to St.1916, c. 354, § 1 (6/1/1916))	5/21/1906	St.1906, c. 405
* AW-NJ rights	3. American Woolen Company (Mass.) (enabling act repealed pursuant to St.1931, c. 77 (3/4/1931))	6/1/1916	St.1916, c. 354
* AW-MA electric system	4. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston	6/11/1929	DPU 3565
* border customers	5. Concord Municipal Light Plant	1913-1960	Town permit?
Acushnet	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light	7/3/1914	G&E 876
* northeast corner <sup>2</sup>	2. Plymouth County Electric	7/6/1944	DPU 7131
* 600' extension <sup>3</sup>	3. Plymouth County Electric	[filed 1944]	DPU 7244
* part of town	4. Plymouth County Electric	3/14/1947	DPU 7639
Adams	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Adams Electric Light and Power	12/10/1887	Articles of Organization
	2. Adams Gas Light	10/17/1902	G&E 344
Agawam	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>United Electric</i> <sup>4</sup>	5/13/1896	St. 1896, c. 386
	2. Village Water Company of Suffield (Conn.) <sup>5</sup>	9/1904	Town permit
* HPCo rights	3. Agawam Electric	9/5/1913	G&E 803/836
Alford	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Southern Berkshire Power and Electric (Southern Berkshire Power and Electric rights validated by DPU 5652 (8/2/1938))	1925-1928	Town permit?
Amesbury	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Electric Light and Patent Flooring	5/28/1886	Articles of Organization
* limited C&I	2. Merrimack Valley Power and Buildings	5/29/1915	Articles of Organization

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Later rescinded informally by town officials; see G&E 47 (filed 1890).

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

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

<sup>4</sup>Company authorized to serve cities and towns adjoining Springfield, upon approval of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners.

<sup>5</sup>Franchises 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 a Mr. Mellen. System was conveyed to Enfield EL&P immediately prior to transfer to Agawam Electric (possibly to ensure that Agawam Electric had clear title).

Amherst	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Thomson-Houston Electric Plant (Thomson-Houston Electric, d/b/a) (Conn.)	1/8/1889	Town permit
	2. Amherst Gas	2/23/1889	G&E 17
* AGCo electric divestiture	3. Western Counties Electric	2/21/1930	DPU 3770
Andover	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Andover Electric	5/2/1888	Articles of Organization
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	Articles of Organization
Ashburnham	Currently held by Town of Ashburnham		
	1. Greene Electric Light, Power and Manufacturing (ceased operations 3/4/1907)	3/27/1903	Articles of Organization
	2. Town of Ashburnham	10/29/1907	Town vote
Ashby	Currently held by Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company		
	1. Loveland Electric (W. O. Loveland, d/b/a)	1/31/1903	Town permit
	2. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light	5/1/1914	G&E 871
Ashfield	Currently held by Western Massachusetts 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	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Athol Electric Lighting and Power	5/17/1888	Town permit
	2. Millers River Gas Light	1/31/1889	G&E 12
* MRGL insolvency	3. Athol Gas and Electric	4/1/1891	Foreclosure purchase
* South Athol	3. New Salem Electric	10/9/1925	Articles of Organization
Auburn	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Worcester Suburban Electric (Worcester Suburban Electric rights validated by DPU 5932 (1/5/1940))	1911-1912	Town permit?
Attleboro	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. North Attleboro Steam and Electric	4/2/1886	Articles of Organization
* NAS&E insolvency	2. Attleboro Electric	1/22/1895	G&E 116
Avon	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brockton (Enabling act was St.1895, c. 336, dated 4/30/1895; company amended charter 3/2/1909)	1909	Town permit

Ayer	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>Ayer Electric</i>	9/24/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Sargent Electric Light (William M. Sargent, d/b/a) <sup>6</sup>	12/1897 *	Town permit
	3. <i>Ayer Light and Power</i>	10/28/1898	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
* SEL incorporation	4. The Ayer Electric Light Company	7/26/1901	G&E 296
* border customers	5. Groton Electric Department	1909-1960	Town permit?
Barnstable	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Buzzards Bay Electric	11/7/1911	G&E 686
* Hyannis Fire District	2. <i>Barnstable Electric</i> <sup>7</sup>	7/6/1912	<i>Town permit</i>
	3. <i>Louis Arenorski</i>	1913	<i>Town permit</i>
Barre	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>Barre Street Railway</i>	4/1/1897	<i>St. 1897, c. 21, § 9</i>
	2. Gardner Electric Light (Gardner Electric Light rights validated by DPU 3518 (3/25/1929))	1911-1912	Town permit?
* South Barre	3. The Barre Wool Combing Company, Ltd. (Maine) <sup>8</sup>	6/9/1903	Corporate actions
* BWC reincorporation	4. The Barre Wool Combing Company, Ltd. (ceased operations 1940s?)	6/14/1922	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
Becket	Currently held by Western Massachusetts 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 Company		
	1. <i>Belchertown Light, Heat and Power</i>	7/19/1909	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. <i>Belchertown Electric</i>	2/12/1912	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	3. Central Massachusetts Electric (Central Massachusetts Electric rights validated by DPU 5927 (1/5/1940))	1915	Town permit?
Bellingham			
	1. <i>Woonsocket Electric Machine and Power</i> ( <i>Rhode Island</i> )	5/26/1893	<i>St. 1893, c. 390</i>
* N. Bellingham/Caryville	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Medway Electric Light and Power	4/24/1905	Town permit
* South Bellingham	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Union Electric Light	8/24/1909	Charter amendment
Belmont	Currently held by Town of Belmont		
	1. Somerville Electric Light (streetlighting 1888; residential lighting 1889)	2/21/1887	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
* municipalization	2. Town of Belmont	8/20/1896	Town vote

<sup>6</sup>Block Plant Electric leased the 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.

<sup>7</sup>Permit overturned in G&E 745 (3/4/1913).

<sup>8</sup>System originally built to serve company store and homes of mill employees.

Berkley	Currently held by City of Taunton		
	1. City of Taunton	7/16/1919	G&E 1198
Berlin	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Marlborough Electric	1910-1911	Town permit?
	(Worcester Suburban Electric rights validated by DPU 5932 (1/5/1940))		
* border customers	2. Hudson Light and Power	1891-1960	Town permit?
Bernardston	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Greenfield Electric Light and Power	1912	Town permit
* border customers	2. Halifax Electric Cooperative (Vermont)	1945	Town permit
Beverly	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. The Beverly Electric Light Company	1887	Articles of Association
	(association)		
	2. Beverly Gas Light	6/15/1888	G&E 11
* separated electric	3. Essex County Electric	6/1/1953	DPU 10453
Billerica	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Billerica Electric (Walter F. Drucker, d/b/a) <sup>9</sup>	7/1/1899 *	Town permit
* BE incorporation	2. Billerica Electric	7/26/1901	G&E 323
	(Lowell Electric Light Corporation rights validated by DPU 4585 (3/14/1933))		
Blackstone	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>Blackstone Electric</i>	9/24/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Woonsocket Electric Machine and Power	2/20/1890	St.1890, c. 45
	(Rhode Island) (ceased electric service 8/15/1895)		
	(enabling act repealed pursuant to St.1896, c. 387 (5/12/1896))		
	3. Blackstone Electric Light	1/1/1896 <sup>10</sup>	Articles of Organization
Blandford	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Town of Blandford	1925	Town vote
* Town-owned system	2. Western Massachusetts Electric	7/26/1949	DPU 8705
Bolton	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Marlborough Electric	1912-1913	Town permit?
	(Worcester Suburban Electric rights validated by DPU 5932 (1/5/1940))		
* Hudson border area	2. Hudson Light and Power	[filed 1926]	DPU 2493 <sup>11</sup>

<sup>9</sup>Incorporated as Billerica Electric on 3/21/1901.

<sup>10</sup>Incorporators began providing electric service in Blackstone on 12/1/1895.

<sup>11</sup>Town permit granted in 1926; appeal by Marlborough Electric Light apparently denied in DPU 2493.

Boston		Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company	
	1. New England Weston Electric Light	1880	Articles of Organization
* Kneeland Street area	2. Brush Electric Lighting Company of Boston	7/20/1881	Articles of Organization
* Stanhope Street area	3. Weston Illuminating	5/4/1882	Articles of Organization
* Congress Street area	4. Merchants Electric Light and Power (Maine)	7/18/1883	Articles of Organization
* Tremont Street area	5. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston	1/8/1886	Articles of Organization
* consolidations	6. Boston Electric Light (Maine)	11/17/1886	Articles of Organization
* Federal Court area	7. Franklin Electric Light Company of Maine <sup>12</sup>	7/1887	City permit
* Church Green area	8. Church Green Electric Light and Power (Alonzo W. Perry, d/b/a)	3/1888 *	City permit
* Hawley Street area	9. Walworth Light and Power	5/8/1888	Articles of Organization
* BEL reincorporation	10. Boston Electric Light (Massachusetts)	2/14/1888	Articles of Organization
* School Street area	11. Henry Krey <sup>13</sup>	pre-10/1895	City permit?
* Back Bay area	12. Back Bay Incandescent Light	2/1/1890	Articles of Organization
* School Street area	13. MacDonald Electric (D.S. MacDonald, d/b/a)	3/1892 *	City permit
* Henry Krey incorporation	14. Block Plant Electric (ceased operations 10/1/1918)	12/5/1895	G&E 140
* Summer Street area	15. Steam and Power Company of Boston (New York Heat and Power, d/b/a)	1900	City permit?
* Dewey Square area	16. Blodgett Estate Light, Heat and Power	5/26/1900	Articles of Organization?
* City Hall Square area	17. Niles Trust Estate (William J. Niles Estate, d/b/a)	1900 *	City permit?
* citywide	18. <i>Mattapan Gas and Electric</i>	4/25/1904	Articles of Organization
* Devonshire Street area	19. L. W. Barnes Steam Specialities	1/30/1911	Articles of Organization
* School Street area	20. J. Murray Howe	6/1/1914 *	City permit?
* Brighton	1. Brookline Gas Light <sup>14</sup>	10/10/1887	G&E 6
* Dorchester	1. Brush Electric Lighting Company of Boston	7/20/1881	Articles of Organization
* Charlestown	1. New England Weston Electric Light	1880	Articles of Organization
* Charlestown	2. Weston Illuminating	5/4/1882	Articles of Organization
* Charlestown	3. Charlestown Gas	6/9/1886	St. 1886, c. 272
* border customers	4. Massachusetts Electric	1955-1970	City permit?
* East Boston	1. Union Electric Light and Power (1882 Maine)	7/21/1884	City permit
* East Boston	2. Citizens' Electric Light <sup>15</sup>	12/4/1885	Articles of Organization
* Roxbury	1. Brush Electric Lighting	7/20/1881	Articles of Organization
* Roxbury	2. <i>The Roxbury Electric Light Company</i>	2/2/1889	Articles of Organization
* South Boston	1. New England Weston Electric Light	1880	Articles of Organization
* Hyde Park <sup>16</sup>	1. <i>Dedham and Hyde Park Gas and Electric Light</i>	5/14/1886	St. 1886, c. 206
* Hyde Park	2. Hyde Park Electric Light	3/26/1888	Articles of Organization
* Hyde Park	3. <i>Mattapan Gas and Electric</i>	4/25/1904	Articles of Organization

<sup>12</sup>Based on contemporaneous descriptions, may have been this company.

<sup>13</sup>Incorporated as Block Plant Electric on 10/10/1895.

<sup>14</sup>Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston and Brookline Gas Light agreed in 1902 to divide 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); Weld v. Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners, 197 Mass. 556 (1908).

<sup>15</sup>Leased to Boston Electric Light.

<sup>16</sup>Annexed to Boston in 1912.

* EEICo divestiture	1. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston	8/20/1909	G&E 592
* BGC Co electric divestiture	1. Boston Edison	12/6/1972	DPU 17444
* Various across-public way locations:			
* across public ways	1. Frank E. Ferdinand	1890	City permit
* across Summer	2. Smith and Patterson	12/30/1889	City permit
* across Wendell/Hamilton	3. D. Webster King	8/16/1892	City permit
* across Essex/Kingston	4. <i>Brown, Durrell and Company</i>	2/19/1894	City permit
* across Richmond/Clinton	5. Quincy Market Cold Storage	3/4/1895	City permit
* across Province	6. G. A. and J. L. Damon	4/3/1895	City permit
* under Spring Lane	7. John H. H/T. W. Carter	1895	City permit
* across public ways	8. W. B. Thomas	1898	City permit
* 267-275 Washington	9. Journal Building Trust	3/30/1903	City permit
* across Hawes	10. Congress Street Associates	12/17/1906	City permit
* across Wendell	11. Weeks Real Estate Trust	3/9/1908	City permit
Bourne	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
* south of Monument River	1. Buzzards Bay Electric <sup>17</sup>	11/7/1911	G&E 686
* north of Monument River	2. Marion Gas	11/15/1911	Commission vote <sup>18</sup>
Boxborough	Currently held by Town of Littleton		
	1. Town of Littleton	9/13/1923	DPU 1289
* border customers	2. Hudson Light and Power	1906-1960	Town permit?
Boxford	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Lawrence Gas	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. <i>Braintree Electric</i>	9/11/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. <i>The Monatiquot Electric Light and Power Company</i>	11/18/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	3. Citizens Electric Light (Alvah S. Morrison, d/b/a) (ceased operations 5/1900)	1889 *	Town permit
	4. Town of Braintree	10/29/1891	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 Company		
	1. The Bridgewater Electric Company	8/23/1889	Articles of Organization
* border customers	2. Taunton Municipal Light Plant	1896-1960	Company agreement?

