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INTRODUCTION

The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities oversees investor-owned electric power, natural gas, and water companies in Massachusetts. The Department regulates the safety of passenger for-hire bus companies, provides oversight of moving companies, tow companies that perform involuntary or police-ordered tows, and transportation network companies (TNC). In addition, the Department is charged with developing alternatives to traditional regulation, monitoring service quality, regulating safety in public transportation and gas pipelines, and the siting of energy facilities.

The Department is overseen by the three-member Commonwealth Utilities Commission appointed by the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs with approval by the Governor. The Secretary designates one of the Commissioners as Chairman. The Commission in 2018 was comprised of Chairman Angela M. O'Connor, Commissioner Robert Hayden, and Commissioner Cecile M. Fraser.

In 2018, the Department issued 757 orders addressing such important matters as modernization of the electric grid, the passing of utility federal tax savings back to ratepayers, the compensation of owners of new solar projects, and providing additional consumer protections for competitive electric supply sales. These Orders are in line with the Baker-Polito Administration's priorities of reliable, safe, and affordable energy for the Commonwealth.

In keeping with these priorities, and in the wake of the Merrimack Valley events of September 13, the Department took several important steps to insure the safety of the natural gas distribution system in the Commonwealth in 2018. The Department ordered two moratoriums on gas work, except for emergency and compliance work, on Columbia Gas of Massachusetts and National Grid. Columbia was ordered to enter into an agreement with an engineering firm to monitor Columbia's management of the remaining restoration and recovery work in the Merrimack Valley. Chairman O'Connor, through authority granted by the Governor, directed all natural gas distribution companies operating in the Commonwealth to fund a statewide examination of the natural gas distribution system by an independent evaluator. Chairman O'Connor's decision to take this action is intended to assess, out of an abundance of caution, the safety of pipeline infrastructure throughout the Commonwealth and follows a similar precedent set by the state of California to conduct a third-party review of the state's pipeline system.

Other major accomplishments in 2018 include approving significant investments and upgrades to the state's electric grid. Specifically, the Department authorized \$220 million in investments in grid modernization technologies that will improve the efficiency and reliability of the electric grid. The Consumer Division obtaining a record \$144,000 in billing adjustments for ratepayers, the Transportation Oversight Division's rail transit group receiving the Governor's Citation for Outstanding Performance, and the Transportation Network Company Division launching a first-in-the-nation rideshare data website while performing well over 200,000 driver background checks.

The Department is pleased to submit this Annual Report pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 2. The report that follows summarizes the responsibilities of the various divisions within the Department, provides information regarding the day-to-day functions of the agency, and outlines the major activities and accomplishments of 2018.

CONSUMER DIVISION

Overview

The Consumer Division is the Department's primary link with utility customers. The Consumer Division works to ensure that customers, utilities, and the public receive fair and equitable treatment through education, complaint resolution, and evaluation of utility compliance with consumer protection rules and policies. The Consumer Division educates the public and utilities about customer rights and responsibilities, investigates and resolves disputes between customers and utilities, and evaluates utilities' compliance with the Commonwealth's statutes, Department regulations, orders, and the utilities' terms and conditions for service. The Consumer Division conducts informal hearings as appropriate to try to resolve customer complaints against their respective utility companies.

Responsibilities

Investigation and Resolution of Customer Complaints

The Consumer Division is available to assist customers in resolving problems they are having with their utility providers. Most complaints are made by phone, but are also received by mail, email, and via the Department's website. The majority of the complaints concern billing disputes, credit issues, or poor quality of service allegations. In those cases in which the utility company is found to be at fault, the Consumer Division will order the company to correct the problem and make any necessary bill adjustments. In 2018, the Consumer Division investigated 4,938 cases and directed utilities to make \$144,791.94 in adjustments.

If a customer or utility company is not satisfied with the resolution of a complaint filed with the Consumer Division with respect to residential billing and service termination issues, either party may request an informal hearing. An informal hearing for a residential complaint is conducted by a Consumer Division Hearing Officer. Parties may appeal the Hearing Officer's decision to the Department's Commission.

