

HOUSE No. 2905

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 rate payer 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>1/16/2019</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2905) of James M. Murphy and Bruce J. Ayers relative to participation in utility company regulatory proceedings. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act ensuring rate payer 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.