<sup>17</sup> Franchise boundary later redefined along Cape Cod Canal in G&E 743/744 (7/19/1912).

<sup>18</sup> Date 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.



Brimfield	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Webster and Southbridge Gas and Electric	1914-1915	Town permit?
	(Worcester County Electric rights validated by DPU 5931 (1/5/1940))		
Brockton	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brockton	3/22/1883	Articles of Organization
	2. Jenny Electric Light and Power	5/2/1884	Articles of Organization
Brookfield	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>Warren and Brookfield Electric</i>	4/2/1900	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Central Massachusetts Electric	1913	Town permit?
	(Central Massachusetts Electric rights validated by DPU 5927 (1/5/1940))		
Brookline	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Brookline Electric Light	6/20/1885	Articles of Organization
	2. Suburban Light and Power	10/16/1886	Articles of Organization
	3. Brookline Gas Light	10/10/1887	G&E 6
Buckland	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Shelburne Falls Electric Light and Power	1897 *	Town permit?
	(Charles H. Wilcox and William J. Halligan, d/b/a) <sup>19</sup>		
* Wilcox incorporation	2. Shelburne Falls Electric Light and Power	5/25/1910	G&E 632
* SFEL&P interests	3. Greenfield Electric Light and Power <sup>20</sup>	7/14/1911	G&E 677
	(Enabling act was St.1910, c. 580, dated 5/31/1910)		
Burlington	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston	1912-1913	Town permit?
Cambridge	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. <i>Cambridge and Somerville Electric Light</i>	4/9/1884	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Cambridge Electric Light	11/14/1885	Articles of Organization
	3. Boston Electric Light (Maine)	11/17/1886	Articles of Organization
* BEL reincorporation	4. Boston Electric Light (Massachusetts)	11/17/1888	Articles of Organization
* Albany/Portland Street	5. G. W. Gale Lumber	1896	City permit
* across public ways	6. G. W. Gale Lumber	1911	City permit
Canton	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. <i>The Neponset Electric Company</i> <sup>21</sup>	3/28/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Canton Electric	7/15/1889	Town permit
	3. Blue Hill Electric Light	8/14/1889	Town permit
Carlisle	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston	6/10/1911	Town vote

<sup>19</sup>Incorporated as Shelburne Falls Electric Light and Power on 8/18/1908.

<sup>20</sup>Previously 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.

<sup>21</sup>Company only reached stage of constructing exhibition lighting system; reference G&E 29 (1889).

Carver	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Marion Gas	7/3/1914	G&E 876
Charlemont	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. G. H. Turner Electric Light Plant (G. H. Turner, d/b/a) <sup>22</sup>	5/1/1903 *	Town permit
* Turner incorporation	2. Charlemont Electric Light and Power	6/29/1911	G&E 680
Charlton	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Webster and Southbridge Gas and Electric (Worcester County Electric rights validated by DPU 5931 (1/5/1940))	1912-1913	Town permit?
Chatham	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Buzzards Bay Electric	8/13/1914	G&E 855
Chelmsford	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
* North Chelmsford	1. Lowell Electric Light Corporation	1895-1896	Town permit?
	2. Lowell Electric Light Corporation	1901-1902	Town permit?
Chelsea	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Union Electric Light and Power (Maine)	7/18/1882	Articles of Organization
	2. Citizens' Electric Light <sup>23</sup>	12/4/1885	Articles of Organization
	3. <i>Boston Electric Light (Maine)</i>	11/17/1886	Articles of Organization
	4. Chelsea Gas Light	1/9/1888	G&E 2
* BEL reincorporation	5. <i>Boston Electric Light (Massachusetts)</i>	11/17/1888	Articles of Organization
* business district	6. Champlin-Babson Electric (A. B. Champney, d/b/a)	1880-1893 *	City permit
* CGL electric divestiture	7. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston	8/20/1909	G&E 592
* across public ways	8. A. G. Walton and Company <sup>24</sup>	1913	City permit
* border customers	9. Suburban Gas and Electric	1895-1960	Town permit?
Cheshire	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
* most of town	1. Adams Gas Light (Enabling act was St.1905, c. 94, dated 2/23/1905)	[filed 1905]	G&E 455
* South Cheshire	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Pittsfield Electric	1934	Town permit?

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<sup>22</sup>Incorporated as Charlemont Electric Light and Power on 3/11/1911.

<sup>23</sup>Leased to Boston Electric Light, which was official holder of permit from city.

<sup>24</sup>See disposition of appeal in G&E 839 (1913).

Chester	Currently held by Town of Chester		
	1. Chester Electric Light (E. Leroy Gardner, d/b/a) <sup>25</sup>	3/18/1899 *	Town permit
* CEL incorporation	2. Chester Electric Light	10/7/1909	G&E 601
* CEL municipalization	3. Town of Chester	9/10/1926	Town vote
* border customers	4. Huntington Electric Light	1905-1951	Town permit?
Chesterfield	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Hampshire Electric	1/31/1928	Articles of Organization
Chicopee	Currently held by City of Chicopee		
	1. Chicopee Electric Light	3/1/1887	Articles of Organization
* northern part	2. South Hadley Falls Electric Light	1892-1893	City permit?
* municipalization	3. City of Chicopee	12/16/1892	Town vote
* certain C&I customers	4. Holyoke Water Power	5/15/1903	St.1903, c. 350
* certain C&I customers	5. Amherst Power	2/1913	Board of Alderman
* certain C&I customers	6. Holyoke Power and Electric	12/1/1925	Articles of Organization
Chilmark	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Cape and Vineyard Electric	6/3/1930	DPU 3901
Clarksburg	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. North Adams Gas Light (Enabling act was St.1903, c. 93, dated 3/13/1903)	4/21/1903	G&E 366
Clinton	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Clinton Schuyler Electric Light	c. 1886	Town permit?
	2. Clinton Gas Light	8/17/1887	G&E 3
	3. <i>The Merchants Electric Company</i> <sup>26</sup>	10/1/1889	Town permit
Cohasset	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Cohasset Electric	3/19/1890	Articles of Organization
Colrain	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. The Colrain Electric Light Company (Henry H. Smith <u>et al</u> , d/b/a) <sup>27</sup>	1907 *	Town permit?
* Smith incorporation	2. The Colrain Electric Light and Power Company	6/7/1908	G&E 551
* border customers	3. Halifax Electric Cooperative (Vermont)	1945	Town permit
Concord	Currently held by Town of Concord		
	1. <i>Concord Electric</i>	3/19/1889	Articles of Organization
	2. Town of Concord	3/29/1897	Town vote

<sup>25</sup>Incorporated as Chester Electric Light on 7/7/1907.

<sup>26</sup>Permit rescinded in G&E 34 (12/24/1889).

<sup>27</sup>Incorporated as The Colrain Electric Light and Power Company on 2/18/1908.

Conway	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Conway Electric Light and Power (Maine) <sup>28</sup>	11/25/1897	Articles of Organization
* CEL&P reincorporation	2. Deerfield River Electric Light	4/20/1905	G&E 440
Cumington	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Hampshire Electric	1/28/1928	Articles of Organization
Dalton	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Pittsfield Electric	1891-1892	Town permit?
	(Pittsfield Electric rights validated by DPU 3705 (9/20/1929))		
Dana	Town no longer exists		
	1. North Dana Box and Electric Light	1911 *	Town permit?
	(A. W. Mason, d/b/a)		
	(ceased electric service 2/15/1917 - fire)		
	2. Town of Dana	10/10/1918	Town vote
* northern part	3. New Salem Electric	10/9/1925	Articles of Organization
* Town-owned system	4. Gardner Electric Light	12/31/1928	Purchase
	(Gardner Electric Light rights validated by DPU 3518 (3/25/1930))		
Danvers	Currently held by Town of Danvers		
	1. Town of Danvers	3/16/1888	Town Vote
	(Ratified by St. 1891, c. 338, dated 6/6/1891; accepted by town 10/16/1891)		
	2. <i>Danvers Electric</i>	11/5/1889	Articles of Organization
	3. <i>Danvers Gas Light (expired 9/1890)</i>	11/26/1889	G&E 2 <sup>29</sup>
* border customers	4. Beverly Gas and Electric	pre-1950	Town permit?
Dartmouth	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light	7/16/1912	G&E 746
Dedham	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. <i>Dedham and Hyde Park Gas and Electric Light</i> <sup>30</sup>	5/14/1886	St. 1886, c. 206
	2. Dedham Electric	6/21/1889	Town permit
Deerfield	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Greenfield Electric Light and Power	1907	Town permit
* South Deerfield	2. J. B. Bridges and Company	1907 *	Town permit?
	(James B. and Eugene T. Bridges, d/b/a)		
Dennis	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Buzzards Bay Electric	8/13/1914	G&E 855

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<sup>28</sup>Company engaged only in wholesale electric operations until 11/1/1901.

<sup>29</sup>Authorization expired in 9/1890 without any action by Company.

<sup>30</sup>Board of G&E Commissioners denied appeal by company of town grant to Dedham Electric in G&E 27 (1889).

Dighton	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Fall River Electric Light	1921-1922	Town permit?
	(Fall River Electric Light rights validated by DPU 5618 (4/1/1938))		
* streetlighting	2. Dighton Electric Light District	4/15/1920	St.1920, c. 316
* North Dighton Fire Dist.	Currently held by City of Taunton		
	1. Mount Hope Finishing Company	4/26/1926	St.1926, c. 237
* MHF electric system	2. Taunton Municipal Light Plant	5/31/1952	St.1952, c. 372
Douglas	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Douglas Electric	3/11/1903	Articles of Organization
Dover	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston	1906	Town permit?
Dracut	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Lowell Electric Light Corporation	1907	Town permit
Dudley	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Webster Electric	7/6/1887	Articles of Organization
	(Worcester Suburban Electric rights validated by DPU 5931 (1/5/1940))		
Dunstable	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Tyngsborough Electric Light	1908 *	Town permit?
	(Albert A. Flint/Lucius A. Derby, d/b/a) <sup>31</sup>		
* TEL incorporation	2. Tyngsborough Electric Light	8/29/1911	G&E 658
* part of town	3. Groton Electric Light Department	[filed 1935]	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 Company		
	1. <i>Town of Whitman</i> <sup>32</sup>	6/15/1892	St. 1892, c. 387
	2. Whitman Light and Power	1895	Town permit
	3. <i>Hanson Gas and Electric</i>	9/21/1905	Articles of Organization
	4. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brockton	1907	Town permit
	(Enabling act was St.1895, c. 336, dated 4/30/1895; company amended charter 3/2/1909)		
East Brookfield <sup>33</sup>	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Central Massachusetts Electric	1913	Town permit?
	(Central Massachusetts Electric rights validated by DPU 5927 (1/5/1940))		

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<sup>31</sup>Incorporated as Tyngsboro Electric Light on 9/24/1909.

<sup>32</sup>Statute 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.

<sup>33</sup>Part of Brookfield until 1920.

East Longmeadow	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>United Electric</i> <sup>34</sup>	5/13/1896	St. 1896, c. 386
	2. Central Massachusetts Electric	5/1912	Town permit
	(Central Massachusetts Electric rights validated by DPU 5927 (1/5/1940))		
* border customers	3. Western Massachusetts Electric	1896-1960	Town permit?
Eastham	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Cape and Vineyard Electric	1/12/1926	DPU 1985
Easthampton	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Easthampton Electric	4/27/1888	Articles of Organization
* streetlighting	2. Peoples Electric	9/28/1888	Articles of Organization
	3. Easthampton Gas	3/29/1891	G&E 61
	4. <i>Easthampton Electric</i> <sup>35</sup>	1/2/1907	Articles of Organization
* EGCo electric divestiture	5. Western Counties Electric	3/21/1930	DPU 3785
Easton	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
* North Easton	1. <i>North Easton Electric</i>	6/28/1890	Articles of Organization
	2. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brockton	8/1911	Town permit
	(Enabling act was St. 1895, c. 336, dated 4/30/1895; company amended charter 3/2/1909)		
* South Easton	3. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brockton	1915	Town permit
	(Enabling act was St. 1895, c. 336, dated 4/30/1895; company amended charter 3/2/1909)		
Edgartown	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Vineyard Lighting	10/19/1908	Town permit?
Egremont	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Great Barrington Electric Light	1907-1908	Town permit?
	(Southern Berkshire Power and Electric rights validated by DPU 5652 (8/2/1938))		
Enfield	Town no longer exists		
	1. Central Massachusetts Electric	3/16/1913	Town vote
Erving	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric		
* western part	1. Millers Falls Water Supply District	4/9/1903	St. 1903, c. 221
* within district	2. Erving Electric Light District	6/15/1909	St. 1909, c. 496
* outside MFWSO	3. Franklin Electric Light	12/31/1912	No docket
* MFWSO elect divestiture	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
* eastern part	1. Athol Gas and Electric	1910	Town permit?
	(Athol Gas and Electric rights validated by DPU 5926 (1/5/1940))		
* State Forest area	2. Gardner Electric Light	4/24/1947	DPU 7691
Essex	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Gloucester Electric	1913	Town permit
	(Gloucester Electric rights validated by DPU 5989 (5/9/1940))		

<sup>34</sup>Company authorized to serve cities and towns adjoining Springfield, upon approval of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners.