Utility Monitoring

The Consumer Division collects extensive data about the quality of service utility customers receive. This data is used to generate monthly reports, which include cases, inquiries, and bill adjustment amounts and their percentage increase or decrease in the previous 12-month average. The reports compare companies using measures such as the number of residential complaints per 1,000 customers and the total number of complaints per month. This data is also used to evaluate whether to grant energy supply licenses and renewals.¹

To ensure compliance with Department regulations and policies, Consumer Division staff review regulations pertaining to billing, protections from shutoffs, policies on abatements, and other areas of consumer protection. The Consumer Division also reviews utility billing materials and notices. The Consumer Division reviews bill format changes, bill inserts and notices – including rate change notices – as well as informational letters sent to customers. The Consumer Division may recommend changes to notices where necessary to ensure that customers are provided clear and accurate information.

Storms

It is crucial for customers to have utility service that is both safe and reliable at all times, including during serious weather events. The Consumer Division gathers and disseminates timely and accurate information

¹ Massachusetts customers may choose to obtain electric and gas supply from a competitive supplier other than from their local distribution utility. The Department annually certifies the suppliers and agents selling this competitive supply.

regarding outages and restoration efforts during weather-related events so that appropriate actions may be taken by customers, communities, and utilities.

Distributed Generation/Interconnection Dispute Resolution

As developers apply to interconnect their distributed generation projects to a company's distribution system, disputes can arise. The Consumer Division Director is the Department-designated ombudsperson for these disputes. The goal of the ombudsperson is to be easily accessible and provide independent problem-solving assistance to the parties.

Municipal Aggregation

Massachusetts General Law c. 164, § 134 authorizes municipalities to aggregate the electrical load of customers within their borders to procure competitive supply of electricity. The Director of the Consumer Division participates in the review of aggregation plans to ensure customer education and outreach.

ELECTRIC POWER DIVISION

Overview

The Electric Power Division ("EPD") provides technical support to the Department in the regulation of the Commonwealth's five investor-owned electric distribution companies: Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, doing business as Unitil ("Unitil"); Massachusetts Electric Company ("MECo") and Nantucket Electric Company ("Nantucket Electric"), together doing business as National Grid ("National Grid")²; NSTAR Electric Company ("NSTAR Electric"); and Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("WMECo"), each doing business as Eversource Energy ("Eversource"). EPD's responsibilities fall into six general categories:

1. Safe, reliable, and cost-effective electric service
2. Renewable energy resources, including development of distributed generation interconnection standards;
3. "Grid modernization" including "smart grid";
4. The retail power supply markets in Massachusetts;
5. Energy efficiency; and
6. The monitoring of regional and federal affairs.

In addition to these specific categories, EPD staff work with other Department divisions on larger cases such as distribution company rate cases and merger proposals.

Energy Efficiency

Massachusetts electric distribution companies have administered and implemented ratepayer-funded energy efficiency ("EE") programs for over 20 years. Since the passing of the Green Communities Act³ in 2008, gas companies submit energy efficiency plans to the Department for approval every three years. EPD reviews the proposed plans in ninety days to ensure that, among other things:

- The programs are delivered cost-effectively, capturing all available energy efficiency opportunities;
- Administrative costs have been minimized to the fullest extent practicable;
- Competitive procurement processes have been used to the fullest extent practicable; and
- A minimum of ten percent of the budget is allocated toward low income spending, while also being mindful of rate and bill impacts on consumers.

² MECo and Nantucket Electric frequently make joint filings.

³ *An Act Relative to Green Communities*, Chapter 169 of the Acts of 2008 ("Green Communities Act" or "GCA"), enacted on July 2, 2008.

On October 31, 2018, the Department received the 2019-2021 Three Year Energy Efficiency Plan for all electric and gas utility companies. The Department will issue an Order in January 2019.

Renewable Energy Resources

Introduction

Among other things, the Green Communities Act and subsequent legislation include provisions on the following policies related to renewable energy resources, which the Department holds responsibility for implementing:

- Net metering;
- Long-term clean energy and renewable contracts;
- Ownership by electric distribution companies of solar generation facilities; and
- Distributed Generation Interconnection.

Net Metering

Section 78 of the Green Communities Act requires the Department to adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions relating to net metering. Net metering refers to the process of measuring the difference between the electricity generated by a customer-owned generator and fed back to the grid, and the electricity delivered to the customer by its distribution company.

