

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

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

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

Ashby	Currently held by Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company		
	1. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light	1/10/1968	DPU 15640
Ashfield	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Ashland	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. <i>Framingham and Ashland Gas Light</i> ²	1891	Town Permit
	2. Framingham Gas, Fuel and Power	7/5/1917	G&E 1045
Athol	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
	1. Athol Gas Light	7/8/1878	Articles of Organization
	2. Millers River Gas Light	3/29/1884	Articles of Organization
* separated gas	3. Athol Gas	12/29/1950	DPU 9257
* AGCo interests	4. Midstate Gas	3/1/1954	DPU 10809
* MGCo interests	5. Athol Gas	11/10/1964	DPU 14633
	(ceased operations 6/30/1979 - see DPU 19518 (10/17/1978))		
Auburn	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Worcester Gas Light	5/8/1925	DPU 1843
Attleboro	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. Rosin Gas Light	1859	Town permit?
	2. Attleboro Gas Light (association)	9/1859	Articles of Association
* Second Parish	3. <i>Union Gas Light in Attleboro</i>	2/20/1860	St. 1860, c. 28
* Second Parish	4. <i>Union Gas Light of Attleboro</i>	4/10/1867	St. 1867, c. 135
	5. Attleboro Union Gas Light (association) ³	7/1867	Articles of Association
* AUGL incorporation	6. Attleboro Gas Light Company Corporation	1/20/1899	G&E 224
* south Attleboro	7. South Attleboro Gas (Thomas G. Sadler, d/b/a)	9/1902 *	Town permit
	(ceased operations 6/30/1918)		
* border customers	8. North Attleboro Gas	1992	Town permit?
Avon	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. Brockton Gas Light	9/7/1911	G&E 693
Ayer	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Boston Consolidated Gas	7/30/1930	DPU 3940

²Appeal of Framingham Gas, Fuel and Power deferred in G&E 64 (1/3/1894); Framingham and Ashland Gas Light never operational.

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

Barnstable	Currently held by Colonial Gas Company		
* Cotuit	1. Cotuit Acetylene Gas (Victor H. Nickerson, d/b/a) (ceased operations 10/1/1914)	7/1901 *	Town permit
* Hyannis	2. Hyannis Lighting (Victor H. Nickerson, d/b/a) (ceased operations 1/1/1917)	1/1902 *	Town permit
* Cotuit/Hyannis	3. <i>Hyannis Gas</i> ⁴	9/11/1911	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
* Cotuit/Hyannis	4. <i>Buzzards Bay Electric</i> ⁵	4/10/1912	<i>St. 1912, c. 460</i>
	5. Cape Cod Gas	2/27/1929	Articles of Organization
Barre	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
* BAG incorporation	1. Barre Acetylene Gas (association) ⁶	9/9/1903	Town permit
	2. Barre Acetylene Gas (ceased operations 2/1/1912)	12/22/1905	G&E 464
Becket	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Bedford	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
* border customer	1. Boston Consolidated Gas	7/30/1930	DPU 3939
	2. Colonial Gas	?	Town permit?
Belchertown	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Bellingham			
* northern part	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. Brockton-Taunton Gas	5/11/1960	DPU 13227
* southern part ⁷	Currently held by Blackstone Gas Company		
	1. Woonsocket Gas (Rhode Island)	1905	Town permit
	2. Blackstone Gas	2/7/1962 ⁸	DPU 13786
Belmont	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. West Cambridge Gas Light	4/4/1860	St.1860, c. 204
Berkley	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. Taunton Gas Light	8/3/1910	G&E 643
Berlin	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Commonwealth Gas	1971	Town permit?
Bernardston	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
	1. Bernardston Acetylene Gas (ceased operations 10/31/1914)	8/5/1905	Articles of Organization

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

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

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

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

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

Beverly	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
* to separate gas	1. Beverly Gas Light	6/15/1859	Articles of Organization
* separated gas	2. <i>Beverly Gas</i>	12/31/1951	Articles of Organization
	3. North Shore Gas	6/1/1953	DPU 10453
Billerica	Currently held by Colonial Gas Company		
	1. Lowell Gas Light	2/7/1929	DPU 3461
Blackstone	Currently held by Blackstone Gas Company		
* WG interests in town	1. Woonsocket Gas (Rhode Island)	1853	Town permit?
* separated gas	2. Blackstone Electric Light	7/17/1909	Charter amendment
	3. Blackstone Gas	12/29/1950	DPU 9257
Blandford	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Bolton	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Worcester Gas Light	1963	Town permit?
Boston	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
* all but Hyde Park	1. <i>City Gas Company</i>	8/27/1822	<i>Aldermen approval</i>
	1. Boston Gas Light	1/22/1823	St.1822, c. 41
	2. <i>Tremont Gas</i>	2/14/1846	St.1846, c. 18
	3. <i>Suffolk Gas</i>	4/15/1850	St.1850, c. 102
	4. Brookline Gas Light	3/20/1854	St.1854, c. 104
	5. <i>Shawmut Gas Light</i>	4/15/1854	St.1854, c. 321
	6. <i>Union Gas Works</i>	4/15/1856	Articles of Organization
	7. <i>The Union Gas Light Company of Boston</i>	9/23/1865	Articles of Organization
	8. <i>American Improved Gas Light Company of Boston</i>	11/1/1868	Articles of Organization
	9. <i>Consolidated Gas</i>	6/30/1869	Articles of Organization
	10. <i>Citizens Gas Light of Boston</i>	10/9/1874	Articles of Organization
	11. <i>Drake Gas Light</i>	8/2/1875	Articles of Organization
	12. The Bay State Gas Company	2/16/1885	City Approvals
	13. <i>Consumers Gas Company of Boston</i>	11/17/1884	Articles of Organization
	14. Massachusetts Pipe Line Gas	6/9/1896	St.1896, c. 537 ⁹
	15. <i>Mattapan Gas and Electric</i>	4/25/1904	Articles of Organization
	16. <i>Hysten Gas and Electric</i>	4/28/1904	Articles of Organization
* Brighton ¹⁰	1. <i>Brighton Gas Light</i>	2/23/1853	St.1853, c. 29
* Brighton	2. Newton and Watertown Gas Light	2/20/1860	St.1860, c. 94
* Brighton	3. Brookline Gas Light (Enabling act was St.1854, c. 104 (3/20/1854))	9/11/1865	Town Permit
* Charlestown ¹¹	1. Charlestown Gas	3/12/1846	St.1846, c. 98
* Dorchester ¹²	1. South Boston Gas Light	5/11/1853	St.1853, c. 320
* Dorchester	2. Dorchester Gas Light	2/6/1854	St.1854, c. 9
* East Boston	1. Massachusetts Solar Gas and Foundry	2/18/1847	St.1847, c. 21

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

¹⁰ Annexed to Boston in 1874

¹¹ Annexed to Boston in 1874

¹² Annexed to Boston in 1870

* Hyde Park ¹³	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
* Hyde Park	1. Dedham Gas Light	5/25/1868	St.1868, c. 181
* Hyde Park	2. <i>Mattapan Gas and Electric</i>	4/25/1904	Articles of Organization
* Hyde Park	3. <i>Boston Consolidated Gas</i> ¹⁴	5/4/1935	St.1935, c. 240
* Hyde Park	4. <i>City of Boston</i> ¹⁵	5/12/1937	St.1937, c. 292
* Hyde Park	5. <i>City of Boston</i> ¹⁶	6/10/1941	St.1941, c. 369
* Hyde Park	6. <i>City of Boston</i> ¹⁷	5/17/1946	St.1946, c. 322
* Roxbury ¹⁸	1. <i>Suffolk Gas</i>	4/15/1850	St.1850, c. 202
* Roxbury	2. Roxbury Gas Light	5/7/1852	St.1852, c. 198
* South Boston	1. South Boston Gas Light	4/13/1852	St.1852, c. 103
* South Boston	2. Brookline Gas Light	1895	City permit?
* West Roxbury ¹⁹	1. Jamaica Plain Gas Light	3/19/1853	St.1853, c. 63
* West Roxbury	2. <i>American Improved Gas Light Company of West Roxbury</i>	10/30/1868	Articles of Organization
Bourne	Currently held by Colonial Gas Company		
	1. Buzzards Bay Gas	2/27/1929	Articles of Organization
Boxborough	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Boston Gas	7/5/1961	DPU 13593
Boxford	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Haverhill Gas Light	6/3/1955	DPU 11288
Boylston	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Worcester Gas Light	1963	Town permit?
Braintree	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Plymouth County Gas, Light and Power	10/26/1908	Articles of Organization
Brewster	Currently held by Colonial Gas Company		
	1. Buzzards Bay Gas	2/27/1929	Articles of Organization
Bridgewater	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. Brockton Gas Light	6/6/1912	G&E 738

¹³ Annexed to Boston in 1912

¹⁴ Petition in DPU 5130 filed 4/9/1936 to effect acquisition of Dedham and Hyde Park Gas and Electric Light's operations in Hyde Park; hearings held, but no decision ever issued.