<sup>35</sup>Permit rescinded in G&E 517 (8/9/1907).

Everett	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Malden Electric Light (Maine) 2. <i>Everett Electric Light</i>	7/26/1886 2/9/1888	Articles of Organization <i>Articles of Organization</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 Company 1. Fall River Electric Light 2. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Fall River	2/22/1883 10/1/1883	Articles of Organization Articles of Organization
Falmouth	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Buzzards Bay Electric	4/22/1909	Town permit
Fitchburg	Currently held by Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company 1. Wachusset Electric Light (Maine) 2. Fitchburg Gas Light 3. Connecticut River Transmission	3/17/1883 11/26/1889 7/2/1909	Articles of Organization G&E 39 G&E 567
* limited C&I			
Florida	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company 1. <i>North Adams Gas Light</i> 2. Deerfield River Electric	2/16/1906 11/20/1930	St. 1906, c. 75 DPU 4072
Foxboro	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company 1. <i>The Foxboro's Electric Company</i> 2. Foxboro Electric (George L. Allen/A. F. Bemis, d/b/a) <sup>36</sup> 3. Foxboro Electric 4. <i>Norfolk and Bristol Gas and Electric</i>	9/11/1889 4/9/1899 * 3/16/1904 7/8/1910	Articles of Organization Town permit G&E 440 <i>Articles of Organization</i>
* Allen incorporation			
Framingham	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company 1. Framingham Electric Light <sup>37</sup> (Samuel O. Daniels, d/b/a) 2. Framingham Electric 3. Town of Framingham	1/15/1887 * 8/24/1888 6/9/1909	Town permit? Articles of Organization St.1909, c. 479
* Daniels incorporation			
* limited municipal <sup>38</sup>			
Franklin	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company 1. Franklin Electric Light (unincorporated, d/b/a) <sup>39</sup> 2. Union Electric Light 3. <i>Woonsocket Electric Machine and Power</i>	1886 * 3/11/1889 5/26/1893	Town permit? Articles of Organization St.1893, c. 390
* FEL incorporation			

<sup>36</sup>Incorporated as Foxboro Electric on 7/15/1903.

<sup>37</sup>Incorporated as Framingham Electric on 8/24/1888.

<sup>38</sup>Authorized to construct poles and string wires to serve its water and sewer plant.

<sup>39</sup>Incorporated as Union Electric Light on 3/11/1889.

Freetown	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light	1916	Town permit?
* border customers	2. Plymouth County Electric	7/6/1944	DPU 7131
* part of town	3. Plymouth County Electric	3/14/1947	DPU 7639
Gardner	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Gardner Electric	5/10/1888	Articles of Organization
* GECos insolvency	2. Gardner Electric Light	10/28/1891	Articles of Organization
* border customers	3. Ashburnham Municipal Light Station	1907-1960	Town permit?
Georgetown	Currently held by Town of Georgetown		
	1. Town of Georgetown	3/4/1912	Town vote
Gill	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Franklin Electric Light	12/17/1886	Articles of Organization
* part of town	2. Greenfield Electric Light and Power	12/5/1886	Articles of Organization
Gloucester	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Gloucester Electric Light	5/16/1884	Articles of Organization
* across public ways	2. Oceanside Company <sup>40</sup>	1911	Town permit
Goshen	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Northampton Electric Lighting	1923	Town permit?
	(Northampton Electric Lighting validated by DPU 5827 (1/5/1940))		
Gosnold	Currently held by Town of Gosnold		
	1. Cornelius J. Wood <u>et al</u>	c. 1922	Town permit?
* Wood property	2. Town of Gosnold (lease)	9/6/1932	Town vote
	(Town action validated by St. 1934, c. 319, dated 6/3/1934)		
* Wood acquisition	3. Town of Gosnold (purchase)	1947	Town vote
Grafton	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>The Grafton and Upton Electric Company</i>	9/12/1889	Articles of Organization
	2. Grafton Electric	10/9/1894	Articles of Organization
Granby	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. South Hadley Falls Electric Light	10/13/1911	G&E 702
	2. Central Massachusetts Electric <sup>41</sup>	1914-1915	Town permit?
	(Central Massachusetts Electric rights validated by DPU 5927 (1/5/1940))		
	3. Elbert C. Aldrich <sup>42</sup>	1928	Town permit
* border customers	4. South Hadley Electric Light Department	1928	Town permit
Granville	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Town of Granville	1926	Town vote
* Town-owned system	2. Lee Electric	10/24/1930	DPU 4020

<sup>40</sup>See status of appeal in G&E 703 (filed 1911).

<sup>41</sup>Town'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.

<sup>42</sup>See status of appeal in DPU 3230 (filed 1928).



Great Barrington	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Great Barrington Electric Light	1/5/1888	Articles of Organization
	2. <i>Berkshire Light, Heat and Power</i>	12/12/1894	Articles of Organization
Greenfield	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Greenfield Electric Light and Power	12/5/1886	Articles of Organization
Greenwich	Town no longer exists		
	1. North Dana Box and Electric Light (Anthony W. Mason, d/b/a) (ceased electric service 2/15/1917 - fire)	3/30/1913	Town vote
Groton	Currently held by Town of Groton		
	1. Town of Groton	7/2/1909	Town vote
* West Groton	2. Ayer Electric Light	1914-1915	Town permit?
Groveland	Currently held by Town of Groveland		
	1. Essex Electric Light and Power (Maine)	7/28/1884	Articles of Organization
* EEL&P reincorporation	2. Haverhill Electric	12/7/1888	Articles of Organization
* municipalization	3. Town of Groveland	12/26/1906	Town vote
Hadley	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Amherst Gas	1912-1913	Town permit?
* AGCo electric divestiture	2. Western Counties Electric	2/21/1930	DPU 3770
* border customers	2. South Hadley Electric Light Department	1914-1960	Town permit?
Halifax	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>Hanson Gas and Electric</i>	9/21/1905	Articles of Organization
	2. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brockton	7/1923	Town permit
Hamilton	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Beverly Gas and Electric (Enabling act was St.1901, c. 89, dated 2/27/1901)	7/24/1903	Commission vote <sup>43</sup>
Hampden	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Central Massachusetts Electric (Central Massachusetts Electric rights validated by DPU 5927 (1/5/1940))	1917	Town permit?
Hancock			
* northern Hancock	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
* Hancock Center	1. Western Massachusetts Electric	2/19/1925	Articles of Organization
* Hancock Road area	2. Williamstown Gas	3/10/1933	DPU 4585
* southern Hancock	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
* southern Hancock	3. Pittsfield Electric	7/29/1931	DPU 4215
Hanover	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>Hanson Gas and Electric</i>	9/21/1905	Articles of Organization
	2. The Electric Light and Power Company of Abington and Rockland	1906	Town permit

<sup>43</sup> Commission 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.

Hanson	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>Hanson Gas and Electric</i>	9/21/1905	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brockton	1914	Town permit
* South Hanson	3. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brockton	1914	Town permit
* Bryantville	4. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brockton	1915	Town permit
* part of town	5. The Electric Light and Power Company of Abington and Rockland	1929	Town permit?
Hardwick	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Ware Electric	1906	Town permit?
Harvard	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Harvard Gas and Electric (Wachusset Electric rights validated by DPU 5930 (1/5/1940))	11/6/1906	Articles of Organization
* border customers	2. Hudson Light and Power	1906-1960	Town permit?
Harwich	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Buzzards Bay Electric	8/13/1914	G&E 855
	2. <i>The Harwich Electric Company</i>	9/23/1914	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
Hatfield	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Amherst Gas	1907	Town permit
* AGCo electric divestiture	2. Western Counties Electric	2/21/1930	DPU 3770
Haverhill	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Essex Electric Light and Power (Maine)	7/28/1884	Articles of Organization
* EEL&P reincorporation	2. Haverhill Electric	12/7/1888	Articles of Organization
	3. <i>Haverhill Illuminating</i>	6/2/1902	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
Hawley	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Charlemont Electric Light and Power (Northern Berkshire Gas rights validated by DPU 5929 (1/5/1940))	1936	Town permit
Heath	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Deerfield River Electric	12/29/1929	Articles of Organization
Hingham	Currently held by Town of Hingham		
	1. Weymouth Light and Power	2/18/1889	Articles of Organization
* municipalization	2. Town of Hingham	7/26/1893	Town vote
* border customers	3. Weymouth Light and Power	1893-1960	Town permit?
* border customers	4. The Electric Light and Power Company of Abington and Rockland	1893-1931	Town permit?
Hinsdale	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Pittsfield Electric (Pittsfield Electric rights validated by DPU 3705 (9/20/1929))	1913-1914	Town permit?

Holbrook	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>The Randolph and Holbrook Electric Company</i>	9/25/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. <i>Randolph and Holbrook Light and Power</i>	11/15/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	3. <i>Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brockton</i>	4/30/1895	<i>St. 1895, c. 336</i>
	4. Randolph and Holbrook Electric (Charles Doughty, d/b/a) <sup>44</sup>	1902 *	Town permit?
* RHE estate admin.	5. Randolph Light and Power Association	8/3/1914	Articles of Association
* RLPA incorporation	6. Randolph and Holbrook Power and Electric	3/10/1916	G&E 967
Holden	Currently held by Town of Holden		
	1. Town of Holden	9/5/1911	Town vote
* border customers	2. Paxton Municipal Light Department	1913-1960	Town permit?
Holland	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Webster and Southbridge Gas and Electric (Worcester County Electric rights validated by DPU 5931 (1/5/1940))	1925-1928	Town permit?
Holliston	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. <i>Holliston Gas and Electric</i>	6/5/1891	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Framingham Electric	1902	Town permit
Holyoke	Currently held by City of Holyoke		
	1. Holyoke Electric Light and Power	12/19/1884	Articles of Organization
	2. Holyoke Water Power	3/10/1888	G&E 8
	3. <i>Holyoke Electric</i>	5/1/1890	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
* municipalization	4. City of Holyoke	1/5/1897	Town vote
* limited C&I <sup>45</sup>	5. Holyoke Water Power	5/15/1903	St. 1903, c. 350
* HWP distribution assets	6. Holyoke Gas and Electric Department	12/15/2001	City vote
* border customers	7. South Hadley Electric Light Department	1914-1960	Town permit?
Hopedale <sup>46</sup>	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Milford Electric Light and Power	5/28/1886	St. 1886, c. 243

<sup>44</sup>Randolph Light and Power Association formed on 8/3/1914 to administer estate; Randolph and Holbrook Power and Electric organized on 7/2/1915 to incorporate association.

<sup>45</sup>Authorized to provide bulk electricity in Holyoke and South Hadley, plus wholesale service to municipal systems in Hampden and Hampshire 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).

<sup>46</sup>Part of Milford until 1886.

Hopkinton	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>Hopkinton Electric</i>	9/25/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
* Woodville area	2. Hopkinton Electric Plant (Leroy E. Coolidge, d/b/a) <sup>47</sup>	2/1900 *	Town permit
* Coolidge incorporation	3. Woodville Electric Light	7/29/1905	G&E 461
	4. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston	12/5/1906	Town permit
* Lake Maspenock area (private ways)	5. Maspenock Electric Light (partnership, d/b/a) <sup>48</sup> (ceased operations 12/31/1941)	8/1933 *	Town permit
Hubbardston	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Gardner Electric Light	1911-1912	Town permit?
	(Gardner Electric Light rights validated by DPU 3518 (3/25/1929))		
Hudson	Currently held by Town of Hudson		
	1. Hudson Electric Light (Maine)	9/16/1886	Articles of Organization
* municipalization	2. Town of Hudson	9/2/1891	Town vote
Hull	Currently held by Town of Hull		
	1. <i>Nantasket Electric Light and Power</i>	6/3/1890	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Hull Electric Light and Power	4/13/1892	Articles of Organization
* municipalization	3. Town of Hull	10/6/1894	Town vote
Huntington	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Henry E. Stanton <sup>49</sup>	pre-1904 *	Town permit?
* Stanton incorporation	2. Huntington Electric Light	7/29/1905	G&E 453
* border customers	3. Western Massachusetts Electric	1920-1960	Town permit?
Ipswich	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>Agawam Electric</i>	11/30/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Town of Ipswich	9/23/1901	Town vote
* Ipswich Mills	3. Newburyport Gas and Electric	6/3/1918	G&E 1113
Kingston	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Plymouth Electric Light	6/30/1905 <sup>50</sup>	Town permit

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<sup>47</sup>Incorporated as Woodville Electric Light on 7/5/1905.

<sup>48</sup>Served about 100 customers on private ways located by Lake Maspenock. Ceased operations 12/31/1941.

<sup>49</sup>Incorporated as Huntington Electric Light on 12/7/1904.

<sup>50</sup>Annual reports to legislature for 1888 through 1897 indicate that Plymouth Electric Light had been serving customers in the town during that period.