In regard to net metering in 2018, the Department:

- Continued the implementation of a net metering system of assurance⁴;
- Reviewed two petitions for an exception from the net metering regulations;
- Implemented the Small Hydro Program so that small hydro facilities could apply to the system of assurance;
- Continued its inquiry into the application of the net metering regulations and exceptions to the “single parcel” and “subdivision rules”;
- Plans to issue an order on the eligibility of energy storage systems to net meter;
- Continued an inquiry on the application of the net metering rules and regulations relating to the participation of certain distributed generation facilities in the Forward Capacity Market;
- Issued an Order approving the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (“SMART”) Program and approved compliance tariffs;
- Issued a delegation Order providing the director of EPD the authority to review and process certain applications such as public ID applications and to issue written determinations; and
- Answered many implementation questions.

Long-Term Contracts

Section 83 of the Green Communities Act and Section 83A of the 2012 Energy Law⁵ require the Department to adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the provision relating to long-term contracts between electric distribution companies and developers of clean and renewable energy projects. Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2016, the *Act to Promote Energy Diversity*, was signed into law in 2016 requiring the Department to update its regulations to account for Section 83C and Section 83D, which call for solicitation of clean energy resources and off-shore wind power. The distribution companies submitted the 83C and 83D long-term contracts in fall

⁴ The website is available at www.massACA.org.

⁵ *An Act Relative to Competitively Priced Electricity in the Commonwealth* (“2012 Energy Law”), Chapter 209 of the Acts of 2012, enacted on August 3, 2012.

2018 for approval, which are still under review. The Department also approved the 83A long-term contracts for procurement of renewable energy and renewable energy certificates from ten individual renewable energy projects, pursuant to St. 2012, c. 209, § 36, and 220 CMR 21.00.

Interconnection

Interconnection is the process by which distributed generation is electrically integrated into the electric power system. In 2011, the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (“DOER”) filed a petition with the Department requesting that the Department open a proceeding on the interconnection of distributed generation. DOER’s petition was accompanied by a report entitled *Massachusetts Distributed Generation Interconnection Report* which identified various issues associated with the current distributed generation interconnection standards and application procedure. As a result of DOER’s petition, the Department issued a notice of investigation and opened a generic proceeding, the purpose of which was to ensure an efficient and effective interconnection process. Since 2011, the Department’s investigation has progressed each year through the issuance of interim orders addressing various issues. The investigation and proceeding concluded this year with the Department’s approval of a model Standard for Interconnection of Distributed Generation Tariff (“Tariff”) for adoption by the electric distribution companies.

In compliance with Department orders issued in the above proceeding and the Tariff, the distribution companies submitted their first timeline enforcement mechanism (“TEM”) metric reports in March 2015. The TEM measures a company’s performance in complying with interconnection timeframes as required by the Tariff. Performance by the distribution companies is measured annually by aggregating the average time spent to execute a final interconnection service agreement and comparing that average performance to the total days allowed under the Tariff’s timeframes. The distribution companies are then either penalized or earn offsets depending on their performance for that year. For their first year each distribution company earned the full amount of offsets allowed under the TEM, which can be applied in the following year to offset penalties.

In addition, the Department is monitoring the group study process established in the Tariff. The group study process allows the distribution companies to group interconnection customers in a common electrical area for expediting the sequential system impact study process, limiting redundant utility engineering work, realizing economies of scale, and sharing system modification costs on a *pro rata* basis. The Department’s interconnection ombudsperson facilitates and reviews the “good faith negotiation” of parties involved in interconnection as required by the Tariff and offers independent problem-solving. Further, staff from EPD monitors the Massachusetts Technical Standards Review Group (“TSRG”), an ongoing effort to address various interconnection-related technical challenges. The Department’s interconnection ombudsperson is also an *ex officio* member of the TSRG.

Grid Modernization or Smart Grid

Section 85 of the Green Communities Act requires each electric company to file a plan with the Department to establish a Smart Grid pilot program. Each pilot program must include advanced technology that provides for:

- Real-time measurement and communication of energy consumption;
- Automated load management systems; and
- Remote status detection and operation of distribution system equipment.

The pilots from NSTAR Electric and Unitil are complete, while National Grid’s two-year pilot is ongoing.

In August of 2015, the electric distribution companies filed Grid Modernization Plans with the Department. As required by the Department, each plan laid out each company’s ten-year investment strategy to achieve measurable improvement in four grid modernization objectives:

1. Reduce the impact of outages;
2. Optimize demand;

3. Integrate distributed resources; and
4. Improve workforce and asset management.

The Grid Modernization Plans include detailed capital plans over five years and information on the costs and benefits of these investments. The Department's Order on Grid Modernization authorizes Massachusetts electric distribution companies to make a total of \$220 million in investments in grid modernization technologies over the next three years upgrading their distribution systems to ensure a cleaner, more efficient, and reliable electric grid. The Department determined not to authorize additional investments proposed by the electric distribution companies related to advanced metering functionality at this time because the projected benefits were uncertain and did not justify the substantial costs to ratepayers. Full deployment of advanced metering functionality would cost ratepayers approximately \$1.5 billion and, for the benefits of advanced metering functionality to be realized, the meters must be accompanied by other services and dynamic pricing programs such as time-varying rates.