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

¹⁶ Intended to purchase Dedham and Hyde Park Gas and Electric Light's system within Hyde Park section of Boston and lease to Boston Consolidated Gas. Original expiration date of 1/1/1943 extended by St.1943, c. 163 (4/12/1943) to 1/1/1945. Expired 1/1/1945 without acquisition by city.

¹⁷ Intended to purchase Dedham and Hyde Park Gas' system within Hyde Park section of Boston and lease to Boston Consolidated Gas. Expired 1/1/1948 without acquisition by city.

¹⁸ Annexed to Boston in 1868.

¹⁹ Annexed to Boston in 1874.

Brimfield	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Brockton	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company	9/14/1859	Articles of Organization
* fuel gas	1. North Bridgewater Gas Light 2. <i>Economic Gas Light</i>	5/25/1885	Articles of Organization
Brookfield	Currently held by Boston Gas Company	1904	Town permit
* WCGCo interests	1. Worcester County Gas	4/28/1922	DPU 647
* separated gas	2. Spencer Gas 3. Central Massachusetts Gas	12/29/1950	DPU 9257
Brookline	Currently held by Boston Gas Company	2/19/1853	St.1853, c. 18
Buckland	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Burlington	Currently held by Boston Gas Company	1/29/1951	Articles of Organization
	1. <i>Burlington Gas</i>	5/18/1956	DPU 11624
	2. <i>Lowell Gas Light</i> ²⁰	8/1/1958	DPU 12495
	3. Mystic Valley Gas		
Cambridge	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company	3/15/1852	St.1852, c. 36
	1. Cambridge Gas Light		
Canton	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company	[filed 1916]	G&E 859
	1. <i>Norwood Gas Light</i> ²¹	1/10/1917	G&E 1026
	2. Brockton Gas Light		
Carlisle	Currently held by Boston Gas Company	7/5/1961	DPU 13593
* border customer	1. Boston Gas	1994	Town permit?
	2. Colonial Gas		
Carver	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company	3/17/1969	DPU 16011
* separated gas	1. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light	12/29/1980	DPU 302
	2. Commonwealth Gas		
Charlemont	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Charlton	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Chatham	Currently held by Colonial Gas Company	4/7/1910 *	Town permit
	1. Atwood Gas (L. Sidney Atwood, d/b/a) (ceased operations 1/24/1917)		
	2. Cape Cod Gas	2/27/1929	Articles of Organization

²⁰ Authorization expired in 1957 without action by company.

²¹ Company decided not to proceed with expansion.

Chelmsford	Currently held by Colonial Gas Company		
	1. Lowell Gas Light (company charter permitted expansion into communities in "vicinity" of Lowell)	1894-1895	Town permit?
	2. <i>The Chelmsford Gas Light Company</i>	2/24/1902	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
Chelsea	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Chelsea Gas Light	5/5/1852	St.1852, c. 179
	2. <i>American Fuel</i> ²²	1890	<i>City permit</i>
Cheshire	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company		
	1. Adams Gas Light (Enabling act was St.1905, c. 94, dated 2/23/1905)	[filed 1905]	G&E 455
Chester	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Chesterfield	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Chicopee	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
* Chicopee Centre	1. Chicopee Gas Works (Dwight Manufacturing, d/b/a) ²³	1850	<i>Corporate actions</i>
* Chicopee Falls	2. Chicopee Manufacturing ²⁴	1867	Corporate actions
* CGW incorporation	3. Chicopee Gas	12/1895	G&E 142
	4. <i>Ellerton Gas Light</i>	1/12/1897	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
* CMCo incorporation	5. Chicopee Gas Light	2/15/1897	G&E 176
Chilmark	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Clarksburg	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company		
	1. North Adams Gas Light (Enabling act was St.1903, c. 93, dated 3/13/1903)	4/21/1903	G&E 366
* separated gas	2. Berkshire Gas	4/6/1953	DPU 10395
Clinton	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Clinton Gas Light	3/8/1854	St.1854, c. 62
* separated gas	2. Leominster Gas Light	12/29/1950	DPU 9257
Cohasset	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>South Shore Gas</i>	7/24/1912	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Old Colony Gas	9/21/1928	DPU 3359
Colrain	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Concord	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Boston Consolidated Gas	3/11/1930	DPU 3681
Conway	Currently no gas service	NA	NA

²²Permit revoked in G&E 38 (7/17/1890).

²³Incorporated as Chicopee Gas on 11/7/1895.

²⁴Incorporated as Chicopee Gas Light on 12/14/1896.

Cummington	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Dalton	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company 1. Pittsfield Coal Gas (Enabling act was St.1903, c. 159, dated 3/17/1903)	4/21/1903	G&E 365
Danvers	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. <i>Salem Gas Light</i> 2. Danvers Gas Light 3. <i>Beverly Gas</i> 4. North Shore Gas 5. Essex County Gas	3/15/1853 8/1/1861 12/31/1951 6/1/1953 1997	St.1853, c. 35 Articles of Organization Articles of Organization DPU 10453 Town permit?
* to separate gas * separated gas * border customers			
Dana	Town no longer exists 1. no gas service	NA	NA
Dartmouth * Salters Point	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Waite and Smith (partnership, d/b/a) (ceased operations 9/30/1918) 2. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light 3. Commonwealth Gas	6/1906 * 7/16/1913 12/29/1980	Town permit G&E 746 DPU 302
* separated gas			
Dedham	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Dedham Gas Light 2. <i>Boston Consolidated Gas</i>	3/19/1853 5/4/1935	St.1853, c. 68 St.1935, c. 240
Deerfield * south Deerfield	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company 1. Greenfield Gas Light 2. South Deerfield Gas (unincorporated) (ceased operations 3/28/1908 - explosion)	3/31/1854 5/29/1902 *	St.1854, c. 212 Town permit
Dennis	Currently held by Colonial Gas Company 1. Cape Cod Gas	2/27/1929	Articles of Organization
Dighton	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. Taunton Gas Light (Enabling act was St.1907, c. 126, dated 2/18/1907)	7/1/1907	G&E 523
Douglas	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Dover * limited area ²⁵	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. West Boston Gas Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. Bay State Gas	7/30/1926 11/29/1991	DPU 2509 Town permit
Dracut	Currently held by Colonial Gas Company 1. Lowell Gas Light (company charter permitted expansion into communities in "vicinity" of Lowell)	1886-1887	Town permit?

²⁵Dover-Walpole Medical Building, plus customers abutting connecting main installed along Route 109.

Dudley	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Webster Gas-Light (Stevens Linen Works, d/b/a)	1865	Corporate actions
Dunstable	Currently held by Colonial Gas Company 1. Lowell Gas Light	11/20/1930	DPU 4057
Duxbury	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. Brockton Gas Light	5/16/1928	DPU 3166
East Bridgewater	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. <i>Hanson Gas and Electric</i> 2. Brockton Gas Light	9/21/1905 6/6/1912	<i>Articles of Organization</i> G&E 738
East Brookfield	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Worcester County Gas 2. Spencer Gas 3. Central Massachusetts Gas	1904 4/28/1922 12/29/1950	Town permit DPU 647 DPU 9257
* WCG interests * separated gas			
East Longmeadow	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. Springfield Gas Light	2/10/1916	G&E 934
Eastham	Currently held by Colonial Gas Company 1. Buzzards Bay Gas ²⁶ 2. Colonial Gas	11/26/1945 10/14/1992	DPU 7325 DPU 92-171
Easthampton	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. Easthampton Gas	9/7/1864	Articles of Organization
Easton	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. Brockton Gas Light	2/18/1925	DPU 1803
Edgartown	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Egremont	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Erving	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Enfield	Town no longer exists 1. no gas service	NA	NA
Essex	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Ipswich Gas Light	6/29/1928	DPU 3217

²⁶ Authorization expired without action by company.