Lakeville	Currently held by Town of Middleboro		
* most of town	1. Town of Middleboro	5/3/1916	G&E 986
	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
* southwest corner	1. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light	1916	Town permit?
* Howlands area <sup>51</sup>	2. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light	5/1/1959	DPU 12765
* northern corner	Currently held by City of Taunton		
	1. Taunton Municipal Light Plant	1920-1929	Town permit?
Lancaster	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Clinton Gas Light	8/19/1887	G&E 3
Lanesborough	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Pittsfield Electric	1913-1914	Town permit?
	(Pittsfield Electric rights validated by DPU 3705 (9/20/1929))		
Lawrence	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Lawrence Electric Light (Maine)	6/7/1882	Articles of Organization
	2. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Lawrence	8/26/1882	Articles of Organization
	3. Lawrence Gas	11/12/1887	G&E 5
Lee	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Lee Gas Works	1882-1887	Town Permit?
	1. Lee Electric	11/24/1888	Articles of Organization
Leicester	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Leicester Electric Light	12/7/1887	Articles of Organization
* LEL insolvency	2. Rawson Light and Power	5/29/1895	G&E 130
	(Worcester County Electric rights validated by DPU 5931 (1/5/1940))		
* border customers	3. Paxton Municipal Light Department	1913-1960	Town permit?
Lenox	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Lenox Gas and Electric Company	11/24/1888	Articles of Organization
* southwest corner	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Lee Electric	1895	Town permit?
Leominster	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Leominster Electric Light and Power	2/27/1888	Articles of Organization
* Fitchburg border area	2. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light	[filed 1921]	DPU 571
Leverett	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Leverett Electric	8/26/1924	Articles of Organization

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<sup>51</sup>Service to Apponoquet Junior-Senior High School and surrounding area (Howland).

Lexington	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. <i>Woburn Electric Light and Power</i>	6/4/1888	Town permit <sup>52</sup>
	2. Lexington Gas Light	11/16/1892	G&E 83
* LGL insolvency	3. The Lexington Gas and Electric Company	11/25/1900	G&E 252
* LG&E electric divestiture	4. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston	4/26/1910	G&E 618
Leyden	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Greenfield Electric Light and Power	1930	Town permit
* border customers	2. Halifax Electric Cooperative (Vermont)	1945	Town permit
* HECO area	3. Western Massachusetts Electric	8/7/1950	Town permit
Lincoln	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston	1913-1914	Town permit?
* border customers	2. Concord Municipal Light Plant	1897-1960	Town permit?
Littleton	Currently held by Town of Littleton		
	1. Town of Littleton	11/6/1911	Town vote
* border customers	2. Groton Electric Department	1909-1960	Town permit?
Longmeadow	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. United Electric Light <sup>53</sup> (Enabling act was St.1896, c. 386, dated 5/11/1896)	1902-1903	Town permit?
Lowell	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Lowell Electric Light Corporation	12/30/1881	Articles of Organization
	2. Middlesex Electric Light (Maine)	3/20/1883	Articles of Organization
* limited C&I	3. Wamesit Power (org. 3/30/1865) (ceased operations c. 1930)	4/8/1902	St.1902, c. 278 <sup>54</sup>
Ludlow	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Ludlow Manufacturing	4/21/1889	St.1889, c. 200
* separated electric	2. Ludlow Electric	7/24/1914	G&E 877
Lunenburg	Currently held by Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company		
	1. Leominster Electric Light and Power	1902-1903	Town permit?
* municipalization	2. Town of Lunenburg	4/23/1914	Town vote
* town-owned system	3. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light	5/14/1920	DPU 121
* border customers	4. Worcester County Electric	1920-1960	Town permit?
Lynn	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Lynn Electric Lighting	4/26/1882	Articles of Organization

<sup>52</sup>Company never exercised electric franchise rights; sold rights to Lexington Gas Light in 1892; reference G&E 83 (11/16/1892).

<sup>53</sup>Company authorized to serve cities and towns adjoining Springfield, upon approval of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners.

<sup>54</sup>Charter amendments effectively permitted generation and sale of electricity produced by steam and hydropower.

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	3/1/1909	Town Meeting vote
	(Enabling act was St.1908, c. 369, dated 4/8/1908)		
Malden	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Malden Electric Light (Maine)	7/26/1886	Articles of Organization
	2. Malden Construction (association)	pre-3/1888	Articles of Association?
* MEL reincorporation	3. Malden Electric	3/12/1888	Articles of Organization
Manchester-by-the-Sea	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>Beverly Gas and Electric</i>	7/24/1903	<i>Commission vote</i> <sup>55</sup>
	(Enabling act was St.1901, c. 89, dated 2/27/1901)		
	2. Manchester Electric	4/16/1903	Articles of Organization
Mansfield	Currently held by Town of Mansfield		
	1. <i>Mansfield Electric</i>	9/11/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Town of Mansfield	10/16/1901	Town vote
* within district	3. <i>Mansfield Water Supply District</i>	3/25/1898	St.1898, c. 223
Marblehead	Currently held by City of Marblehead		
	1. <i>Marblehead Gas Light</i>	5/20/1886	St.1886, c. 225
	2. City of Marblehead	6/15/1892	Town vote
Marion	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Marion Gas	11/19/1908	G&E 556 <sup>56</sup>
* border customers	2. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light	12/12/1929	DPU 3678
* border customers	3. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light	7/6/1944	DPU 7131
Marlborough	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Marlborough Schuyler Electric Light	2/15/1886	Articles of Organization
* border customers	2. Hudson Light and Power	1891-1960	Town permit?
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	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light	8/8/1907	Town permit
* border customers	2. Plymouth County Electric	7/6/1944	DPU 7131

<sup>55</sup> Commission 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.

<sup>56</sup>Petition related to issuance of securities necessary to construct electric plant.

Maynard	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. American Woolen Company of New Jersey	4/29/1902	St.1902, c. 347 (enabling act expired pursuant to St.1916, c. 354, § 1 (6/1/1916))
* AW-NJ rights	2. American Woolen Company of Massachusetts	6/1/1916	St.1916, c. 354 (enabling act repealed pursuant to St.1931, c. 77 (3/4/1931))
* AW-MA elect divestiture	3. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston	6/11/1929	DPU 3565
* border customers	4. Hudson Light and Power	1907-1960	Company agreement?
Medfield	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Medfield Electric Light and Power	10/25/1897	Articles of Organization
Medford	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Malden Electric Light (Maine)	7/26/1886	Articles of Organization
	2. <i>Medford Electric Light</i>	2/6/1888	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
Medway	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Medway Electric Light and Power	9/24/1895	Articles of Organization
	2. <i>Norfolk Electric Light and Power</i>	10/2/1899	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
Melrose	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Malden Electric Light (Maine)	7/26/1886	Articles of Organization
Mendon	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Worcester Suburban Electric	1915-1916	Town permit?
	(Worcester Suburban Electric rights validated by DPU 5932 (1/5/1940))		
Merrimac	Currently held by Town of Merrimac		
	1. Town of Merrimac	1/30/1904	Town vote
Methuen	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Lawrence Gas	2/24/1891 <sup>57</sup>	G&E 26
Middleborough	Currently held by Town of Middleboro		
	1. Middleborough Electric Light and Power	1/12/1889	Town permit
	2. Middleboro Gas and Electric	4/3/1889	Town permit
* municipalization	3. Town of Middleboro	10/28/1893	Town vote
* border customers	4. Plymouth County Electric	1914-1951	Town permit?
Middlefield	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Lee Electric	4/25/1930	DPU 3881
Middleton	Currently held by Town of Middleton		
	1. Middleton Electric Light	4/21/1910	Articles of Organization
* future customers	2. City of Danvers <sup>58</sup>	4/11/1911	St.1911, c. 108
* municipalization	3. Town of Middleton	10/15/1913	Town vote
* border customers	4. Beverly Gas and Electric Light	1909-1953	Town permit?

<sup>57</sup>Town had issued an earlier permit, but had to reissue it on 8/2/1890 because original permit was lost.

<sup>58</sup>Authorized 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.



Milford	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Milford Electric Light and Power	5/28/1886	St.1886, c. 243
Millbury	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Millbury Electric	5/6/1887	Articles of Organization
Millis	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. The Millis Company (Henry Millis, d/b/a)	1892 *	Town permit?
* MCo insolvency	3. Millis Electric Light	2/3/1898	G&E 196
	4. <i>Norfolk Electric Light and Power</i>	10/2/1899	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
Millville <sup>59</sup>	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Woonsocket Electric Machine and Power (Rhode Island) (ceased electric service 8/15/1895)	2/20/1890	St.1890, c. 45
	2. Blackstone Electric Light (Worcester Suburban Electric rights validated by DPU 5932 (1/5/1940))	1/1/1896	Articles of Organization
Milton	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Milton Light and Power	1/1/1890	Articles of Organization
	2. <i>Citizens' Electric Company of Milton, Massachusetts</i>	2/20/1890	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	3. <i>Mattapan Gas and Electric</i>	4/25/1904	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
Monroe	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>North Adams Gas Light</i> <sup>60</sup>	2/16/1906	St. 1906, c. 75
* Monroe Bridge	2. Deerfield Glassine	10/7/1926	Town permit?
* Deerfield Glassine	3. Northern Berkshire Electric <sup>61</sup>	1/30/1935	DPU 4930
* rest of town	4. Northern Berkshire Electric	6/1952	Town permit
Monson	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Palmer Electric (Central Massachusetts Electric rights validated by DPU 5927 (1/5/1940))	6/15/1887	Articles of Organization
	2. <i>Monson Gas and Electric</i>	10/15/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
Montague	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
* Turners Falls	1. Franklin Electric Light	12/31/1886	Articles of Organization
* Montague Village	2. Montague Electric Light and Power	11/25/1902	Articles of Organization
* within district	3. Millers Falls Water Supply District	4/9/1903	St.1903, c. 221
* Turners Falls	4. Turners Falls Company (wholesale)	5/13/1904	St.1904, c. 340
* MFWSD elect divestiture	5. Franklin Electric Light	12/31/1912	No docket
* streetlighting	6. Montague Lighting District	6/16/1914	St.1914, c. 638

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<sup>59</sup>Part of Blackstone until 1916

<sup>60</sup>Franchise right may have been exercised by Northern Berkshire Gas in 1952 when that company extended service into Monroe.

<sup>61</sup>DPU 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.

Monterey	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>Berkshire Electric Light, Heat and Power</i>	12/12/1893	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Southern Berkshire Power and Electric	1919-1920	Town permit?
	(Southern Berkshire Power and Electric rights validated by DPU 5652 (8/2/1938))		
Montgomery	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Huntington Electric Light	6/5/1930	DPU 3923
Mount Washington	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Southern Berkshire Power and Electric	1949-1951	Town permit?
Nahant	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Lynn Gas and Electric	1891-1892	Town permit?
Nantucket	Currently held by Nantucket Electric Company		
	1. Nantucket Electric Light	6/1/1888	Articles of Organization
* NEL insolvency	2. Nantucket Electric	5/31/1895	G&E 127
	3. Nantucket Gas Light	7/22/1903	G&E 375
* NG&E insolvency	4. Citizens Gas, Electric and Power of Nantucket	4/27/1905	G&E 448
Natick	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Natick Electric (Maine)	5/8/1886	Articles of Organization
* NECo reincorporation	2. Natick Electric (Massachusetts)	4/15/1889	Articles of Organization
Needham	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. <i>Needham Electric</i>	8/24/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
* streetlighting	2. Town of Needham	5/31/1892	Town vote
* commercial	3. Natick Gas and Electric	1895	Town Contract
* Greendale	4. Greendale Chemical and Electric Lighting (William W. Carter <u>et al</u> , d/b/a) <sup>62</sup>	9/1/1898 *	Town permit
	5. <i>Needham Electric</i>	6/5/1900	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
* Town-owned system	6. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston	2/25/1908	Contract
* Cartwright Road	7. Wellesley Municipal Light Plant	1918	Town practice
New Ashford	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Pittsfield Electric	7/29/1931	DPU 4215
New Bedford	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. New Bedford Electric Light	7/10/1883	Articles of Organization
	2. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of New Bedford	5/27/1884	Articles of Organization
	3. New Bedford Gas Light	2/15/1888	G&E 4
New Braintree	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Gardner Electric Light	1929	Town permit?
	(Gardner Electric Light rights validated by DPU 5928 (1/5/1940))		

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<sup>62</sup>While Needham Electric organized on 6/5/1900 to incorporate system, merger never completed; reference G&E 271 (7/18/1900).

New Marlborough	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Great Barrington Electric Light	1909-1910	Town permit?
	(Southern Berkshire Power and Electric rights validated by DPU 5652 (8/2/1938))		
New Salem	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. New Salem Electric	10/9/1925	Articles of Organization
Newbury	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Newburyport Gas and Electric	3/12/1901	St.1901, c. 139
* Dummer Academy	2. Rowley Municipal Light Department	5/31/1910	St.1910, c. 324
* western part	3. Town of Georgetown <sup>63</sup>	7/2/1914	St.1914, c. 737
Newburyport	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. The Newburyport Electric Light and Power Company	3/4/1887	Articles of Organization
	2. Newburyport Gas	6/6/1889	G&E 20
	3. R.F. Electric Light and Power	6/18/1889	Articles of Organization
Newton	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Newton Electric Light and Power	9/30/1886	Articles of Organization
	2. Newton and Watertown Gas Light	11/23/1888	G&E 14
* across public ways	3. Waltham Street Railway <sup>64</sup>	1902	Town permit
* N&WGL elect divest	4. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston	8/20/1909	G&E 592
* across public ways	5. Saco-Lowell Shops <sup>65</sup>	1913	City permit
Norfolk	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Union Electric Light	3/11/1889	Articles of Organization
North Adams	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. North Adams Electric Light and Power	2/7/1885	Articles of Organization
	2. North Adams Gas Light	3/14/1890	G&E 25
North Andover	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Lawrence Gas	10/5/1889	G&E 28
* across public ways	2. <i>Merrimack Valley Horse Railway</i> <sup>66</sup>	1890	Town permit
North Attleboro <sup>67</sup>	Currently held by Town of North Attleboro		
	1. North Attleboro Steam and Electric	4/2/1886	Articles of Organization
* municipalization	2. Town of North Attleboro	4/16/1892	Town vote

<sup>63</sup>Statute required Georgetown to sell system to Newbury if latter subsequently voted to form its own municipal system.