To enable a successful future deployment of advanced metering functionality, the Department plans to engage stakeholders in a process to consider how to ensure the widespread adoption of dynamic pricing products for all customers. As part of this investigation, the Department will consider whether an immediate targeted deployment of advanced metering functionality to certain customer groups will yield benefits that justify the costs.

Retail Power Supply Markets

Prior to the enactment of Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997, *An Act Relative to Restructuring the Electric Utility Industry in the Commonwealth, Regulating the Provision of Electricity and Other Services, and Promoting Enhanced Consumer Protections Therein* (the "Electric Restructuring Act"), customers had no choice but to purchase both the delivery and supply (commodity) components of their electric service from their electric company. The Electric Restructuring Act introduced competition in the Massachusetts electric industry by giving consumers the option to purchase the supply component of their electric service from a competitive retail supplier or to continue receiving electricity procured by their electric company.

Competitive Power Supply

Consistent with the objectives of the Electric Restructuring Act, the Department's goal is to provide electricity customers with a broad choice of competitive supply options to allow customers to fully realize the benefits of the restructured electric industry. The Department grants licenses to qualified entities to serve as competitive suppliers⁶ and electricity brokers⁷ in the restructured industry. EPD staff review license applications to determine whether the applicant has demonstrated, among other things, the financial and technical capability to provide the applicable services. As of year-end 2018, there were 76 licensed competitive suppliers and 264 licensed electricity brokers in Massachusetts. While these suppliers and brokers provide services primarily to large and medium-sized commercial customers, they are increasingly serving residential customers as well.

The Department launched Energy Switch Massachusetts⁸ in October of 2016. Energy Switch Massachusetts is an interactive online tool that provides product information to residential and small business electricity consumers who seek to purchase their electric supply from the competitive market. The website allows licensed competitive suppliers to list multiple products to allow consumers to select the energy supply product that best meets their needs. Shoppers are able to compare products based on price, length of contract, renewable energy

⁶ Competitive suppliers are entities that procure electricity from generation facilities at the wholesale level and sell the electricity to consumers at retail cost.

⁷ Electricity brokers are entities that facilitate or arrange for the sale of electricity to customers, acting as middlemen between suppliers and customers.

⁸ <http://www.energyswitchma.gov/>

resource content, and additional products and services. As of year-end 2018, the website had nearly 230,000 page views with 25 competitive suppliers actively participating and listing at least one product to consumers on the website.

Additionally, the Electric Restructuring Act included provisions that allow a municipality (or group of municipalities) to aggregate the electrical load of customers located within its municipal boundary for the purpose of purchasing competitive power supply. A municipality that seeks to implement a “municipal aggregation” plan must receive Department approval. There are currently 144 municipalities who have approved “municipal aggregation” plans.

Basic Service

Basic service, formerly known as “default service,” is the retail power supply service that each electric distribution company provides to customers not receiving such service from the competitive market. Each distribution company procures power supply for its basic service customers from the wholesale electricity markets through competitive solicitation processes.

For its residential and small commercial and industrial (“C&I”) customers, each distribution company issues a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for basic service supply on a semi-annual basis. Each solicitation procures 50 percent of the company’s basic service supply requirement for these customers for a 12-month term. As such, at any point in time, basic service rates for residential and small C&I customers are based on the winning bid prices from the two most recent solicitations.

For its medium and large C&I customers, a distribution company issues an RFP solicitation for basic service supply on a quarterly basis. Each solicitation procures 100 percent of the company’s basic service supply requirement for these customers for a three-month term.

In addition to procuring power supply for its basic service customers, each distribution company must comply with the state’s Renewable Portfolio Standard (“RPS”) and other clean and renewable requirements. The RPS requires that competitive suppliers and distribution companies providing basic service provide Renewable Energy Certificates for certain percentages of sales for various classes of renewable energy resources.

EPD staff reviews each company’s solicitations to ensure that they comply with the Department’s rules and regulations and are sufficiently competitive such that the results of the solicitations are consistent with prevailing market conditions.