Everett ²⁷	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Malden and Melrose Gas Light	2/27/1854	St.1854, c. 93
* limited operation	2. Charlestown Gas	1892-1893 ²⁸	Town permit?
* part of town	3. Chelsea Gas Light	1894	Town permit?
* limited operation	4. Everett Gas (ceased operations during 1920s)	10/20/1899	Articles of Organization
Fairhaven	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light	7/16/1914	Town permit
* separated gas	2. Commonwealth Gas	12/29/1980	DPU 302
Fall River	Currently held by Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corporation		
	1. Fall River Gas-Works (Fall River Iron Works, d/b/a)	1847	Corporate actions
	2. Manufacturers Gas Company of Fall River	3/11/1867	St.1867, c. 61
* MGCo reorganization	3. Manufacturers Gas Light Company of Fall River	3/31/1880	Articles of Organization
* FRIW gas interests	4. Fall River Gas Works	9/25/1880	Articles of Organization
Falmouth	Currently held by Colonial Gas Company		
	1. Buzzards Bay Gas	2/27/1929	Articles of Organization
Fitchburg	Currently held by Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company		
	1. Fitchburg Gas Light	5/13/1852	St.1852, c. 208
Florida	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Foxborough	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. <i>Norfolk and Bristol Gas and Electric</i>	7/8/1910	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Taunton Gas Light	12/10/1925	DPU 2228
Framingham	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. <i>Framingham Gas, Fuel and Power</i>	3/22/1889	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Framingham and Ashland Gas Light ²⁹	1891	Town permit
* border customers	3. Boston Gas	?	Town permit?
Franklin	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. Taunton Gas Light	11/4/1926	DPU 2610
Freetown	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light	12/26/1926	DPU 2652
* separated gas	2. Commonwealth Gas	12/29/1980	DPU 302
Gardner	Currently held by Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company		
	1. Gardner Gas Light	12/14/1887	Articles of Organization
* GGLCo insolvency	2. Gardner Gas, Fuel and Light	1/2/1895	G&E 117

²⁷Part of Malden until 1870.

²⁸1886 Annual Report to General Court references one customer as being served in Everett, none listed in 1888 report.

²⁹See disposition of appeal in G&E 64 (filed 1891).

Georgetown	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. The Georgetown Gas Company (ceased operations 6/30/1913) 2. Ipswich Gas Light	7/20/1905 8/25/1928	Articles of Organization DPU 3349
Gill	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Gloucester	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Gloucester Gas Light	2/19/1853	St.1853, c. 17
Goshen	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Gosnold	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Grafton	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Worcester Gas Light	1/17/1929	DPU 3444
Granby	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. Springfield Gas Light	7/13/1966	DPU 15173
Granville	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Great Barrington	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company 1. The Great Barrington Gas Light Company (ceased operations c. 1891) 2. The Berkshire Gas Company	11/27/1855 4/21/1965	Articles of Organization DPU 14676
Greenfield	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company 1. Greenfield Gas Light	3/31/1854	St.1854, c. 212
Groton	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Boston Consolidated Gas	7/30/1930	DPU 3940
Groveland	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Haverhill Gas Light	2/18/1914	G&E 853
Greenwich	Town no longer exists 1. no gas service	NA	NA
Hadley	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company 1. Hadley Gas (partnership) ³⁰ 2. Hadley Lighting (ceased operations 4/1/1917) 3. The Berkshire Gas Company	1/1/1903 5/21/1910 8/12/1964	Town permit G&E 635 DPU 14624
* HGCo incorporation			
Halifax	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. Hanson Gas and Electric 2. Brockton Gas Light	9/21/1905 1/12/1927	Articles of Organization DPU 2680
Hamilton	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Ipswich Gas Light	6/29/1928	DPU 3217

³⁰Incorporated as Hadley Lighting on 4/29/1910.

Hampden	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. Springfield Gas Light	10/16/1963	DPU 14329
Hancock	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Hanover	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. <i>Hanson Gas and Electric</i> 2. Brockton Gas Light	9/21/1905 11/4/1926	<i>Articles of Organization</i> DPU 2605
Hanson	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. <i>Hanson Gas and Electric</i> 2. Brockton Gas Light	9/21/1905 11/4/1926	<i>Articles of Organization</i> DPU 2605
* border customers	3. Boston Gas	1998	Town permit?
Hardwick	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Harvard	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Boston Gas	7/5/1961	DPU 13593
Harwich	Currently held by Colonial Gas Company 1. Cape Cod Gas	2/27/1929	Articles of Organization
Hatfield	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company 1. Hatfield Gas (New Jersey) (ceased operations 6/30/1913) 2. The Berkshire Gas Company	11/9/1902 6/11/1959	Articles of Organization DPU 12865
Haverhill	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Haverhill Gas Light 2. <i>Haverhill Gas</i>	2/12/1853 4/7/1910	St.1853, c. 8 <i>Articles of Organization</i>
* Bradford	3. Haverhill Gas Light	4/16/1853	St.1853, c. 163
Hawley	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Heath	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Hingham	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. <i>South Shore Gas</i> 2. Old Colony Gas	7/24/1912 1913	<i>Articles of Organization</i> Town permit?
Hinsdale	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Holbrook	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. Brockton Gas Light	9/7/1911	G&E 693
Holden	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Worcester Gas Light	1955	Town permit?
Holland	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Holliston	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Worcester Gas Light	11/19/1929	DPU 3758

Holyoke	Currently held by City of Holyoke		
* HFCo acquisition	1. Hadley Falls Company (4/28/1848)	1849	Corporate actions
	2. Holyoke Water Power (corporate actions validated by St.1873, c. 52, dated 3/3/1873)	1/30/1859	St.1859, c. 6
* municipalization	3. City of Holyoke	1/5/1897	City vote
Hopedale ³¹	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Milford Gas Light	4/10/1854	St.1854, c. 242
Hopkinton	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Worcester Gas Light	11/19/1929	DPU 3747
Hubbardston	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Hudson	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Hudson Gaslight	7/1/1902	Articles of Organization
Hull	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Nantasket Gas Light (unincorporated) (appears to have ceased operations shortly thereafter)	c. 1896	Town permit?
	2. <i>South Shore Gas</i>	7/24/1912	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	3. <i>Hull Gas</i>	8/13/1915	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	4. <i>Nantasket Gas</i>	11/30/1921	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	5. Old Colony Gas	7/17/1930	DPU 3643
Huntington	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Ipswich	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Ipswich Gas Light	10/26/1877	Articles of Organization
Kingston	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Plymouth Gas Light	7/2/1915	G&E 936
* separated gas	2. Commonwealth Gas	12/29/1980	DPU 302
Lakeville	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. Taunton Gas Light	[filed 1926]	DPU 2386
Lancaster	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Clinton Gas Light	4/11/1887	St.1887, c. 154
Lanesborough	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company		
	1. Pittsfield Coal Gas	[filed 1937]	DPU 5487
Lawrence	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. Lawrence Gas	2/14/1849	St.1849, c. 17
	2. <i>American Improved Gas Light Company of Lawrence</i>	8/22/1868	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
* separated gas	3. Lawrence Gas	4/6/1953	DPU 10401

³¹Part of Milford until 1886.

Lee	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company		
	1. <i>Lee Gas Light</i>	12/17/1880	Articles of Organization
	2. Lee Gas Works (A. H. Wray, d/b/a)	1882-1885	Town permit?
* Wray operation	3. Lee Gas Works (T. T. Robinson/W. L. Dresser, d/b/a)	1889	Town permit?
* LGW operation	4. Lee Electric (ceased gas operations c. 1892)	1890	Purchase
	5. Pittsfield Coal Gas	2/17/1916	G&E 979
Leicester			
* most of town	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Worcester County Gas	1904	Town permit
* WCG interests	2. Spencer Gas	4/22/1922	DPU 647
* separated SGC gas	3. Central Massachusetts Gas	12/29/1950	DPU 9257
* Cherry Valley	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Worcester Gas Light	7/24/1925	DPU 1973
Lenox	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company		
	1. Pittsfield Coal Gas	2/17/1916	G&E 978
Leominster	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Leominster Gas Light	1/15/1873	Articles of Organization
Leverett	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Lexington	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Lexington Gas Light	12/4/1874	Articles of Organization
* LGL insolvency	2. The Lexington Gas and Electric Company	11/25/1900	G&E 252
Leyden	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Lincoln	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Boston Consolidated Gas	3/11/1930	DPU 3681
Littleton	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Boston Consolidated Gas	7/11/1930	DPU 3940
Longmeadow	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. Springfield Gas Light	2/24/1898	St.1898, c. 96