<sup>64</sup>See G&E 339 for disposition of appeal.

<sup>65</sup>See G&E 785 for disposition of appeal.

<sup>66</sup>See G&E 62 for disposition of appeal.

<sup>67</sup>Part of Attleboro until 1887.

North Brookfield	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>North Brookfield Electric</i>	1/26/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. North Brookfield Electric Light and Power (Central Massachusetts Electric rights validated by DPU 5927 (1/5/1940))	1/1913	Association
North Reading	Currently held by Town of Reading		
	1. Town of Reading (Enabling act was St.1908, c. 369, dated 4/8/1908)	6/21/1910	Town Meeting vote
* border customers	2. Middleton Municipal Light Department	1913-1960	Town permit?
Northampton	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Northampton Schuyler Electric Light and Power	1886	City permit?
	2. Northampton Electric Lighting	11/16/1886	Articles of Organization
	3. <i>H.C. Hawkes</i> <sup>68</sup>	3/20/1891	City permit
Northborough	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Marlborough Electric (Worcester Suburban Electric rights validated by DPU 5932 (1/5/1940))	1/9/1908	Town permit
Northbridge	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing	6/3/1889	Town permit
	2. Uxbridge and Northbridge Electric	9/25/1889	Articles of Organization
* across public ways	3. Whittin Machine <sup>69</sup>	1898	Town permit
Northfield	Currently held by Western Massachusetts 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	Articles of Organization
* NEL&P insolvency	2. Norton Power and Electric	6/10/1916	G&E 995
* border customers	3. Mansfield Municipal Light Department	1901-1960	Town permit?
Norwell	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. The Electric Light and Power Company of Abington and Rockland	10/6/1908	Town permit
Norwood	Currently held by Town of Norwood		
	1. <i>Norwood Electric</i>	9/28/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. <i>Norwood Electric</i>	9/28/1899	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	3. <i>Norwood Light and Power</i>	3/21/1904	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	4. Town of Norwood	4/9/1906	Town vote

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<sup>68</sup>Permit revoked pursuant to G&E 65 (6/9/1891).

<sup>69</sup>See G&E 199 for disposition of appeal.

Oak Bluffs	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Cottage City Gas (manager of Cottage City Street RR) <sup>70</sup>	5/3/1886	St.1886, c. 181
* across public ways	2. H.S. Kemp	1892	Town permit
	3. Marthas Vineyard Electric Light and Power	12/10/1895	Articles of Organization
Oakham	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Town of Oakham	8/15/1927	Town vote
* Town-owned system	2. Gardner Electric Light (Gardner Electric Light rights validated by DPU 3518 (3/25/1929))	12/31/1928	Purchase
Orange	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Orange Electric Light	10/7/1887	Articles of Organization
* OEL insolvency	2. Athol Gas and Electric Light (Athol Gas and Electric rights validated by DPU 5926 (1/5/1940))	4/1/1910	Bankruptcy sale
Orleans	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Cape and Vineyard Electric	7/31/1924	DPU 1610
Otis	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Lee Electric	9/20/1929	DPU 3704
Oxford	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Webster Electric (Worcester County Electric rights validated by DPU 5931 (1/5/1940))	1904	Town permit
Palmer	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Palmer Electric Light (Central Massachusetts Electric rights validated by DPU 5927 (1/5/1940))	6/15/1887	Articles of Organization
* Boston Duck - Bondsville	2. Boston Duck (company-owned facilities) (enabling act repealed pursuant to St.1923, c. 142 (3/21/1923))	5/28/1909	St.1909, c. 456
Paxton	Currently held by Town of Paxton		
	1. Town of Paxton	8/2/1913	Town vote
Peabody	Currently held by City of Peabody		
	1. Salem Electric Lighting <sup>71</sup>	9/15/1888	City permit
	2. Naumkeag Electric	11/8/1889	Articles of Organization
	3. Peabody Electric Light and Power	11/20/1889	Articles of Organization
* municipalization	4. City of Peabody <sup>72</sup>	8/8/1890	Town vote
* municipalization	5. City of Peabody	8/20/1891	Town vote
Pelham	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Amherst Gas	4/17/1906	G&E 466
* AGCo electric divestiture	2. Western Counties Electric	2/21/1930	DPU 3770

<sup>70</sup>See G&E 100 for disposition of appeal.

<sup>71</sup>Appears 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.

<sup>72</sup>Supreme Judicial Court ruled in Spaulding v. Peabody, 152 Mass. 129 (1891) that city had no authority under then-existing statutes to engage in utility operations, but said that Legislature could enact such laws. 1891 vote made pursuant to St.1891, c. 370.

<b>Pembroke</b>			
* west of Route 3	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>Hanson Gas and Electric</i>	9/21/1905	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
* North Pembroke	2. The Electric Light and Power Company of Abington and Rockland	1915-1916	Town permit?
* Pembroke Center	3. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brockton	1915	Town permit
* Monponsett	4. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brockton	1915	Town permit
* east of Route 3	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Plymouth County Electric	1/14/1962	DPU 13787
<b>Pepperell</b>			
	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
* East Pepperell	1. Nashua River Paper <sup>73</sup>	1906	Town permit?
* streetlighting	2. Town of Pepperell <sup>74</sup>	c. 1906	Town vote?
* NRP operations	3. Nashua River Paper	4/13/1914	Articles of Organization
* NRP Inc operations	4. D. C. Parsons Light and Power (David C. Parsons, d/b/a) <sup>75</sup>	9/15/1915 *	Town permit
* Parsons incorporation	5. The Pepperell Electric Light and Power Company	11/20/1917	Articles of Organization
* Parsons plant	6. The Nissitissit Electric Light and Power Company <sup>76</sup>	8/8/1921	Articles of Organization
* Groton border area	7. Groton Electric Light Department	[filed 1935]	DPU 5054
<b>Petersham</b>			
	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Gardner Electric Light	1917-1918	Town vote
	(Gardner Electric Light rights validated by DPU 3518 (1929))		
* western part	2. New Salem Electric	10/9/1925	Articles of Organization
<b>Peru</b>			
	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Pittsfield Electric	3/25/1930	DPU 3880
<b>Phillipston</b>			
	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Gardner Electric Light	1929	Town permit?
	(Gardner Electric Light rights validated by DPU 5928 (1/5/1940))		
<b>Pittsfield</b>			
	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Pittsfield Electric Light (Maine)	11/21/1884	Articles of Organization
* PEL reincorporation	2. The Pittsfield Electric Light Company	4/21/1885	Articles of Organization
	3. Pittsfield Illuminating	6/15/1887	Articles of Organization
* consolidation	4. Pittsfield Electric	7/24/1890	Articles of Organization
<b>Plainfield</b>			
	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Hampshire Electric	10/26/1928	DPU 3381

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<sup>73</sup>Manufacturing operation engaged in electric business; incorporated as Nashua River Paper on 4/13/1914.

<sup>74</sup>Nashua River Paper provided streetlighting service on town-owned poles, wires, and fixtures. Arrangement may have been informal.

<sup>75</sup>Incorporated as The Pepperell Electric Light and Power Company on 11/20/1917; capital stock not issued.

<sup>76</sup>Petitioned to issue \$25,000 in stock after acquisition of plant; see DPU 493 (1921) for disposition.

Plainville <sup>77</sup>	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Union Electric Light	8/24/1909	Charter amendment
Plymouth	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Plymouth Electric Light (New Hampshire)	12/25/1885	Articles of Organization
* PEL reincorporation	2. Plymouth Electric Light (Massachusetts)	11/23/1888	Articles of Organization
Plympton	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. <i>Hanson Gas and Electric</i>	9/21/1905	Articles of Organization
	2. Southeastern Massachusetts Power and Electric	7/23/1924	DPU 1611
Princeton	Currently held by Town of Princeton		
	1. <i>Princeton Electric</i>	7/20/1911	Articles of Organization
	2. Town of Princeton	9/4/1912	Town vote
Prescott	Town no longer exists		
	1. no electric service (?)	NA	NA
Provincetown	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. <i>Provincetown Electric</i>	3/21/1889	Articles of Organization
	2. <i>Provincetown Electric Light and Power</i>	5/16/1901	Articles of Organization
	3. Cape Light, Heat, and Power	1/25/1904	Articles of Organization
CLH&P insolvency	4. Provincetown Light and Power Associates <sup>78</sup>	8/23/1913	Articles of Association
* PLPA incorporation	5. Provincetown Light and Power	1/23/1916	G&E 884/966
Quincy	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Quincy Electric Light and Power	2/15/1888	Articles of Organization
Randolph	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>Randolph Electric Light and Power</i>	1/4/1889	Articles of Organization
	2. <i>The Randolph and Holbrook Electric Company</i>	9/25/1889	Articles of Organization
	3. <i>Randolph and Holbrook Light and Power</i>	11/15/1889	Articles of Organization
	4. Randolph Electric Light (Charles Doughty, d/b/a) <sup>79</sup>	1893 *	Town permit?
	5. <i>Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brockton</i>	4/30/1895	St. 1895, c. 336
* RHE estate admin.	6. Randolph Light and Power Association	8/3/1914	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

<sup>77</sup>Part of Wrentham until 1905.

<sup>78</sup>Incorporated as Provincetown Light and Power on 8/16/1914.

<sup>79</sup>Changed 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.

Reading	Currently held by Town of Reading		
	1. <i>Citizens Gas Light Company of Reading, South Reading and Stoneham</i>	12/16/1889	G&E 25
	2. <i>Reading Electric Light and Power</i>	7/31/1890	Articles of Organization
	3. <i>Reading Gas and Electric</i>	5/2/1894	Articles of Organization
* municipalization	4. Town of Reading	3/7/1892	Town vote
Rehoboth	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Seekonk Electric	1919-1920	Town permit?
Revere	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. North Shore Electric Light	5/12/1890	Town permit
* NSEL insolvency	2. Suburban Gas and Electric	3/28/1895	G&E 128
* separated electric	3. Suburban Electric (Malden Electric)	5/28/1953	DPU 10454
Richmond	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Pittsfield Electric	1916	Town permit
	(Pittsfield Electric rights validated by DPU 3705 (9/20/1929))		
Rochester	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Marion Gas	7/3/1914	G&E 876
* border customers	2. Plymouth County Electric	7/6/1944	DPU 7131
* border customers	3. Plymouth County Electric	3/14/1947	DPU 7639
Rockland	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. The Rockland Electric Light and Power Company	12/4/1888	Articles of Organization
	2. Abington and Rockland Electric Light	9/12/1889	Articles of Organization
	3. The Electric Light and Power Company of Abington and Rockland	11/26/1889	Articles of Organization
Rockport	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Gloucester Electric	12/15/1893	Town permit
	(Gloucester Electric rights validated by DPU 5989 (5/9/1940))		
	2. <i>Rockport Electric Power, Heat and Light (Maine)</i>	9/4/1894	Town permit
Rowe	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Deerfield River Electric	12/29/1929	Articles of Organization
Rowley	Currently held by Town of Rowley		
	1. Town of Ipswich <sup>80</sup>	5/13/1904	St.1904, c. 324
	2. Town of Rowley	2/12/1910	Town vote
* transit to Ipswich Mills	3. Newburyport Gas and Electric	6/3/1918	G&E 1113
Royalston	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
* South Royalston	1. American Woolen Company	3/19/1917	St.1917, c. 210
	(allowed to cease service pursuant to St.1928, c. 241 (4/17/1928))		
* AWCo electric divestiture	2. Gardner Electric Light	8/4/1928	No docket
	(Gardner Electric Light rights validated by DPU 3518 (3/25/1929))		

<sup>80</sup>Statute required Ipswich to sell system to Rowley if latter subsequently voted to form its own municipal system.



Russell	Currently held by Town of Russell		
* part of town	1. Russell Municipal Light	3/8/1920	Town vote
* Wornoco	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Strathmore Paper	1925 <sup>81</sup>	Town permit?
* Wornoco	2. Westfield River Paper	1929	Town permit?
	(ceased electric service c. 1938?)		
* SPCo electric divestiture	3. Huntington Electric Light	3/15/1961	DPU 13534
Rutland	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Gardner Electric Light	1914-1915	Town permit?
	(Gardner Electric Light rights validated by DPU 3518 (3/25/1929))		
Salem	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Salem Electric Lighting	1/30/1882	Articles of Organization
* 19 Howley St, Peabody	2. Peabody Municipal Light Plant <sup>82</sup>	2/7/2002	DTE 98-122
Salisbury	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Amesbury Electric Light	1912-1913	Town permit?
Sandisfield	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Lee Electric	9/20/1929	DPU 3704
Sandwich	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Buzzards Bay Electric	11/7/1911	G&E 686
* north of Cape Cod Canal	2. Plymouth County Electric	2/4/1944	DPU 7130
Saugus	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Lynn Gas and Electric	1894-1895	Town permit?
* border customers	2. Suburban Gas and Electric	1920-1960	Town permit?
Savoy	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>North Adams Gas Light</i>	2/16/1906	<i>St. 1906, c. 75</i>
	2. Pittsfield Electric	1942	DPU 6668
* border customers	3. Massachusetts Electric	1906-1960	Town permit?
Scituate	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
* most of town	1. Cohasset Electric	7/31/1890	Articles of Organization
* Humarock Beach	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Plymouth Electric Light	1919-1920	Town permit?
Seekonk	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Seekonk Electric	3/11/1911	Articles of Organization
* border customers	2. Narragansett Electric Lighting	pre-1911	Town permit?