Distribution Service Quality and Reliability

EPD is responsible for ensuring that Massachusetts electric companies provide their customers with safe and reliable distribution service at the lowest possible cost. EPD discharges this responsibility through three primary tools. First, the Department requires electric companies to submit periodic reports on issues related to distribution service quality and reliability. Some of the periodic reports are described below. Second, the Department requires that the companies maintain an outage reporting website, which allows the Department to access real-time information regarding significant power outages that occur on their distribution systems. Finally, the Department reviews the companies’ annual service quality reports to determine if a penalty is warranted.

Reporting Requirements

The Department requires each electric distribution company to periodically file reports on issues related to distribution, safety, service quality and reliability. EPD staff review these reports and meet with the companies, as necessary, to ensure that the companies’ actions are consistent with Department requirements, and when appropriate, such review is conducted in the context of proceedings before the Department. Some of the periodic reports filed with the Department are described below.

Annual Planning and Reliability Report

The annual planning and reliability report includes an analysis of the company's distribution system, including:

- A ten-year load growth forecast capable of identifying high-growth areas/zones;
- A description of the company's transmission and distribution design and planning criteria and an explanation of how those criteria are applied;
- A distribution system operating study focused on contingency analysis and management; and
- An update to corrective actions and significant capital investments planned for the next five years.

Annual Storm and Emergency Restoration Report

The annual storm and emergency restoration report details the company's storm and emergency plans ("ERPs") to respond to any emergency event such as hurricanes or snowstorms. The companies are required to file their ERPs annually, including actions taken to prepare for an emergency event. The ERPs are established pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 19.00, "Standards of Performance for Emergency Preparation and Restoration of Service" for Electric Distribution and Gas Companies and "Emergency Response Plan Guidelines" for electric companies. In addition, the Department closely monitors storm events and assigns staff to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency ("MEMA") bunker when necessary.

Quarterly Outage Report

The quarterly outage report summarizes all significant outages that occurred in a company's electric system, within the reporting quarter, including the actions taken or planned to mitigate the outage causes.

Quarterly Stray Voltage and Manhole Safety Report

The quarterly stray voltage and manhole safety report describes each company's practices with regard to stray voltage and manhole issues, including systematic testing/inspection and corrective actions performed consistent with the approved distribution safety plans. In addition, the companies are required to report on the nature of the stray voltage and manhole incidents as soon as they occur, including corrective actions. EPD continues to track those corrective actions and related activities.

Semi-Annual Double Pole Reports

The semi-annual double pole report details the companies' efforts to address the double pole issue, including removal of poles and transfer of wires owned by various attachers. The double pole reports are filed pursuant to the Department's regulations relative to reducing the number of double utility poles in the Commonwealth, as required by Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2003. The source of the double pole data comes from a pole life-cycle management system ("PLM") database jointly developed by the utilities. The Department continues to monitor the semi-annual double pole reports. The Department is also monitoring settlement agreements that utilities entered into for pole ownership and cost sharing with Verizon.

Reporting of Outage Events

Each electric distribution company is required to maintain, on a real-time basis, information regarding planned and unplanned outages that occur on its distribution system. Each company's outage report can be accessed by Department staff via a secure internet-based Outage Reporting Protocol ("ORP") system. The ORP information includes, for example:

- The location of the outage;
- Number of customers affected;
- Number of circuits affected or out-of-service;
- Likely cause;
- Any bodily injury; and
- Whether a critical facility, such as a hospital, is involved.

EPD staff monitors the ORP data and responds to reports of significant and/or frequent interruptions to customers and when a reliability trend is observed. In addition, each company annually files a report of all customer outages that occurred on its system in the prior year.

Service Quality Standards

The Department requires that each electric distribution company submit an annual service quality report that details how the company has performed with respect to standards established in the Department's Service Quality Guidelines. A major component of these guidelines relates to companies' performance regarding the frequency and duration of outages during the previous year, both on a system-wide and circuit-specific level, and performance relating to customer billing and other complaints. EPD staff reviews each electric company's service quality report to evaluate performance. A company can incur a penalty of up to 2.5 percent of its distribution and transmission revenue if its service quality performance degrades in comparison to historic benchmark performance levels.