Lowell	Currently held by Colonial Gas Company		
	1. <i>Lowell Gas Light</i>	3/17/1833	St.1833, c. 202 ³²
	2. <i>Lowell Gas</i>	3/25/1837	St.1837, c. 91 ³³
	3. <i>Lowell Gas</i>	2/14/1846	St.1846, c. 37 ³⁴
	4. <i>Lowell Gas Light</i>	2/5/1849	St.1849, c. 234
	5. <i>American Improved Gas Light Company of Lowell</i>	1/6/1868	Articles of Organization
	6. <i>The Citizens Gas Company</i>	4/28/1875	Articles of Organization
Ludlow	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. <i>Springfield Gas Light</i> (Enabling act was St.1906, c. 70, dated 2/1/1906)	4/17/1906	G&E 480
Lunenburg	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
* part of town	1. <i>Leominster Gas Light</i>	1910-1911	Town permit?
* north and west sections	Currently held by Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company		
* limited area	2. <i>Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light</i>	11/30/1959	DPU 13075
* north of West Street	3. <i>Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light</i>	7/14/1960	DPU 13267
* 200' w of Chase Road	4. <i>Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light</i>	7/13/1966	DPU 15265
Lynn	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
* fuel gas	1. <i>Lynn Gas Light</i>	2/18/1853	St.1853, c. 35
	2. <i>Citizens Steam and Gas Light Company of Lynn</i> (ceased operations 11/25/1889 - fire)	7/17/1880	Articles of Organization
	3. <i>Sagamore Gas Light and Heating</i>	11/17/1880	Articles of Organization
* separated gas	4. <i>Lynn Gas</i>	12/14/1959	DPU 13085
Lynnfield	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Lynn Gas and Electric</i>	3/6/1913	G&E 749
Malden	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Malden and Melrose Gas Light</i>	2/27/1854	St.1854, c. 43
	2. <i>Malden and Medford Gas Light</i>	4/29/1854	St.1854, c. 443
Manchester-by-the-Sea	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Ipswich Gas Light</i>	7/20/1928	DPU 3307
Mansfield	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. <i>Mansfield Gas</i>	8/31/1915	Articles of Organization
	2. <i>Taunton Gas Light</i>	11/4/1916	G&E 963
Marblehead	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Marblehead Gas Light</i>	3/31/1854	St.1854, c. 35

³²Provided system in place within three years. Authorization expired 3/17/1836 without action by company.

³³Provided system in place within three years. Authorization expired 3/25/1840 without action by company.

³⁴Provided system in place within three years. Authorization expired, but new company charter issued 5/2/1849.

Marion	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Bay State Illuminating ³⁵ (Bay State Illuminating Company (Maine), d/b/a)	12/26/1901	Town permit
* BSI reincorporation	2. Marion Gas (ceased gas service 11/1920)	6/4/1902	G&E 329
	3. Buzzards Bay Gas	2/27/1929	Articles of Organization
	4. Marion Gas	6/13/1930	Articles of Organization
* separated gas	5. Commonwealth Gas	12/29/1980	DPU 302
Marlborough	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Marlborough Gas	1/23/1861 ³⁶	Articles of Organization
* absorbed MGco	2. Marlborough Gaslight	2/15/1865	St.1865, c. 25
	3. <i>Citizens Gas Company of Marlboro</i> ³⁷	3/31/1890	Articles of Organization
	4. Worcester Gas Light	9/21/1928	DPU 3339
Marshfield	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. Brockton Gas Light	10/30/1928	DPU 3385
Mashpee	Currently held by Colonial Gas Company		
	1. <i>Buzzards Bay Gas</i> ³⁸	11/26/1945	DPU 7325
	2. Buzzards Bay Gas	12/8/1959	DPU 13095
Mattapoiset	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light	3/15/1927	DPU 2732
* separated gas	2. Commonwealth Gas	12/29/1980	DPU 302
Maynard	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Marlboro-Hudson Gas	1912	Town permit?
Medfield	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. Taunton Gas Light	2/19/1930	DPU 3831
Medford	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Medford Gas Light	3/31/1854	St.1854, c. 203
	2. <i>Malden and Medford Gas Light</i>	4/29/1854	St. 1854, c. 443
	3. Malden and Melrose Gas Light	6/4/1856	St.1856, c. 280
* 150' north of Broadway	4. Charlestown Gas	3/13/1860	St.1860, c. 66
	5. <i>Citizens Gas Company of Medford</i>	12/10/1894	Articles of Organization
Medway	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. Taunton Gas Light	7/23/1929	DPU 3658

³⁵Company controlled by Maine corporation; had insufficient capital to meet Massachusetts corporation requirements. Reincorporated as Marion Gas on 4/17/1902.

³⁶Date of confirmation of earlier proceedings organizing company.

³⁷Permit revoked in G&E 51 (12/20/1892).

³⁸Authorization expired without action by company.

Melrose	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Malden and Melrose Gas Light 2. <i>George W. Chipman</i> ³⁹	2/27/1854 11/1/1887	St.1854, c. 93 Town permit
Mendon	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Commonwealth Gas	1/9/1987	DPU 86-138
* west of TGP main			
* east of TGP main	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. Bay State Gas	1/9/1987	DPU 86-179
Merrimac	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Haverhill Gas Light	2/18/1914	G&E 853
Methuen	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. Lawrence Gas 2. <i>George M. Drew (intended Methuen Gas Light)</i> ⁴¹ 3. <i>Methuen Gas</i> 4. Lawrence Gas 5. Colonial Gas	3/10/1877 ⁴⁰ 6/22/1889 3/10/1890 4/6/1953 ?	St.1877, c. 49 Town permit Articles of Organization DPU 10401 Town permit?
* separated gas			
* border customers			
Middleborough	Currently held by Town of Middleboro 1. Middleboro Gas Works (proprietorship, d/b/a) 2. Middleborough Gas Light ⁴² 3. Middleboro Gas Works (Nahaum D. Wilber, d/b/a) 4. Middleboro Gas Works (W.B. Hammond, d/b/a) ⁴³ 5. Middleboro Gas and Electric 6. Town of Middleboro 7. Bay State Gas	1847 9/4/1856 3/1866 1887 1/21/1889 10/28/1893 1996	Town permit? Articles of Incorporation Purchase Purchase Articles of Incorporation Town vote Town permit?
* proprietorship			
* MGW system			
* Wilber system			
* Hammond incorporation			
* municipalization			
* border customer			
Middlefield	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Middleton	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. North Shore Gas	11/15/1961	DPU 13710
Milford	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Milford Gas Light	4/10/1854	St.1854, c. 242

³⁹Permit revoked in G&E 7 (filed 1887).

⁴⁰Town permit reissued 9/6/1890 because original had been lost.

⁴¹Town denied permit; sustained on appeal in G&E 26 (2/24/1891).

⁴²Company surrendered franchise and sold plant to Mr. Wilber on 3/1866.

⁴³Incorporated as Middleboro Gas and Electric on 1/21/1889.

Millbury	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Worcester Gas Light	5/8/1925	DPU 1843
Millis	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. Millis Company (d/b/a) (ceased gas service c. 1894) 2. Brockton-Taunton Gas	1892 6/16/1960	Town permit DPU 13228
Millville	Currently held by Blackstone Gas Company 1. Blackstone Gas 2. Commonwealth Gas	2/26/1995 1971	DPU 88-159 Town permit?
* border customer			
Milton	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Milton Gas Light 2. Citizens Gas and Electric Light Company of Milton, Massachusetts 3. Dedham and Hyde Park Gas	2/6/1861 6/8/1899 12/31/1951	St.1861, c. 26 Articles of Organization DPU 9751
* 1011 Metropolitan Ave			
Monroe	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Monson	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. <i>Monson Gas and Electric</i> 2. Worcester County Gas (ceased operations 12/1/1934) 3. <i>Bay State Natural Gas</i> 4. <i>Monson Gas</i> 5. Bay State Gas	10/15/1889 1904 10/11/1949 12/4/1958 7/3/1987	Articles of Organization Town permit Articles of Organization Articles of Organization DPU 87-46
Montague	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company 1. Greenfield Gas Light (Enabling act was St.1907, c. 124, dated 2/16/1907)	5/27/1907	G&E 519
* Turners Falls			
Monterey	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Montgomery	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Mount Washington	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Nahant	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Lynn Gas and Electric 2. Lynn Gas	3/26/1873 12/14/1959	St.1873, c. 112 DPU 13085
* separated gas			
Nantucket	Currently no gas service 1. Nantucket Gas Light 2. Citizens Gas, Electric and Power of Nantucket (ceased gas service 12/31/1972 - see DPU 17406 (9/6/1972))	NA 2/16/1854 4/27/1905	NA St.1854, c. 19 G&E 448
* NG&ECo insolvency			
Natick	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. <i>Natick Gas Light</i> 2. Natick Gas Light 3. Boston Gas	3/9/1861 3/16/1875 3/14/1962	St.1861, c. 68 Articles of Organization DPU 13818
* north of I-90			