<sup>81</sup>Strathmore Paper had been providing electric service to company-owned properties as far back as 1911.

<sup>82</sup>75 percent of customer's building laid within Massachusetts Electric's service territory, which prompted Meco petition in D.T.E. 98-122.

Sharon	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
* border customers	1. Medfield Electric Light and Power	1901-1902	Town permit?
	2. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brockton	1920-1937	Company agreement?
Sheffield	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>The Sheffield Electric Light and Power Company</i>	1/30/1905	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Great Barrington Electric Light (Southern Berkshire Power and Electric rights validated by DPU 5652 (8/2/1938))	1909-1910	Town permit?
Shelburne	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>Shelburne Falls Electric Light and Power</i>	10/16/1888	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Shelburne Falls Electric Light and Power (Charles H. Wilcox/Ernest J. Halligan, d/b/a) <sup>83</sup>	1897 *	Town permit?
* Wilcox incorporation	3. Shelburne Falls Electric Light and Power	5/25/1910	G&E 632
* SFEL&P interests	4. Greenfield Electric Light and Power <sup>84</sup> (Enabling act was St.1910, c. 580, dated 5/31/1910)	7/14/1911	G&E 677
Sherborne	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Framingham Electric	1902-1903	Town permit?
Shirley	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Ballou Electric <sup>85</sup> (Gilbert Merritt Ballou, d/b/a)	9/1903	Town permit
* Ballou incorporation	2. Shirley Light, Heat, and Power	12/22/1913	G&E 789
* Lunenburg border area	3. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light	1934	Town permit?
Shrewsbury	Currently held by Town of Shrewsbury		
	1. Town of Shrewsbury	5/12/1908	Town vote
Shutesbury	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. New Salem Electric	6/19/1931	DPU 4181
* border customers	2. Western Massachusetts Electric	1931-1960	Town permit?
Somerset	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Fall River Electric Light (Fall River Electric Light rights validated by DPU 5618 (4/1/1938))	1910-1911	Town permit?
Somerville	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
* east Somerville	1. <i>Cambridge and Somerville Electric Light</i>	4/9/1884	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Charlestown Gas	6/9/1886	St.1886, c. 272
	3. Somerville Electric Light	2/21/1887	Articles of Organization
* border customers	4. Suburban Gas and Electric	1920-1960	Town permit?

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<sup>83</sup>Incorporated as Shelburne Falls Electric Light and Power on 8/18/1909.

<sup>84</sup>Previously 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.

<sup>85</sup>Lawrence 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.

South Hadley	Currently held by Town of South Hadley		
	1. <i>The Holyoke Electric Light and Power Company</i>	12/9/1884	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. South Hadley Falls Electric Light	12/13/1888	Articles of Organization
* limited C&I customers	3. Holyoke Water Power	5/15/1903	St.1903, c. 350
	4. Town of South Hadley	1/12/1914	Town vote
* bulk service	5. Holyoke Power and Electric	3/24/1926	St.1926, c. 147
Southampton	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Easthampton Gas	1912-1913	Town permit?
* EGCo electric divestiture	2. Western Counties Electric	3/21/1930	DPU 3785
Southborough	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Marlborough Electric	1899-1900	Town permit?
	(Worcester Suburban Electric rights validated by DPU 5932 (1/5/1940))		
Southbridge	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Southbridge Electric	6/7/1887	Articles of Organization
	2. Mutual Gas Light Company of Southbridge	12/4/1889	G&E 37
Southwick	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>Southwick Electric</i>	6/1/1915	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Town of Southwick	8/12/1919	Town vote
	3. Lee Electric	7/31/1930	DPU 4211
Spencer	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Spencer Gas	7/31/1886	Articles of Organization
* SGCo electric divestiture	2. Worcester County Electric	12/29/1950	DPU 9257
Springfield	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Springfield Electric Light	8/22/1881	Articles of Organization
	2. E. Morgan et al <sup>86</sup>	1905	City permit
* border customers	3. Worcester County Electric	1914-1960	Town permit?
Sterling	Currently held by Town of Sterling		
	1. Town of Sterling	1/28/1911	Town vote
Stockbridge	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Stockbridge Lighting	11/9/1906	Articles of Organization
* northeast corner	2. Lenox Electric	11/24/1894	Articles of Organization
Stoneham	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Woburn Electric Light and Power	6/17/1887	Articles of Organization
	2. Woburn Electric Light	5/22/1888	Articles of Organization
	3. <i>The Stoneham and Wakefield Electric Light and Power Company</i>	5/11/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	4. <i>Citizens Gas Light Company of Reading, South Reading and Stoneham</i>	12/16/1889	G&E 25
* WEL insolvency	5. Woburn Light, Heat and Power	7/30/1897	G&E 183
* border customers	6. Suburban Gas and Electric	pre-1960	Town permit?

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<sup>86</sup>See G&E 469 for disposition of appeal.

Stoughton	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Stoughton Light, Heat and Power (Maine)	1888	Articles of Organization
* SLH&P insolvency	2. Stoughton Gas and Electric	1891	Articles of Organization
Stow	Currently held by Town of Hudson		
	1. Town of Hudson	3/6/1906	Town vote
	(Enabling act was St.1898, c. 143, dated 3/8/1898)		
	2. <i>Stow Municipal Electric Department</i>	6/1/1994	Town vote
Sturbridge	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Webster Electric	5/22/1907	St.1907, c. 440
Sudbury	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Weston Electric Light	1911-1912	Town permit?
Sunderland	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Sunderland Electric Light and Power	3/16/1905	Articles of Organization
* AGCo electric divesture	2. Western Counties Electric	2/21/1930	DPU 3770
Sutton	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Grafton Electric	1894-1895	Town permit?
	(Worcester Suburban Electric rights validated by DPU 5932 (1/5/1940))		
Swampscott	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Lynn Electric Lighting	1882-1886	Town permit?
	2. <i>Swampscott Electric</i>	4/19/1890	Articles of Organization
Swansea	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Seekonk Electric	3/11/1911	Articles of Organization
	2. Fall River Electric Light	1911-1912	Town permit?
	(Fall River Electric Light rights validated by DPU 5618 (4/1/1938))		
Taunton	Currently held by City of Taunton		
	1. Taunton Electric Lighting	6/7/1882	Articles of Organization
	2. <i>The Bristol County Electric Company</i> <sup>87</sup>	12/9/1889	Articles of Organization
* municipalization	3. City of Taunton	11/26/1896	Town vote
	4. Daniel F. Lehan	1/1/1899 *	Town permit
	(ceased operation c. 1900)		
Templeton	Currently held to Town of Templeton		
* Precincts 3 and 4	1. <i>Baldwinville Electric Light District</i>	4/2/1898	Ch.1898, c. 272
	2. Town of Templeton	5/14/1906	Town vote
Tewksbury	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Lowell Electric Light Corporation	1907-1908	Town permit?

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<sup>87</sup>See G&E 42 for disposition of appeal.

Tisbury	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. <i>Vineyard Haven Gas and Electric</i> <sup>88</sup>	3/9/1888	<i>St. 1889, c. 17</i>
	2. Cottage City Gas and Electric	1911	Town permit?
Tolland	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Lee Electric	10/24/1930	DPU 4020
Topsfield	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Beverly Gas and Electric	7/7/1909	G&E 595
	(Enabling act was St.1909, c. 438, dated 5/24/1909)		
Townsend	Currently held by Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company		
	1. U.S. Adams Electric Light	1/1/1898 *	Town permit
	(Union S. Adams, d/b/a)		
	2. Anson D. Fessenden <sup>89</sup>	10/25/1899 *	Town permit
	3. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light	7/3/1914	G&E 875
Truro	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Provincetown Light and Power	8/6/1914	Articles of Organization
Tyngsborough	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
* part of town	1. Lowell Electric Light Corporation	1907	Town permit?
	2. Tyngsborough Electric Light	1908 *	Town permit?
	(Albert A. Flint/Lucius L. Derby, d/b/a) <sup>90</sup>		
* Flint incorporation	3. Tyngsborough Electric Light	8/29/1911	G&E 658
* Notre Dame Academy <sup>91</sup>	4. Lowell Electric Light Corporation	[filed 1927]	DPU 2844
Tyringham	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Lee Electric	1923-1928	Town permit?
	(Lee Electric rights validated by DPU 3704 (9/20/1929))		
Upton	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>The Grafton and Upton Electric Company</i>	9/12/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Upton Electric	3/11/1903	Articles of Organization
Uxbridge	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Uxbridge and Northbridge Electric	9/25/1889	Articles of Organization

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<sup>88</sup>Legislation authorized company named "The Vineyard Haven Electric Light and Power Company," charter accepted by shareholders under different name on 1/16/1889.

<sup>89</sup>Permit restricted to private use in G&E 247 (6/2/1902).

<sup>90</sup>Incorporated as Tyngsboro Electric Light on 9/24/1909.

<sup>91</sup>Petition of Notre Dame Academy for service from company.

Wakefield	Currently held by Town of Wakefield		
	1. <i>Wakefield Electric Light and Power</i>	4/14/1888	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. <i>The Stoneham and Wakefield Electric Light and Power Company</i>	5/11/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	3. <i>Peoples Electric Light and Power</i>	7/19/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	4. Citizens Gas Light Company of Reading, South Reading and Stoneham	12/16/1889	G&E 33 <sup>92</sup>
* municipalization	5. Town of Wakefield	8/15/1892	Town vote
* border customers	6. Suburban Gas and Electric	1920-1960	Town permit?
Wales	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Webster and Southbridge Gas and Electric	1911-1912	Town permit?
	(Worcester County Electric rights validated by DPU 5931 (1/5/1940))		
Walpole	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Bradford-Lewis Electric (Bradford Lewis and Son, d/b/a) <sup>93</sup>	11/1891 *	Town permit
* Lewis incorporation	2. Medfield Electric Light & Power	6/26/1899	G&E 270
Waltham	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Waltham Electric Lighting	7/2/1886	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. <i>Gas and Electric Light of Waltham</i>	8/6/1886	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	3. Waltham Gas Light	1886	Stockholders
* WGL electric divestiture	4. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston	8/20/1909	G&E 592
	5. <i>Waltham Electric</i>	12/30/1913	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
Ware	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. The Ware Electric Light Company	9/14/1887	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. <i>Ware Power and Improvement</i>	7/7/1890	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
* Ware Industries facilities	3. Ware Industries	12/1/1937	Corporate actions
	(utility operations validated by St.1947, c. 262, dated 4/16/1947) (ceased operations 1970)		
Wareham	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Marion Gas	1910-1911	Town permit?
	(Enabling act was St.1909, c. 260, dated 4/2/1909) <sup>94</sup>		

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<sup>92</sup>General 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).

<sup>93</sup>Incorporated as Medfield Electric Light and Power on 10/25/1897.

<sup>94</sup>Approval 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.

Warren	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>Warren Electric</i>	10/2/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Central Massachusetts Electric (Central Massachusetts Electric rights validated by DPU 5927 (1/5/1940))	1895	Town permit?
	3. <i>Warren and Brookfield Electric</i> <sup>95</sup>	4/2/1900	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
Warwick	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Gardner Electric Light (Gardner Electric Light rights validated by DPU 4194 (7/10/1931))	1929	Town permit?
Washington	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Lee Electric	4/25/1930	DPU 3881
Watertown	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Newton Electric Light and Power	9/30/1886	Articles of Organization
	2. Newton and Watertown Gas Light	11/23/1888	G&E 14
* N&WGL elect divest	3. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston	8/20/1909	G&E 592
Wayland	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
* Cochituate	1. Natick Electric	4/5/1889	Articles of Organization
* Wayland Centre	2. Weston Electric	11/10/1902	G&E 337
Webster	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Webster Electric	7/6/1887	Articles of Organization
	2. Citizens Electric (ceased operations c. 1890)	12/3/1888	Articles of Organization
Wellesley	Currently held by Town of Wellesley		
* streetlighting	1. <i>Wellesley Electric</i>	1/29/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
* commercial	2. Town of Wellesley	6/8/1892	Town vote
* commercial	3. Natick Gas and Electric	1895	Town contract
	4. Town of Wellesley	4/18/1905	Town vote
Wellfleet	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
* limited area	1. Cape and Vineyard Electric	1/12/1926	DPU 1985
	2. Provincetown Light and Power	[filed 1946]	DPU 7461
Wendell	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Athol Gas and Electric	1910	Town permit?
Wenham	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Beverly Gas and Electric (Enabling act was St.1901, c. 89, dated 2/27/1901)	7/24/1903	Commission vote <sup>96</sup>

<sup>95</sup>See G&E 272 for disposition of appeal.