On December 11, 2012, the Department opened a generic investigation regarding the Service Quality Guidelines established in D.T.E. 99-84 and amended in D.T.E. 04-116. After a multi-year process including comments on a straw proposal, on December 22, 2014, the Department issued an Order revising the Service Quality Guidelines. Subsequently, on January 12, 2015, the electric and gas distribution companies filed a joint motion for reconsideration and/or clarification on certain components of the Department's revised Service Quality Guidelines. After a technical session and further consideration, on December 18, 2015 the Department issued an Order intended to resolve the issues addressed in the Joint Motion as a result of the Department's changing policy goals relating to service quality. With the revised Service Quality Guidelines, the Department is shifting from a paradigm of no-degradation in service to a paradigm of improved service over time; discontinuing the use of offsets so that companies achieve a minimum standard of performance on all metrics; updating or eliminating metrics that it deemed to be outdated and meaningless due to technological improvements that automate the functions; and adding new reporting metrics for gas safety and customer service. Accordingly, the Department revised its service quality guidelines, instituting an enhanced reliability metrics and penalty mechanism, effective January 1, 2016. The Department remains committed in improving service quality over time and driving companies to invest in technological improvements that improve reliability, customer satisfaction, and public safety.

Regional and Federal Affairs

RFA actively monitors Independent System Operator New England, Inc. ("ISO-NE") transmission planning, operations, and administration of competitive wholesale markets and actively engages in ISO-NE's stakeholder processes including monitoring and participating in various New England Power Pool ("NEPOOL") technical committees (i.e., Markets Committee, Reliability Committee, Transmission Committee, NEPOOL Participants Committee, Planning Advisory Committee, and various other committees and working groups). In total, these committees and working groups held approximately 100 meetings in 2018.

RFA also participates in national and regional policy groups including the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners ("NARUC"), the Eastern Interconnection States' Planning Council ("EISPC"), the New England Conference of Public Utility Commissioners ("NECPUC"), and the New England States Committee on Electricity ("NESCOE"). Finally, RFA monitors, oversees, and actively engages in proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"), as well as other federal agencies that take action relative to system reliability and/or issues with cost implications for Massachusetts electric and gas consumers.

Legal Proceedings

Over the course of 2018, RFA has been involved in matters before the federal and state courts and the FERC, representing Massachusetts's view on issues affecting system reliability and consumer costs. The following is a sampling of these matters:

- The Department has actively advocated on behalf of Massachusetts ratepayers in four related proceedings at FERC concerning New England transmission owners' effort to persuade FERC to reinstate a higher transmission rate return on equity (Docket Nos. EL16-64; EL14-86; EL13-33; EL11-66).
- The Department actively participated in settlement negotiations among parties including transmission owners, state agencies, and consumer advocates. The settlement will provide transparency and reformed rates for local network distribution costs, and more than \$2.3 billion in annual regional network charges. The settlement is currently pending before FERC for approval (Docket No. EL16-19).
- FERC's technical conference concerning implementation issues under PURPA (Docket No. AD16-16).
- As described below, the Department advocated on behalf of Massachusetts ratepayers in several FERC matters pertaining to Mystic Generating Station, particularly with respect to the question of whether the costs associated with the retention of Mystic should be allocated on a region-wide basis or only to Massachusetts ratepayers. On the issue of regional cost allocation, the Department received a favorable outcome when FERC determined that those costs, which could total approximately \$500 million, should be borne regionally and not by Massachusetts alone (Docket No. ER18-2364).

Energy Security

In 2018, most of RFA's work focused on regional energy security issues. Throughout 2017 and into early 2018, ISO-NE conducted a study of fuel security challenges to the continued reliability of New England's power system. Fuel security emerged as a key issue for the following reasons:

- The regional power system is increasingly dependent on natural gas for power generation;
- As was evident in a roughly two-week long regional cold snap in the winter of 2017-2018, the capacity of the region's natural gas infrastructure is not always adequate to deliver all the fuel needed for both heating and power generation during winter;
- The region has limited dual-fuel generating capability;
- Several coal, oil, and nuclear power plants – which are needed to maintain reliability when natural gas is in short supply – are retiring; and
- Natural gas generation continues to be added as electric generation capacity resources

ISO-NE's fuel security study examined how anticipated generating resource and fuel mix combinations could impact reliable operation of the regional bulk power system during the winter period.