Needham	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Newton and Watertown Gas Light 2. <i>The Needham Gas Company</i> 3. <i>Needham Gas</i> 4. West Boston Gas	3/18/1881 8/1/1905 10/28/1915 7/30/1926	St.1881, c. 108 <i>Articles of Organization</i> <i>Articles of Organization</i> DPU 2509
New Ashford	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
New Bedford	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. New Bedford Gas Light 2. <i>Consumers Gas Company of New Bedford</i> 3. Commonwealth Gas	4/4/1850 6/23/1891 12/29/1980	St.1850, c. 144 <i>Articles of Organization</i> DPU 302
* separated gas			
New Braintree	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
New Marlborough	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
New Salem	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Newbury	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Newburyport Gas and Electric 2. Haverhill Gas Light	3/12/1901 10/18/1950	St.1901, c. 139 DPU 9181
* separated gas			
Newburyport	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Newburyport Gas 2. Haverhill Gas Light	4/10/1850 10/18/1950	St.1850, c. 147 DPU 9181
* separated gas			
Newton	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Newton and Watertown Gas Light	2/27/1854	St.1854, c. 44
Norfolk	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. Brockton-Taunton Gas	3/11/1955	DPU 11258
North Adams ⁴⁴	<i>Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company</i> 1. <i>North Adams Gas Light</i> 2. North Adams Gas Light 3. Berkshire Gas	2/14/1861 2/29/1864 4/6/1953	St.1861, c. 41 St.1864, c. 57 DPU 10395
* separated gas			
North Andover	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. <i>Lawrence Gas</i> 2. Lawrence Gas 3. Lawrence Gas 4. Essex County Gas	3/10/1877 10/5/1889 4/6/1953 1997	St.1877, c. 49 G&E 28 DPU 10401 Town permit?
* separated gas			
* border customers			
North Attleboro ⁴⁵	Currently held by Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corporation 1. North Attleborough Gas Light 2. North Attleborough Gas Light 3. North Attleboro Gas	4/13/1855 4/13/1855 3/14/1930	Articles of Organization Articles of Organization DPU 3863
* Attleboro Falls			
* NAGL insolvency			

⁴⁴Part of Adams until 1878.

⁴⁵Part of Attleboro until 1887.

North Brookfield	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
* WCG interests	1. Worcester County Gas	1904	Town permit
* separated gas	2. Spencer Gas	4/28/1922	DPU 647
	3. Central Massachusetts Gas	12/29/1950	DPU 9257
North Reading	Currently held by Colonial Gas Company		
	1. Reading and Stoneham Gas Light	2/19/1859	St.1859, c. 45
	2. Lowell Gas	12/15/1965	DPU 14847
Northampton	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
* border customer	1. Northampton Gas Light	3/19/1853	St.1853, c. 59
	2. The Berkshire Gas Company	1996	Town permit?
Northborough	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Worcester Gas Light	9/21/1928	DPU 3338
Northbridge	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Worcester Gas Light	2/14/1929	DPU 3473
Northfield	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
	1. Northfield Acetylene Gas (Charles E. Williams, d/b/a) (ceased operations 1/15/1912)	7/19/1904 *	Town permit
Norton	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. Taunton Gas Light	11/4/1916	G&E 963
Norwell	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. Brockton Gas Light	10/30/1928	DPU 3385
Norwood	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
* NGL reorganization	1. Norwood Gas Light	10/26/1884	Articles of Organization
	2. Norwood Gas	7/10/1909	G&E 576
Oak Bluffs	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
* CGC reorganization	1. Cottage City Gas	9/1/1885	Articles of Organization
	2. Cottage City Gas and Electric (ceased gas service 5/25/1921)	3/28/1889	Articles of Organization
Oakham	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Orange	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Orleans	Currently held by Colonial Gas Company		
	1. Cape Cod Gas	2/27/1929	Articles of Organization
Otis	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Oxford	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Boston Gas	7/8/2003	DTE 03-49

Palmer	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. <i>Palmer Gas Light</i> 2. Worcester County Gas (ceased operations 12/1/1934) 3. <i>Bay State Natural Gas</i> 4. <i>Monson Gas</i> 5. Bay State Gas	11/20/1890 1904 10/11/1949 12/4/1958 7/3/1987	<i>Articles of Organization</i> Town permit <i>Articles of Organization</i> <i>Articles of Organization</i> DPU 87-62
Paxton	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Peabody ⁴⁶	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Salem Gas Light 2. Lynn Gas and Electric 3. Lynn Gas and Electric 4. Lynn Gas and Electric 5. Lynn Gas and Electric 6. Lynn Gas and Electric	3/15/1853 [filed 1945] 1/4/1952 11/18/1955 5/16/1957 10/27/1958	St.1853, c. 39 DPU 7374 DPU 9691 DPU 11465 DPU 12147 DPU 12707
* limited area			
* limited area			
* some of North Shore Gas interests			
* Lynnfield border area			
* limited area			
Pelham	Currently no gas service 1. Amherst Gas (ceased operations 12/24/1934)	NA 4/17/1906	NA G&E 466
Pembroke	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. <i>Hanson Gas and Electric</i> 2. Brockton Gas Light	9/21/1905 11/4/1926	<i>Articles of Organization</i> DPU 2605
Pepperell	Currently held by Colonial Gas Company 1. Lowell Gas Light	11/20/1930	DPU 4057
Petersham	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Peru	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Phillipston	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Pittsfield	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company 1. Pittsfield Coal Gas 2. Union Gas Works	2/23/1853 1886-1890	St.1853, c. 21 Unincorporated
* limited operation - 3 mills			
Plainfield	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Plainville ⁴⁷	Currently held by Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corporation 1. North Attleborough Gas Light 2. North Attleboro Gas	4/4/1884 3/14/1930	St.1884, c. 130 DPU 3863
* NAGL insolvency			

⁴⁶Part of Danvers until 1858.

⁴⁷Part of Wrentham until 1905.

Plymouth	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Plymouth Gas Light	4/8/1853	St.1853, c. 128
* separated gas	2. Commonwealth Gas	12/29/1980	DPU 302
* Buttermilk Bay	3. Colonial Gas	5/31/1991	Company agreement
* Cedarville	4. Colonial Gas	11/27/1992	Company agreement
* The Ponds	5. Colonial Gas	6/8/1995	Company agreement
* Colonial Gas interests	6. NSTAR Gas	9/30/2002 ⁴⁸	DTE 02-44
Plympton	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. <i>Hanson Gas and Electric</i>	9/21/1905	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	2. Brockton Gas Light	11/4/1926	DPU 2605
Princeton	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
	1. J.D. Gregory Gas (Josiah D. Gregory, d/b/a) (ceased operations 12/31/1921)	6/21/1909	Town permit
Prescott	Town no longer exists		
	1. No gas service	NA	NA
Provincetown	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
	1. <i>Provincetown Gas Light</i>	3/31/1854	<i>St.1854, c. 194</i>
	2. <i>Buzzards Bay Gas</i> ⁴⁹	11/26/1945	DPU 7325
Quincy	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Quincy Gas Light</i>	2/6/1854	<i>St.1854, c. 5</i>
	2. Citizens' Gas Light Company of Quincy	2/24/1860	St.1860, c. 36
	3. <i>Quincy Gas Light</i>	12/6/1877	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
	4. <i>Quincy Gas Light</i>	1/16/1906	<i>Articles of Organization</i>
Randolph	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. <i>Plymouth County Gas, Light and Power</i>	1910	<i>Town permit?</i>
	2. Brockton Gas Light	9/7/1911	G&E 693
Raynham	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. Taunton Gas Light (Enabling act was St.1907, c. 126, dated 2/18/1907)	9/23/1913	G&E 823
Reading	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Reading and Stoneham Gas Light</i>	2/19/1859	<i>St.1859, c. 45</i>
	2. Citizens' Gas Light Company of Reading, South Reading and Stoneham	1/10/1862	Articles of Organization
Rehoboth	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. Brockton-Taunton Gas	9/8/1965	DPU 14960

⁴⁸Cut-in of NSTAR Gas main to area completed 11/3/2003.

⁴⁹Authorization expired without action by company.