<sup>96</sup>Commission 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.

Westborough	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Westborough Electric Light and Power (Maine)	11/2/1886	Articles of Organization
	2. Westboro Gas and Electric	10/9/1889	Articles of Organization
	3. <i>Henry S. Jackson</i> <sup>97</sup>	1892	Town permit
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 Company		
	1. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brockton	1911	Town permit
	(Enabling act was St.1895, c. 336, dated 4/30/1895; company amended charter 3/2/1909)		
West Brookfield	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Central Massachusetts Electric	1904	Town permit?
	(Central Massachusetts Electric rights validated by DPU 5927 (1/5/1940))		
West Newbury	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Newburyport Gas and Electric	3/12/1901	St.1901, c. 139
West Springfield	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. United Electric Light <sup>98</sup>	5/11/1896	St.1896, c. 386
West Stockbridge	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. West Stockbridge Lighting (James F. Bossidy, d/b/a)	1914 *	Town permit?
	(Southern Berkshire Power and Electric rights validated by DPU 5652 (8/2/1938))		
West Tisbury	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Cape and Vineyard Electric	6/3/1930	DPU 3901
Westfield	Currently held by City of Westfield		
	1. Westfield Schuyler Electric Light	1885	City permit?
	2. Westfield Electric Light	2/9/1887	Articles of Organization
	3. Westfield Gas Light	9/23/1887	G&E 5
* WGL municipalization	4. City of Westfield	3/1/1899	Ch.1891, c. 370
* border customers	5. Western Massachusetts Electric	1920-1960	Town permit?
Westford	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Lowell Electric Light Corporation	1909-1910	Town permit?
	(Lowell Electric Light Corporation rights validated by DPU 4584 (3/14/1933))		
* border customers	2. Groton Electric Department	1909-1960	Company agreement?
Westhampton	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Easthampton Gas	1930	Town permit?
* EGCo electric divestiture	2. Western Counties Electric	3/21/1930	DPU 3785
	(Western Counties Electric rights validated by DPU 3926 (6/5/1930))		

<sup>97</sup>Refer to G&E 50 for disposition of appeal; proceedings suspended 1/3/1894.

<sup>98</sup>Company authorized to serve cities and towns adjoining Springfield, upon approval of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners.



Westminster	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Gardner Electric Light	1912-1913	Town permit?
	(Gardner Electric Light rights validated by DPU 3518 (3/25/1929))		
* border customers	2. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light	1912-1960	Town permit?
* border customers	3. Ashburnham Municipal Light Station	1907-1960	Town permit?
Weston	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. Weston Electric Light	4/10/1896	Articles of Organization
* WEL divestiture	2. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston	8/6/1912	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 Company		
	1. Fall River Electric Light	1913-1914	Town permit?
	(Fall River Electric Light rights validated by DPU 5618 (4/1/1938))		
Westwood <sup>99</sup>	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. <i>Dedham and Hyde Park Gas and Electric</i> <sup>100</sup>	5/14/1886	St. 1886, c. 206
	2. Dedham Electric	12/5/1888	Articles of Organization
Weymouth	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Weymouth Light and Power	2/18/1889	Articles of Organization
Whately	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Amherst Gas	1912	Town permit?
* AGCo electric divestiture	2. Western Counties Electric	2/21/1930	DPU 3770
Whitman	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Whitman Electric	11/19/1888	Articles of Organization
* WECO insolvency	2. Whitman Light and Power	11/1896	G&E 169
	3. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brockton	7/26/1904	Commission Vote <sup>101</sup>
	(Enabling act was St. 1903, c. 215, dated 4/9/1903)		
Wilbraham	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>United Electric</i>	5/13/1896	St. 1896, c. 386
	2. Central Massachusetts Electric	1906	Town permit?
	(Central Massachusetts Electric rights validated by DPU 5927 (1/5/1940))		
* border customers	3. Western Massachusetts Electric	1906-1960	Town permit?
Williamsburg	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Mill River Electric Light	6/16/1902	Articles of Organization

<sup>99</sup>Part of Dedham until 1897.

<sup>100</sup>Board of G&E Commissioners denied appeal by company of town grant to Dedham Electric in G&E 27 (1889).

<sup>101</sup>Same day as associated financing order in G&E 417 (7/26/1904); order provided in Annual Report to General Court.

Williamstown	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>The Williamstown Electric Light Company</i>	2/8/1888	Articles of Organization
	2. Williamstown Gas	12/24/1903	Charter amendment
Wilmington	Currently held by Town of Reading		
	1. Town of Reading	6/26/1911	Town Meeting vote
	(Enabling act was St.1908, c. 369, dated 4/8/1908)		
Winchendon	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. <i>Winchendon Electric</i> <sup>102</sup>	9/13/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Winchendon Electric Light and Power	9/26/1889	Articles of Organization
Winchester	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. The Winchester Electric Light Company	2/14/1888	Articles of Organization
	2. <i>Winchester Gas and Electric</i>	7/26/1895	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
* WEL insolvency	3. Woburn Light, Heat and Power	7/30/1897	G&E 183
Windsor	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Pittsfield Electric	9/20/1929	DPU 3705
Winthrop	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. North Shore Electric Light	1891-1892	Town permit?
	2. <i>The Winthrop Gas and Electric Company</i>	10/9/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
* NSEL insolvency	3. Suburban Gas and Electric	3/28/1895	G&E 128
	4. <i>The Winthrop Gas and Electric Company</i>	2/13/1899	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
* separated electric	5. Suburban Electric (Malden Electric)	5/28/1953	DPU 10454
Woburn	Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company		
	1. <i>Woburn Gas Light</i>	6/30/1886	<i>St. 1896, c. 349</i>
	2. Woburn Electric Light	6/17/1887	Articles of Organization
	3. Woburn Electric Light and Power	5/22/1888	Articles of Organization
* WEL insolvency	4. Woburn Light, Heat and Power	7/30/1897	G&E 183
* across public ways	5. Algonquin Leather <sup>103</sup>	1919	City permit
Worcester	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Worcester Electric Light (Maine)	5/14/1883	Articles of Organization
	2. Worcester Electric Light (Massachusetts)	1/9/1884	Articles of Organization
	3. <i>Bay State Electric Light and Power</i>	9/25/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	4. <i>Quinsigamond Electric Power and Light</i> <sup>104</sup>	2/2/1892	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
* 340 Main Street	5. 340 Main Street Trust	1/29/1957	Articles of Organization
	(ceased electric operations 1961)		
Worthington	Currently held by Western Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Hampshire Electric	1/31/1928	Articles of Organization
Wrentham	Currently held by Massachusetts Electric Company		
	1. Union Electric Light	8/18/1909	Articles of Organization

<sup>102</sup>Permit denied by selectmen; appeal withdrawn in G&E 52 (9/13/1890).

<sup>103</sup>See G&E 1206 for disposition of appeal.

<sup>104</sup>Permit rescinded in G&E 71 (6/30/1893).

Yarmouth

Currently held by NSTAR Electric Company

1. Buzzards Bay Electric

2. *Great Island Electric*

8/13/1914

G&E 855

12/14/1938

*Articles of Organization*

\* Great Island

## 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 cost more 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 mileage and consequent situations requiring presence of fringe customers over time. This reference work identifies the presence of fringe customers in both the present and near-past, but 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 Boston Edison Company, 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 Boston Edison Company, D.P.U. 8228 (10/19/1949), the Department declined to consider customer end-use as an appropriate tariff design criteria (the Order indicates that resale restrictions per se were not a problem). In Boston Edison Company, 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 Boston Real Estate Company vs. Department of Public Utilities, 334 Mass. 477 (1956) and Kargman vs. Department of Public Utilities, 334 Mass. 497 (1956).

**ENTRY OR EXPANSION DENIED BY OR APPEALED TO COMMISSION**

<u>Community</u>	<u>Company/Date Granted</u>	<u>Appellant</u>	<u>Docket</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Abington	The Electric Light and Power Company of Abington and Rockland (1890)	Abington and Rockland Electric Light	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 (3/3/1913)	Adams Gas Light	G&E 790 (7/2/1915)	Conditions Set
Athol	(denial by Board of Selectmen 5/23/1888)	F. R. Davis	G&E 12 (1/31/1889)	Settled by Parties
Athol	L.S. Starrett Company (10/21/1910)	Athol Gas and Electric	G&E 683 (3/4/1911)	Permit Annulled
Auburn	New England Power (1920)	Worcester Suburban Electric	DPU 107 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Auburn	New England Power (1924)	Worcester Suburban Electric	DPU 1442 (filed 1924)	Conditions Set
Ayer	Connecticut River Transmission (8/1/1910)	Ayer Electric Light	G&E 650 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Barnstable	Barnstable Electric (7/6/1912)	Buzzards Bay Electric	G&E 745 (3/4/1913)	Entry Denied
Barnstable	Louis Arenorski (1912)	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 (1913)	Marlboro Electric	G&E 844 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Blackstone	Connecticut River Transmission (1913)	Blackstone Electric Light	G&E 928 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Bolton	Connecticut River Transmission (1913)	Marlboro Electric	G&E 845 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Bolton	Hudson Light and Power (1926)	Marlborough Electric Light	DPU 2493 (filed 1926)	Entry Approved?
Boston	Alonzo W. Perry (7/16/1888)	Boston Electric Light	G&E 16 (1/2/1889)	Expansion Denied
Boston/Roxbury	(denial by Board of Aldermen 2/18/1889)	Roxbury Electric Light	G&E 18 (7/28/1889)	Entry Denied
Boston	(denial by Board of Aldermen 1889)	Walworth Light and Power	G&E 19 (6/6/1889)	Entry Denied- Withdrawn
Boston	Smith and Patterson (1892)	EEL Company of Boston/ Boston Electric Light	G&E 45 (filed 1892)	Suspended 1/4/1894
Boston	Frank E. Ferdinand (1890)	EEL Company of Boston	G&E 48 (filed 1890)	??
Boston	D.W. King (1892)	EEL Company of Boston/ Boston Electric Light	G&E 79 (filed 1892)	Suspended 1/4/1894
Boston	Suburban Light and Power (1892)	EEL Company of Boston	G&E 81 (filed 1892)	Suspended 1/4/1894
Boston	Suburban Light and Power (1892)	Boston Electric Light	G&E 82 (filed 1892)	Suspended 1/4/1894
Boston	A.W. Perry (1893)	EEL Company of Boston/ Boston Electric Light	G&E 88 (filed 1893)	??
Boston	Oliver H. Durrell <u>et al</u> (2/19/1894)	EEL Company of Boston	G&E 102 (6/13/1894)	Expansion Denied
Boston	Quincy Market Cold Storage (3/4/1895)	EEL Company of Boston	G&E 129 (filed 1895)	??
Boston	G.A. and J.L. Damon (4/3/1895)	EEL Company of Boston	G&E 131 (filed 1895)	Settled by Parties
Boston	John H.H./T. W. Carter (1895)	EEL Company of Boston	G&E 133 (filed 1895)	??
Boston	W.B. Thomas (1898)	EEL Company of Boston	G&E 218 (filed 1898)	??
Boston	Journal Building Trust (3/30/1903)	EEL Company of Boston	G&E 367 (8/6/1903)	Settled by Parties
Boston	Congress Street Associates (1906)	EEL Company of Boston	G&E 508 (filed 1906)	??
Boston	Weeks Real Estate Trust (1908)	EEL Company of Boston	G&E 555 (filed 1908)	??
Boston	Saco-Lowell Shops (1913)	EEL Company of Boston	G&E 785 (filed 1913)	??
Boston	A. G. Walton	EEL Company of Boston	G&E 839 (filed 1913)	??
Boston	Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (1915)	EEL Company of Boston	G&E 920 (filed 1915)	??
Boston	MATEP (1978)	Boston Edison	DPU 19479 (8/6/1990)	Settled/Petition Withdrawn
Braintree	A.S. Morrison and Brothers (1899)	Braintree Electric	G&E 35 (filed 1889)	Suspended 1/4/1894
Cambridge	G.W. Gale Lumber (1896)	Cambridge Electric Light	G&E 157 (filed 1896)	??
Cambridge	New England Maple Syrup (1907)	Cambridge Electric Light	G&E 541 (filed 1907)	??
Cambridge	G.W. Gale Lumber (1911)	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 (8/14/1889)	Canton Electric	G&E 29 (filed 1889)	Entry Denied
Chatham	Buzzards Bay Electric	NA	G&E 811 (filed 1913)	Petition Withdrawn?
Chelsea	Champlin-Babson Electric (9/23/1893)	Chelsea Gas Light	G&E 95 (2/9/1894)	Expansion Denied
Chelsea	A.G. Walton and Company (1913)	EEL Company of Boston	G&E 839 (filed 1913)	Conditions Set
Clarksburg	Connecticut River Transmission (1915)	North Adams Gas Light	G&E 956 (10/15/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Clinton	The Merchants Electric Company (10/1/1889)	Clinton Gas Light	G&E 34 (12/24/1889)	Entry Denied
Clinton	Bigelow Carpet (5/13/1901)	Clinton Gas Light	G&E 298 (3/21/1902)	Public Ways Denied; Private Use Sustained
Clinton	Connecticut River Transmission (8/31/1909)	Clinton Gas Light	G&E 603 (12/8/1911)	Conditions Set
Cottage City	Martha's Vineyard Electric Light & Power (1897)	Cottage City Gas and Electric	G&E 151 (filed 1897)	Settled by Parties
Dedham	Dedham Electric (6/21/1889)	Dedham and Hyde Park Gas and Electric Light	G&E 27 (filed 1889)	Entry Approved
Dennis	Buzzards Bay Electric	NA	G&E 811 (filed 1913)	Petition Withdrawn
Dunstable	New England Power (1919)	Tyngsboro Electric Light	G&E 1214 (3/5/1920)	Conditions Set
Easthampton	Easthampton Electric (1907)	Easthampton Gas	G&E 517 (8/9/1907)	Entry Denied
Enfield	Connecticut River Transmission (1912)	Central Massachusetts Electric	G&E 761 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Erving	New England Power (1923)	Athol Gas and Electric	DPU 1145 (filed 1923)	Conditions Set
Fitchburg	Connecticut River Transmission (7/21/1908)	Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light	G&E 567 (7/2/1909)	Conditions Set
Fitchburg	New England Power (1932)	Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light	DPU 4468 (filed 1932)	Conditions Set
Fitchburg	Massachusetts Electric (1985)	Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light	DPU 85-71 (1985)	Entry Approved
Franklin	EEL Company of Boston (1926)	Union Light and Power	DPU 2598 (filed 1926)	??