As regional stakeholders were reviewing and assessing the implications of ISO-NE's study, in March 2018 the owner of the Mystic generating station declared its intention to retire the resource and indicated that doing so would likely undermine the economic viability of the adjacent LNG import terminal that supplies gas to two of the Mystic units. The potential loss of the Everett LNG terminal triggered fuel security risk criteria defined in the ISO-NE study, resulting in the ISO negotiating an agreement to keep the Mystic units in operation for two additional years on a cost-of-service (out of market) basis. Given the substantial cost of the Mystic contract and its potential to disrupt the competitive regional power market, this development demanded nearly continuous RFA attention and work effort that continues into 2019, including:

- ISO-NE filed with the FERC to approve a waiver of its tariff to enter into the cost-of-service agreement (COSA) with Mystic. Simultaneously, Mystic filed with the FERC to approve the terms and conditions of the COSA. RFA participated in numerous ISO-NE, NEPOOL and NESCOE efforts associated with these FERC cases. In most cases RFA worked in alignment with the other New England states to identify, assess, and pursue positions designed to achieve least cost outcomes for consumers, but on certain issues, RFA determined that it needed to pursue specific Massachusetts policy positions.

- The FERC ultimately denied ISO-NE’s waiver application and directed ISO-NE to develop new market-based rules designed to address fuel security risks. In response, ISO-NE initiated a stakeholder process to develop a market-based solution and broadened the scope from “fuel” security to “energy” security with the recognition that the rules should be designed to satisfy electric system reliability at least cost (i.e., the market-based approach should not be limited to fuel resources but should enable the participation of any resource that can provide secure energy). ISO-NE’s stakeholder process is proceeding in two phases: permanent approaches that may require several years to implement and an interim approach. RFA is actively engaged in ISO-NE, NEPOOL and NESCOE processes addressing both interim and permanent approaches.

Renewable Energy Procurement

EPD devoted considerable time and resources to renewable energy procurement activities in 2018:

- In September 2017, the EDCs submitted ten contracts to the Department for approval pursuant to the New England Clean Energy RFP (also known as the “3-state RFP”) issued by Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. Nine of the projects are solar projects, and one is a wind project. The ten projects represent roughly 390 megawatts of nameplate capacity. The Department completed its review and issued an order approving these ten contracts in 2018.
- In 2016, the Massachusetts legislature passed the *Act to Promote Energy Diversity* which, among other provisions, directed the Massachusetts electric distribution companies (“EDCs”) to solicit cost-effective long-term (15-20 years) contracts for 9,450,000 megawatt hours of “clean energy generation” by April 1, 2017 and to also solicit cost-effective long-term contracts for offshore wind by June 30, 2017. Following Department approval of the solicitation materials in 2017, the EDCs solicited proposals for the sale of clean energy generation and offshore wind, conducted detailed quantitative and qualitative evaluations of the proposals, and negotiated contracts to purchase clean energy generation and offshore wind in compliance with the 2016 Act. In 2018, the EDCs submitted the agreements to the Department for approval and the Department expects to issue orders on the contracts in 2019.

ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD AND DEPARTMENT SITING DIVISION

Overview

The Energy Facilities Siting Board (“EFSB” or “Siting Board”) is a nine-member board charged with reviewing proposed energy facilities so as to provide a reliable energy supply for the Commonwealth with a minimum impact on the environment at the lowest possible cost. The Siting Board’s primary function is to review and, where appropriate, issue approvals (which may include conditions) for construction, zoning exemptions, certificates, and other siting-related determinations necessary for the construction and operation of major energy infrastructure in Massachusetts. Such facilities include large power plants, electric transmission lines, intrastate natural gas and oil pipelines, and storage facilities for natural gas (over 25,000 gallons) and fuel oil (over 500,000 barrels). Under its certificate authority, the Siting Board may override various regulatory or legal impediments to the construction of energy facilities that were previously approved by the Siting Board.

Administratively, the Siting Board is located within the Department, although by statute it is not subject to the Department’s supervision or control. The Siting Board is supported by the staff of the Department’s Siting Division. The Board is comprised of:

- The Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, who is the Chairman of the Board;
- Two Commissioners of the Department of Public Utilities;

- The Secretary of Housing and Economic Development;
- The Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection;
- The Commissioner of the Department of Energy Resources; and
- Three public members appointed by the Governor for a term coterminous with that of the Governor.

In addition, and separate from the Siting Board's jurisdiction, the Department also has statutory jurisdiction regarding the siting of energy facilities that pre-dates the establishment of the Energy Facilities Siting Council in 1973 (the predecessor agency of the Energy Facilities Siting Board). The Department's siting authority may be adjudicated in Department-only cases by Siting Board staff, or, if there is a related Siting Board case, consolidated with the Siting Board case and assigned to the Siting Board for review.