Revere	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Revere Gas Light</i>	12/3/1887	Town permit
	2. <i>Chelsea Gas Light</i>	5/28/1886	St.1886, c. 255
	3. Suburban Gas and Electric	2/13/1895	Articles of Organization
	4. <i>Revere and Winthrop Gas</i>	1/18/1897	Town permit
	5. <i>Winnisimmet Gas</i>	10/14/1898	Articles of Organization
* to separate gas	7. <i>Suburban Gas</i>	12/31/1951	Articles of Organization
* Saugus border area	8. Lynn Gas and Electric	1/11/1952	DPU 9722
* separated gas	9. Mystic Valley Gas	5/28/1953	DPU 10454
	(under previous name Malden and Melrose Gas Light)		
Richmond	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Rochester	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. New Bedford Gas and Edison Light	7/1/1966	DPU 15134
* separated gas	2. Commonwealth Gas	12/29/1980	DPU 302
Rockland	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Union Gas Light</i>	8/25/1885	Articles of Organization
	2. Plymouth County Gas, Light and Power	10/26/1908	Articles of Organization
Rockport	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Rockport Gas</i>	7/16/1895	Articles of Organization
	2. Gloucester Gas Light	7/29/1931	DPU 4229
Rowe	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Rowley	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Ipswich Gas Light	6/29/1928	DPU 3217
Royalston	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Russell	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Rutland	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Salem	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Salem Gas-Light	3/11/1847	St.1847, c. 67
* limited area	1. Lynn Gas	9/18/1961	DPU 13667
Salisbury	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Salisbury and Amesbury Gas Light</i>	2/16/1854	St.1854, c. 21
	2. Amesbury and Salisbury Gas ⁵⁰	8/4/1860	Articles of Organization
	2. Amesbury and Salisbury Gas	1901-1902	Town permit?
* A&SG insolvency	3. Amesbury and Salisbury Gas	11/4/1921	DPU 468 ⁵¹
Sandisfield	Currently no gas service	NA	NA

⁵⁰Section of town originally receiving gas service was annexed to Amesbury in 1886.

⁵¹Date of order approving initial securities issue to recapitalize company; predecessor's assets had been conveyed to new company on 6/30/1921. Reference DPU 468 (11/4/1921).

Sandwich	Currently held by Colonial Gas Company 1. <i>Buzzards Bay Gas</i> ⁵² 2. Buzzards Bay Gas	11/26/1945 12/8/1959	DPU 7325 DPU 13095
Saugus * separated gas	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Lynn Gas Light 2. Lynn Gas	3/26/1873 12/14/1959	St.1873, c. 112 DPU 13085
Savoy	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Scituate	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. <i>South Shore Gas</i> 2. Brockton Gas Light	7/24/1912 10/30/1928	<i>Articles of Organization</i> DPU 3385
Seekonk	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. Attleboro Gas Light	[filed 1928]	DPU 3210
Sharon	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. Brockton Gas Light	8/23/1922	DPU 868
Sheffield	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Shelburne	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Sherborne	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. West Boston Gas	7/30/1926	DPU 2509
Shirley	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Boston Gas	7/6/1961	DPU 13593
Shrewsbury	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Worcester Gas Light	5/8/1925	DPU 1843
Shutesbury	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Somerset	Currently held by Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corporation 1. Fall River Gas Works (Enabling act was St.1907, c. 127, dated 2/18/1907)	3/21/1908	G&E 553
Somerville: * eastern part ⁵³	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Charlestown Gas	2/23/1853	St.1853, c. 24
* western part	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Cambridge Gas Light 2. <i>Somerville Gas Light</i> 3. <i>The Somerville Gas Light Company</i>	4/11/1853 4/13/1854 3/13/1885	St.1853, c. 137 St.1854, c. 291 <i>Articles of Organization</i>

⁵²Authorization expired without action by company.

⁵³Boundary ultimately set along railroad track; Charlestown Gas took east of track and Somerville Gas Light took west of track.

South Hadley	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
* South Hadley Center	1. South Hadley Gas (unincorporated, d/b/a) ⁵⁴	11/1901 *	Town permit
* SHG incorporation	2. The South Hadley Gas Company	6/24/1904	G&E 414
* South Hadley Falls	3. Chicopee Gas Light (Enabling act was St.1906, c. 74, dated 2/16/1906)	8/17/1906 ⁵⁵	see G&E 484
* annulled Chicopee GL	4. Springfield Gas Light (Town action ratified pursuant to St.1915, c. 230 (3/27/1915))	7/14/1914	Town permit
Southampton	Currently held by City of Holyoke		
	1. Holyoke Gas and Electric Department	9/3/1986	DPU 86-80
Southborough	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Marlboro-Hudson Gas	1916	Town permit?
Southbridge	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Mutual Gas Light Company of Southbridge	4/21/1871	Articles of Organization
Southwick	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. Bay State Gas	6/3/1987	DPU 87-40
Spencer	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Spencer Gas	7/31/1886	Articles of Organization
	2. Citizens Gas and Electric Light Company of Spencer	6/19/1899	Articles of Organization
	3. Worcester County Gas	1904	Town permit
* separated gas	4. Central Massachusetts Gas	12/29/1950	DPU 9257
Springfield	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. Springfield Gas Light	2/10/1847	St.1847, c. 15
	2. <i>Equitable Gas of Springfield</i>	5/27/1887	Articles of Organization
Sterling	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Worcester Gas Light	9/20/1929	DPU 3688
Stockbridge	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company		
	1. Pittsfield Coal Gas	9/14/1933	DPU 4713
Stoneham	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. <i>Reading and Stoneham Gas Light</i>	2/19/1859	St.1859, c. 45
	2. Citizens' Gas Light Company of Reading, South Reading and Stoneham	1/10/1862	Articles of Organization

⁵⁴Incorporated as The South Hadley Gas Company on 4/25/1904.

⁵⁵Town permits annulled by town 7/14/1914; action ratified pursuant to St.1915, c. 230 (3/27/1915).

Stoughton	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
* SGL operations (?) ⁵⁶	1. Stoughton Gas Light	7/19/1889	Articles of Organization
	2. Stoughton Light, Heat and Power (Maine)	1/1888	Town permit?
	3. Stoughton Gas and Electric	2/9/1891	Articles of Organization
* separated gas	4. Brockton Gas Light	6/10/1915	G&E 907
Stow	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Marlborough-Hudson Gas	1916	Town permit?
Sturbridge	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Sudbury	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Boston Consolidated Gas	3/11/1930	DPU 3681
Sunderland	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company		
* SG incorporation	1. Sunderland Gas (unincorporated, d/b/a) ⁵⁷	10/12/1903	Town permit
	2. Sunderland Gas (ceased operations 7/1/1915)	1/20/1910	Articles of Organization
	3. <i>The Berkshire Gas Company</i> ⁵⁸	9/24/1969	DPU 16190
	4. The Berkshire Gas Company	7/25/2000	DTE 99-116
Sutton	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Worcester Gas Light	[filed 1928]	DPU 3459
Swampscott	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
* separated gas	1. Lynn Gas Light	3/26/1873	St.1873, c. 112
	2. Lynn Gas	12/14/1959	DPU 13085
Swansea	Currently held by Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corporation		
	1. Fall River Gas Works	[filed 1929]	DPU 3750
Taunton	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
	1. Taunton Gas Light	2/11/1853	St.1853, c. 3
	2. <i>Peoples Gas</i>	5/19/1885	Articles of Organization
Templeton	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
* Precincts 3 and 4	1. <i>Baldwinville Electric Light District</i>	3/19/1904	St.1904, c. 160
Tewksbury	Currently held by Colonial Gas Company		
	1. Lowell Gas Light (company charter permitted expansion into communities in "vicinity" of Lowell)	1886-1887	Town permit?

⁵⁶G&E Commission reports indicate that Stoughton Gas Light operated gas and electric systems, but that the venture had been abandoned. Given the shared officers with Stoughton Light, Heat and Power, as well as other similarities, Stoughton Light, Heat, & Power may have acquired Stoughton Gas Light.

⁵⁷Incorporated as Sunderland Gas, but had insufficient capital to meet Massachusetts corporation requirements.

⁵⁸Authorization expired 5/31/1970 without action by company.