Granby	Elbert C. Aldrich/South Hadley Electric Light Department (1928)	Central Massachusetts Electric	DPU 3230 (filed 1928)	??
Grafton	New England Power (1926)	Worcester Suburban Electric	DPU 2647 (filed 1926)	Conditions Set
Great Barrington	Berkshire Light, Heat and Power (1894)	Great Barrington Electric Light	G&E 101 (6/15/1894)	Entry Denied
Gloucester	Oceanside Company (1911)	Gloucester Electric	G&E 703 (filed 1911)	??
Hamilton	Beverly Gas and Electric	NA	G&E 293 (5/27/1901)	Entry Denied; Later Approved
Harwich	Buzzards Bay Electric	NA	G&E 811 (1913)	Petition Withdrawn?
Haverhill	Haverhill Illuminating (1903)	Haverhill Electric/W.A. Brooks	G&E 336 (7/22/1903)	Entry Denied
Haverhill	C.H. Hayes Company (6/10/1906)	Haverhill Electric	G&E 491 (3/23/1907)	Expansion Denied
Haverhill	H.L. Hamel Leather (3/9/1943)	Haverhill Electric	DPU 7046 (6/29/1943)	Expansion Denied
Holbrook	EEL Company of Boston (1926)	Randolph and Holbrook Power and Electric	DPU 2596 (filed 1926)	??
Holyoke	(denial by Board of Aldermen 1915)	Holyoke Street Railway	G&E 959 (filed 1915)	Appeal Withdrawn
Hopkinton	Maspenock Electric Light (1933)	EEL Company of Boston	DPU 4695 (3/3/1941)	Settled by Parties
Hopkinton	Boston Edison (1938)	Maspenock Electric Light	DPU 5918 (3/3/1941)	Settled/Appeal Dismissed
Hopkinton	Boston Edison (1938)	Maspenock Electric Light	DPU 5967 (3/3/1941)	Settled/Appeal Dismissed
Lee	Pittsfield Electric	NA	G&E 1015 (filed 1916)	Petition Withdrawn?
Lenox	Pittsfield Electric	NA	G&E 1015 (filed 1916)	Petition Withdrawn?
Ludlow	Warren Power (1912)	Central Massachusetts Electric	G&E 770 (filed 1912)	??
Ludlow	Warren Power (1912)	Ludlow Manufacturing	G&E 771 (filed 1912)	??
Ludlow	Warren Power (1912)	Ludlow Manufacturing	G&E 797 (filed 1913)	??
Lunenburg	Massachusetts Electric (1985)	Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light	DPU 85-71 (7/1/1985)	Entry Approved
Lynnfield	Lynn Gas and Electric	NA	G&E 749 (3/6/1913)	Petition Withdrawn
Manchester-by-the-Sea	Beverly Gas and Electric	NA	G&E 293 (5/27/1901)	Entry Denied; Later Approved
Marion	New Bedford Gas and Edison Light (2/2/1915)	Marion Gas	G&E 929 (7/2/1915)	Bulk Transmission Only
Medford	Medford Electric Light (1888)	Malden Electric	G&E 15 (filed 1888)	Entry Denied (?)
Mendon	New England Power (1924)	Worcester Suburban Electric	DPU 1727 (filed 1924)	Conditions Set
Middleboro	Middleboro Gas and Electric (4/3/1889)	Middleboro Electric Light and Power	G&E 24 (9/1889)	Entry Denied
Milford	New England Power (1925)	Milford Electric Light and Power	DPU 2221 (filed 1925)	Conditions Set
Millbury	Connecticut River Transmission (1913)	Worcester Suburban Electric	G&E 776 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Millbury	New England Power (1918)	Worcester Suburban Electric	G&E 1127 (filed 1918)	Conditions Set
Millbury	New England Power (1924)	Worcester Suburban Electric	DPU 1443 (filed 1924)	Conditions Set
Millbury	New England Power (1925)	Worcester Suburban Electric	DPU 2235 (filed 1925)	Conditions Set
Monson	Connecticut River Transmission (1914)	Central Massachusetts Electric	G&E 880 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Natick	Natick Gas Light (electric service)	NA	G&E 54 (filed 1890)	Suspended 1/4/1894
Needham	Design/Housing, Inc. (service from Wellesley)	NA	DTE 01-23 (4/10/2001)	Settled by parties; dismissed
Needham (Olin College)	Wellesley Municipal Light (2001)	Boston Edison	DTE 01-95 (10/24/2001)	Entry Denied
Newton	Waltham Street Railway (1902)	Newton and Watertown Gas Light	G7E 339 (filed 1902)	??
Northampton	H.C. Hawkes (3/20/1891)	Northampton Electric Lighting	G&E 65 (6/9/1891)	Entry Denied
North Adams	Connecticut River Transmission (1915)	North Adams Gas Light	G&E 955 (10/15/1920)	Conditions Formalized
North Andover	Merrimack Valley Horse Railway (1892)	Lawrence Gas	G&E 60 (12/20/1892)	Permit Withdrawn
North Brookfield	Connecticut River Transmission (1/13/1913)	Central Massachusetts Electric	G&E 781 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized
North Reading	(denial by Board of Selectmen 1934)	Maspenock Electric Light	DPU 4824 (filed 1934)	Entry Denied?
Northbridge	Whitin Machine (1898)	Uxbridge and Northbridge Electric	G&E 199 (filed 1898)	??
Northbridge	New England Power (2/26/1914)	Worcester Suburban Electric	DPU 109 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Norwood	Norwood Gas Light (electric service)	NA	G&E 245 (filed 1899)	Petition Withdrawn (?)
Oak Bluffs	H.S. Kemp (Cottage City Street Railway 1892)	Cottage City Gas and Electric	G&E 100 (filed 1892)	??
Oak Bluffs	Marthas Vineyard Electric Light and Power (1897)		Cottage City G&E	G&E 151 (filed 1897)
Oxford	New England Power (1918)	Webster and Southbridge G&E	G&E 1123 (10/15/1920)	Settled by Parties Conditions Set
Palmer	Warren Power (1912)	Central Massachusetts Electric	G&E 760 (filed 1912)	??
Palmer	New England Power (1916)	Central Massachusetts Electric	G&E 1000 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Peabody	(denial by Board of Selectmen 1892)	Phoebus H. Alexander	G&E 41 (12/23/1892)	Dismissed on Consent
Pepperell	New England Power (1919)	Pepperell Light and Power	G&E 1213 (3/5/1920)	Conditions Set
Pepperell	Tyngsboro Electric Light (1921)	A.S. Dewing/Middlesex Engineers	DPU 515 (filed 1921)	??
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 (12/1999)	Settled by parties; withdrawn
Randolph	Randolph and Holbrook Light and Power (1890)	Randolph and Holbrook Electric/ E.H. Galligan et al	G&E 40 (1/3/1894)	Settled by Parties
Randolph	EEL Company of Boston (1926)	Randolph and Holbrook Power and Electric	DPU 2597 (filed 1926)	??
Rockland	The Electric Light and Power Company of Abington and Rockland (1890)	Rockland Electric Light and Power	G&E 56 (filed 1890)	Settled?
Rockland	(decision by Board of Selectmen 1890)	Rockland Electric Light and Power	G&E 56 (filed 1890)	Settled?
Rockport	Rockport Electric Power, Heat and Light (1895)	Gloucester Electric	G&E 113 (3/1/1895)	Entry Denied
Salem	(denial by Mayor/ Board of Aldermen 1916)	Eastern Massachusetts Electric	G&E 1012 (filed 1916)	??

Salem	Peabody Municipal Light Plant (10/14/1998)	Massachusetts Electric	DTE 98-122 (2/7/2002)	Entry Approved
Salisbury	Haverhill Electric (1929)	Amesbury Electric Light	DPU 3742 (10/30/1929)	??
Saugus	Eastern Massachusetts Electric (1916)	Lynn Gas and Electric	G&E 984 (filed 1916)	Conditions Set
Spencer	Connecticut River Transmission (2/20/1913)	Spencer Gas	G&E 791 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Springfield	E. Morgan (1905)	United Electric Light	G&E 469 (filed 1905)	??
Springfield	(denial by Board of Aldermen 1907)	D.H. Morgan	G&E 511 (filed 1907)	Entry Denied?
Sutton	New England Power (1918)	Worcester Suburban Electric	G&E 1148 (filed 1918)	??
Sutton	New England Power (1920)	Worcester Suburban Electric	DPU 110 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Taunton	(denial by Board of Aldermen 1894)	The Bristol County Electric Company	G&E 42 (12/18/1894)	Appeal Withdrawn
Townsend	A.D. Fessenden (10/25/1899 private use)	U.S. Adams	G&E 247 (6/19/1902)	Appeal Dismissed - defendant removed offending poles
Townsend	(denial by Board of Selectmen 1902)	A.D. Fessenden	G&E 341 (6/19/1902)	Appeal Dismissed - defendant removed certain poles
Townsend	New England Power (1932)	Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light	DPU 4421 (filed 1932)	Conditions Set
Upton	New England Power (1925)	Worcester Suburban Electric	DPU 2283 (filed 1925)	Conditions Set
Uxbridge	New England Power (1920)	Worcester Suburban Electric	DPU 108 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Uxbridge	New England Power (1924)	Worcester Suburban Electric	DPU 1728 (filed 1924)	Conditions Set
Wakefield	(denial by Board of Selectmen 1890)	Citizens Gas Light Company of Reading, South Reading and Stoneham	G&E 50 (5/27/1890)	Entry Approved
Wakefield	(denial by Board of Selectmen 1892)	Wakefield Electric Light and Power	G&E 51 (12/23/1892)	Appeal Withdrawn
Ware	Connecticut River Transmission (1912)	Ware Electric	G&E 773 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Ware	New England Power (1916)	Ware Electric	G&E 1001 (filed 1916)	??
Wareham	New Bedford Gas and Edison Light (1/16/1915)	Marion Gas	G&E 930 (7/2/1915)	Bulk Transmission Only
Wareham	Cape and Vineyard Electric (1923)	Southeastern Massachusetts Power and Electric	DPU 1402 (1923)	??
Warren	Warren and Brookfield Electric	Central Massachusetts Electric	G&E 272 (filed 1900)	Entry Denied?
Wayland	Weston Electric Light (1902)	Newton and Watertown Gas Light	G&E 337 (11/10/1902)	Entry Approved
Webster	New England Power (1918)	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 (1923)	Athol Gas and Electric	DPU 1114 (filed 1923)	Conditions Set
West Brookfield	New England Power (1916)	Central Massachusetts Electric	G&E 1006 (filed 1916)	??
West Brookfield	New England Power (1920)	Central Massachusetts Electric	DPU 106 (5/21/1920)	Conditions Formalized
Westboro	Henry S. Jackson <i>et al</i> (1892)	Westboro Gas and Electric	G&E 80 (filed 1892)	Suspended 1/4/1894
Westfield	Turners Falls Power and Electric (10/20/1917)	Westfield Municipal Light Board	G&E 1070 (12/28/1917)	Conditions Set
West Springfield	Warren Power (1912)	United Electric Light	G&E 769 (filed 1912)	??
Weymouth	EEL Company of Boston (1924)	Weymouth Light and Power	DPU 1441 (filed 1924)	??
Weymouth	EEL Company of Boston (1926)	Weymouth Light and Power	DPU 2599 (filed 1926)	??
Winchendon	(denial by Board of Selectmen 1890)	The Winchendon Electric Company	G&E 52 (9/13/1890)	Appeal Withdrawn
Winchendon	New England Power (1927)	Winchendon Electric Light and Power	DPU 2834 (filed 1927)	Conditions Set
Woburn	Algonquin Leather (1919)	EEL 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 Electric Light and Power (1892)	Worcester Electric Light	G&E 71 (6/30/1893)	Entry Denied
Worcester	Connecticut River Transmission (7/15/1909)	Worcester Electric Light	G&E 599 (10/23/1909)	Conditions Set
Worcester	Alfred S. Lowell (12/5/1910)	Worcester Electric Light	G&E 663/707 (5/17/1911)	Entry Denied
28 towns; mostly in Franklin County	Tri-County Electric	NA	DPU 5354 (6/23/1937)	Entry Denied