

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3201**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James M. Murphy*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act ensuring ratepayer and community representation in utility company regulatory proceedings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/12/2023</i>

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By Representative Murphy of Weymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3201) of James M. Murphy relative to ensuring ratepayer and community representation in utility company regulatory proceedings. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act ensuring ratepayer and community representation in utility company regulatory proceedings.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 30A of the General Laws, as appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 10A the following section:

3 “Section 10B. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10, in any adjudicatory  
4 proceeding regarding any petition, request for approval or investigation of a gas company or  
5 electric company, as those terms are defined in section 1 of chapter 164, the following shall be  
6 permitted to participate as full parties in the proceeding:

7 (1) any municipality that is within the service area of such company;

8 (2) any member of the general court whose district includes ratepayers of such company;

9 and

10 (3) any group of not less than 10 persons who are ratepayers of the company.