Tisbury	Currently no gas service 1. Vineyard Haven Gas and Electric (ceased operations 11/23/1917)	NA 3/9/1888	NA St.1888, c. 117
Tolland	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Topsfield	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Ipswich Gas Light 2. Boston Gas	6/29/1928 1998	DPU 3217 Town permit?
* border customers			
Townsend	Currently held by Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company 1. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light	5/18/1966	DPU 14889
Truro	Currently no gas service 1. <i>Buzzards Bay Gas</i> ⁵⁹	NA 11/26/1945	NA DPU 7325
Tyngsborough	Currently held by Colonial Gas Company 1. Lowell Gas Light	11/20/1930	DPU 4057
Tyringham	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Upton	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Worcester Gas Light	9/18/1929	DPU 3634
Uxbridge	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Worcester Gas Light	9/19/1929	DPU 3672
Wakefield	Currently held by Town of Wakefield 1. <i>Reading and Stoneham Gas Light</i> 2. Citizens' Gas Light Company of Reading, South Reading and Stoneham 3. Town of Wakefield	2/19/1859 1/10/1862 8/15/1892	St.1859, c. 45 Articles of Organization Town vote
* municipalization			
* Lynnfield border area	4. Lynn Gas and Electric	10/17/1957	DPU 12308
* Reading border area	5. Mystic Valley Gas	2/16/1960	DPU 13170
Wales	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Walpole	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. Taunton Gas Light	11/24/1926	DPU 2643
Waltham	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Waltham Gas Light 2. <i>Gas and Electric Lighting of Waltham</i>	4/1/1853 8/6/1886	St.1853, c. 118 <i>Articles of Organization</i>

⁵⁹ Authorization expired without action by company.

Ware	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
	1. Gas Works of the Otis Company (Otis Company, d/b/a)	c. 1847	Corporate actions
* OCCo system	2. <i>Ware Gas Light</i> ⁶⁰	3/17/1853	St. 1853, c. 50
* separated gas	3. Ware Gas Light	1/17/1908	G&E 545
* WGL interests	4. Otis Company	3/18/1908	St. 1908, c. 235
* separated gas	5. Ware Gas (ceased operations 6/30/1979 - see DPU 19517 (10/17/1978))	7/23/1923	DPU 1259
Wareham	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Marion Gas (Enabling act was St. 1909, c. 260, dated 4/2/1909) ⁶¹ (ceased gas service 11/1920)	1910	Town permit?
	2. Buzzards Bay Gas	2/27/1929	Articles of Organization
Warren	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Worcester County Gas	1905	Town permit?
* WCG interests	2. Spencer Gas	4/28/1922	DPU 647
* separated gas	3. Central Massachusetts Gas	12/29/1950	DPU 9257
Warwick	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Washington	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Watertown	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Newton and Watertown Gas Light	2/27/1854	St. 1854, c. 44
Wayland			
* north of I-90	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Boston Consolidated Gas	3/11/1930	DPU 3681
* south of I-90	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
	1. Worcester Gas Light	3/14/1962	DPU 13819
Webster	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Webster Gas-Light (Stevens Linen Works, d/b/a)	1865	Corporate actions
Wellesley ⁶²	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
	1. Newton and Watertown Gas Light	3/18/1881	St. 1881, c. 108
Wellfleet	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
	1. <i>Buzzards Bay Gas</i> ⁶³	11/26/1945	DPU 7325
Wendell	Currently no gas service	NA	NA

⁶⁰No capital stock issued; gas works operated as adjunct of Otis Company, and Ware Gas Light eventually absorbed in 1862.

⁶¹Approval 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.

⁶²Part of Needham until 1881.

⁶³Authorization expired without action by company.

Wenham	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Ipswich Gas Light	6/29/1928	DPU 3217
Westborough	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. <i>Westboro Gas and Electric</i> ⁶⁴ 2. Worcester Gas Light	10/9/1889 11/24/1926	Articles of Organization DPU 3339
West Boylston	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Worcester Gas Light	8/11/1927	DPU 2920
West Bridgewater	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. Brockton Gas Light	6/6/1912	G&E 738
West Brookfield	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Worcester County Gas 2. Spencer Gas 3. Central Massachusetts Gas	1904 4/28/1922 12/29/1950	Town permit DPU 647 DPU 9257
* WCG interests * separated gas			
West Newbury	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Newburyport Gas and Electric 2. Haverhill Gas Light	3/12/1901 10/18/1950	St.1901, c. 139 DPU 9181
* separated gas			
West Springfield	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. <i>West Springfield Gas Light</i> 2. <i>The Mutual Gas Light Company of West Springfield</i> 3. Springfield Gas Light 4. <i>Chicopee Gas Light</i>	1/25/1882 3/10/1894 3/22/1895 12/14/1896	Articles of Organization Articles of Organization St.1895, c. 154 Articles of Organization
West Stockbridge	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
West Tisbury	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Westfield	Currently held by City of Westfield 1. Westfield Gas Light ⁶⁵ 2. City of Westfield 3. Holyoke Gas and Electric Department	1861 3/1/1899 ?	Articles of Incorporation Town vote Town permit?
* municipalization * border customers			
Westford	Currently held by Colonial Gas Company 1. Lowell Gas Light	11/20/1930	DPU 4057
Westhampton	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Westminster	Currently held by Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company 1. Gardner Gas, Fuel and Light	8/3/1966	DPU 15123
Weston	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Newton and Watertown Gas Light	3/18/1881	St.1881, c. 108

⁶⁴Operations confined to electric business; never entered gas business.

⁶⁵Organized in 1861, but incorporation papers not filed with Secretary of State until 8/13/1868.

Westport	Currently held by Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corporation 1. Fall River Gas Works	8/17/1955	DPU 11389
Westwood ⁶⁶	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company 1. Dedham and Hyde Park Gas and Electric 2. <i>Boston Consolidated Gas</i>	1929 5/4/1935	Town permit? <i>St. 1935, c. 240</i>
Weymouth	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. <i>Weymouth Gas</i> 2. Plymouth County Gas, Light and Power	10/19/1885 10/26/1908	<i>Articles of Organization</i> <i>Articles of Organization</i>
Whatley	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company 1. The Berkshire Gas Company	6/11/1959	DPU 12865
Whitman	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Plymouth County Gas, Light and Power	10/26/1908	Articles of Organization
Wilbraham	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company 1. Springfield Gas Light	9/8/1959	DPU 12892
Williamsburg	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Williamstown * separated gas	Currently held by The Berkshire Gas Company 1. Williamstown Gas 2. Berkshire Gas	3/11/1889 4/6/1953	Articles of Organization DPU 10395
Wilmington * border customer	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. Lowell Gas 2. Boston Gas	12/6/1951 1998	DPU 9380 Town permit?
Winchendon	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Winchester	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. <i>Winchester Gas Light</i> 2. West Cambridge Gas Light 3. <i>The Winchester Gas and Electric Company</i>	4/13/1852 4/4/1860 2/13/1899	<i>St. 1852, c. 102</i> <i>St. 1860, c. 204</i> <i>Articles of Organization</i>
Windsor	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Winthrop * to separate gas * separated gas	Currently held by Boston Gas Company 1. <i>Winthrop Gas</i> 2. <i>The Winthrop Gas and Electric Company</i> 3. Suburban Gas and Electric 4. <i>Revere and Winthrop Gas</i> 5. <i>The Winthrop Gas and Electric Company</i> 6. <i>East Boston Gas</i> 7. <i>Suburban Gas</i> 8. Mystic Valley Gas (under previous name Malden and Melrose Gas Light)	8/23/1887 10/9/1889 2/13/1895 12/6/1895 2/13/1899 4/2/1901 12/31/1951 5/28/1953	<i>Articles of Organization</i> <i>Articles of Organization</i> <i>Articles of Organization</i> <i>Articles of Organization</i> <i>Articles of Organization</i> <i>St. 1901, c. 228</i> <i>Articles of Organization</i> DPU 10454

⁶⁶Part of Dedham until 1897.

Woburn	Currently held by Boston Gas Company		
* border customers	1. Woburn Gas Light	3/31/1854	St.1854, c. 211
	2. Colonial Gas	?	Town permit?
Worcester	Currently held by NSTAR Gas Company		
* WGL incorporation	1. Worcester Gas Light (association) ⁶⁷	6/20/1849	Town permit?
* WGL incorporation	2. <i>Worcester Gas Light</i> ⁶⁸	2/19/1850	St.1850, c. 29
	3. Worcester Gas Light	5/15/1851	St.1851, c. 159
	4. <i>Worcester Electric Light</i> ⁶⁹	4/9/1926	St.1926, c. 224
Worthington	Currently no gas service	NA	NA
Wrentham	Currently held by Bay State Gas Company		
* Plainville area	1. North Attleborough Gas Light	4/4/1884	St.1884, c. 130
	2. <i>Wrentham Gas</i>	12/23/1915	Articles of Organization
	3. Taunton Gas Light	11/4/1926	DPU 2611
Yarmouth	Currently held by Colonial Gas Company		
	1. Cape Cod Gas	2/27/1929	Articles of Organization

⁶⁷Incorporated as Worcester Gas Light 5/15/1851.

⁶⁸Association refused to accept charter (possibly due to municipal buyout provision not found in 1851 act).

⁶⁹Commission refused in DPU 2526 (7/22/1927) to grant necessary approval.

NOTES

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

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

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

* Denotes date of initial operations for non-incorporated entities

FRINGE CUSTOMERS

Although utility service areas are, in large part, based on municipal boundaries, many exceptions to this general practice exist. In some communities, two utilities can be found providing service to distinct geographic sections of the community. This practice resulted from either historical conditions, where a town served by one company was later annexed by a community served by a different company (NStar Gas serving the Hyde Park section of Boston), or economic reasons where a company only chose to extend its lines into part of a town, permitting a second company to enter the remaining portion of the town (Bellingham’s division between Bay State Gas and Blackstone Gas). On occasion, a division of a community was sanctioned by legislative act, as in the case of Charlestown Gas Company’s expansion into Medford (already authorized to be served by Malden and Melrose Gas Light Company) pursuant to St.1860, c. 66 (3/13/1860). Examples of these types of divided gas service territories include Bellingham, Boston’s Hyde Park section, Mendon and Somerville.

Even where there is only one company considered to be the primary utility in a particular community, there are a number of situations where a physical barrier, such as a highway, exists, or where the incumbent utility considered it to be too costly to provide service to a particular area within the community. In those cases, the marginal or remote areas were broken off from the incumbent utility to be served by a neighboring company. See, for example, Worcester Gas Light Company, DPU 1973 (7/24/1925) (the Cherry Valley section of Leicester); Dedham and Hyde Park Gas Company, DPU 9751 (12/31/1951) (a house in Milton); Boston Gas Company, DPU 13818 and Worcester Gas Light Company, DPU 13819 (3/14/1962) (resetting the boundary in Natick and Wayland along the Massachusetts Turnpike); Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, DPU 15265 (7/13/1966) (a section of Lunenburg); Colonial Gas Company/NSTAR Gas Company, D.P.U. 02-44 (2002) (a reversion of a section of Plymouth back to NStar Gas) This reference work includes all docketed border revision proceedings, and in most instances identifies the general area involved.

Less formal arrangements also exist to deal with these situations. A utility serving a particular community may find that extending service to an area of the community would be more costly than it would for a neighboring company whose mains are closer to provide service to those customers. Therefore, customers who lived in one service territory could be served by a neighboring company, based on a mutual arrangement between the two companies that could be terminated by one of the parties. Bay State Gas Company’s 1991 arrangement with Commonwealth Gas Company concerning service in the Town of Dover is a good example). In most cases, the creation of “fringe customers” did not require any affirmative Department involvement. A review of utility company annual returns over time suggests that many of these “fringe customer” arrangements were limited in number of customers (as few as one customer could be affected) and intended to remain in place only until a time that the incumbent utility was able to extend service to the area. D.P.U. 02-44, cited above, would be such an example. Additionally, mergers and

consolidations have served to reduce the total number of fringe customers over time. 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.

ENTRY OR EXPANSION DENIED BY OR APPEALED TO COMMISSION

<u>Community</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Appellant</u>	<u>Docket</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Barnstable	Buzzards Bay Electric	NA	G&E 762 (filed 1912)	Entry Denied
Bedford	Lowell Gas Light	NA	DPU 3840 (2/11/1930)	Entry Denied?
Bedford	Lowell Gas Light	NA	DPU 9380 (12/6/1951)	Petition Withdrawn
Bedford (Hanscom AFB)	Lowell Gas Light	NA	DPU 11489 (12/19/1955)	??
Beverly	Beverly Gas	NA	DPU 9897 (3/27/1952)	Petition Withdrawn
Boston	Brookline Gas Light (3/17/1893)	Boston Gas Light/Bay State Gas/Roxbury Gas Light	G&E 85 (filed 1893)	Entry Approved
Boston	Brookline Gas Light (12/3/1894)	Bay State Gas/South Boston Gas Light/Roxbury Gas Light/Boston Gas Light	G&E 119 (filed 1894)	Dismissed
Boxborough	Boston Gas	NA	DPU 11541 (12/21/1955)	Dismissed
Burlington	Burlington Gas	NA	DPU 12336 (8/1/1958)	Petition Withdrawn
Burlington (limited)	Boston Gas (granted to Mystic Valley Gas)	NA	DPU 12573 (8/1/1958)	Entry Denied
Carlisle	Boston Gas	NA	DPU 11540 (12/21/1955)	Dismissed
Chelmsford	Chelmsford Gas Light (1902)	Lowell Gas Light	G&E 325 (filed 1902)	??
Chelmsford	Lowell Gas Light (1902)	Chelmsford Gas Light	G&E 334 (filed 1902)	??
Chelsea	American Fuel (1890)	Chelsea Gas Light	G&E 38 (7/17/1890)	Entry Denied
Chelsea	Boston Gas Light	Board of Aldermen	G&E 489 (9/20/1907)	Street Permit Granted
Concord	Lowell Gas Light	NA	DPU 3840 (2/1/1930)	Entry Denied?
Dedham	Worcester Gas Light	NA	DPU 3883 (2/26/1931)	Entry Denied
Dover	Worcester Gas Light	NA	DPU 3883 (2/26/1931)	Entry Denied
Framingham	Framingham and Ashland Gas	Framingham Gas, Fuel & Power	G&E 64 (filed 1891)	Deferred (1/3/1894)
Harvard	Boston Gas	NA	DPU 11541 (12/21/1955)	Dismissed
Haverhill	Haverhill Gas	NA	G&E 655 (filed 1913)	Entry Denied
Holliston	Taunton Gas Light (granted to Worcester Gas Light)	NA	DPU 3744 (11/19/1929)	Dismissed
Lincoln (Hanscom AFB)	Lowell Gas Light	NA	DPU 11489 (12/19/1955)	??
Marion	New Bedford Gas & Edison Light	NA	DPU 3678 (12/12/1929)	??
Marion	New Bedford Gas & Edison Light	NA	DPU 3869 (7/31/1930)	Dismissed
Marion	New Bedford Gas & Edison Light	NA	DPU 4190 (filed 1930)	Entry Denied
Marlboro	Citizens Gas Co. of Marlboro (1892)	Marlboro Gas Light	G&E 51 (12/20/1892)	Entry Denied
Melrose	George W. Chipman (10/1/1887)	Malden and Melrose Gas Light	G&E 7 (filed 1887)	Entry Denied
Methuen	George M. Drew <i>et al</i> (1890)	Lawrence Gas	G&E 26 (2/24/1891)	Entry Denied
Methuen	Methuen Gas Light (appeal of Board of Selectmen decision)		G&E 60 (12/20/1892)	Entry Denied
Middleton	Lowell Gas Light	NA	G&E 9380 (12/6/1951)	Entry Denied
Monson	Bay State Natural Gas	NA	DPU 8800 (10/23/1952)	Petition Withdrawn
Monson	Monson Gas	NA	DPU 14390 (2/4/1965)	Petition Withdrawn
New Bedford	Consumers Gas Company of New Bedford (appeal of denial by Board of Aldermen/Board of Public Works 1892)		G&E 67 (6/3/1892)	Entry Denied
North Reading	Lowell Gas Light	NA	DPU 9380 (12/6/1951)	Entry Denied
North Reading	Mystic Valley Gas (granted to Lowell Gas)	NA	DPU 14863 (12/15/1965)	Entry Denied
Palmer	Bay State Natural Gas	NA	DPU 8800 (10/23/1952)	Petition Withdrawn
Palmer	Monson Gas	NA	DPU 14390 (2/4/1965)	Petition Withdrawn
Plainville (limited)	Bay State Gas	NA	DPU 86-245 (10/17/1991)	Petition Withdrawn
Reading	Peoples Gas and Electric Company of Stoneham (appeal of Board of Selectmen decision)		G&E 192 (filed 1897)	??
Reading	Peoples Gas and Electric Company of Stoneham (appeal of Board of Selectmen decision)		G&E 197 (filed 1898)	??
Revere	Suburban Gas	NA	DPU 9900 (3/27/1952)	Petition Withdrawn

Shirley South Hadley	Boston Gas Springfield Gas Light (1914)	NA South Hadley Gas Light	DPU 11541 (12/21/1955) G&E 885 (filed 1914)	Dismissed Settled by G&E 937 (5/16/1915)
Townsend	Lowell Gas (granted to Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light)	NA	DPU 14889 (3/8/1966)	Entry Denied
Westminster Westwood Winthrop Worcester	Gardner Gas, Fuel and Light Worcester Gas Light Suburban Gas Worcester Electric Light (gas)	NA NA NA NA	DPU 12297 (4/1/1959) DPU 3883 (2/26/1931) DPU 9900 (3/27/1952) DPU 2526 (7/22/1927)	Petition Withdrawn Permit Denied Petition Withdrawn Entry Denied