In support of its dual Siting Board and Department functions, the Siting Division staff:

- Adjudicates petitions to construct major energy infrastructure;
- Adjudicates petitions for issuance of state and local permits, licenses, or other approvals pursuant to the Siting Board's Certificate authority;
- Adjudicates petitions by public service corporations for exemptions from local zoning requirements;
- Adjudicates petitions by utility companies for eminent domain approval and access to land for survey purposes in connection with proposed electric transmission and gas pipeline facilities;
- Represents the Commonwealth in proceedings before FERC with respect to interstate natural gas facilities to be sited in Massachusetts; and
- Oversees compliance with Siting Board and the Department decisions through ongoing oversight, and the issuance of orders and civil penalties for violation of Siting Board requirements.

A list of Siting Board decisions and Department Siting Division orders from 2018 is attached as Appendix 1.

Siting Board Responsibilities

Overview

The Siting Board reviews petitions to construct new energy infrastructure, including power plants, electric transmission lines, natural gas pipelines, and natural gas and fuel oil storage facilities, per G.L. c. 164, §§ 69G-S. Siting Board review is conducted by means of a formal adjudicatory proceeding in accordance with G.L. c. 30A. Final decisions of the Siting Board are appealable directly to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ("SJC").

The Siting Board's review of most types of energy infrastructure encompasses the need for the facility and its energy reliability benefits, alternative means of meeting that need, alternative sites or routes, environmental impacts and potential mitigation measures, and project costs. In addition, the Board reviews the consistency of the proposed facility with certain policies of the Commonwealth, including health, environmental protection, and energy policies. However, since restructuring of the electric utility industry in 1997, the Board's review of power plants is generally limited to potential environmental impacts and their mitigation. The Siting Board's environmental review covers a broad range of issues, including:

- Potential impacts of a project on air quality, climate change, land use, wetlands and water resources, noise, traffic, visual impacts, habitat areas, magnetic fields, public health, and safety;
- Impact mitigation measures; and
- The cost of mitigation.

Siting Board decisions represent a balancing of cost, local and regional environmental impacts, and the benefits of the project in terms of contributing to a reliable energy supply.

Enforcement

The Siting Board is authorized to levy a civil penalty when an applicant has violated any order of the Board, per G.L. c. 164, § 69H. The maximum fine is \$1,000 per day per violation, with a maximum civil penalty of \$200,000 for any related series of violations. The Siting Board did not levy any civil penalties in 2018.

Siting Board Regulations

The regulations of the Siting Board are contained in 980 C.M.R. §§ 1.00-12.00. In 2018, no new regulations were promulgated nor were any rescinded or modified. The Siting Board has begun a thorough assessment of its regulations to determine whether to rescind, revise, or retain its current regulations. A rulemaking proceeding is anticipated in 2019.

Department Siting Division Responsibilities

Beyond supporting the Siting Board, the Siting Division – comprised of attorneys and technical analysts – handles a variety of land use cases for the Department including petitions for zoning exemptions, for authority to exercise eminent domain and conduct utility surveys, and for permission to construct transmission lines.

Electric Transmission Facilities

G.L. c. 164, § 72 requires electric companies to obtain Department approval prior to the construction or alteration of transmission lines. To receive such approval, the electric company must show that the proposed project is needed and that it serves the public convenience and is consistent with the public interest. The Siting Division typically adjudicates these petitions on behalf of the Department. Each transmission facility submitted for Siting Board approval under c. 164, § 69J also requires G.L. c. 164, § 72 approval by the Department, administered by the Siting Board in consolidated proceedings.

On April 17, 2018, Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy filed a petition pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72, and G.L. c. 40A, § 3 regarding a proposal to construct a new approximately 3.0-mile, 115 kV transmission line on existing structure along an existing right-of-way from the Buck Pond Substation in the City of Westfield to the new Atwater Switching Station also in Westfield. In addition, Eversource also proposes to install a 0.4-mile loop line that would connect an existing 115 kV line with the Atwater Switching Station. The Department docketed the filing as D.P.U. 18-21. An Order is expected in the first half of 2019.

Zoning Exemption Review

State law authorizes the Department to exempt public service corporations from compliance with specific municipal zoning ordinances or by-laws if it determines that the present or proposed use of the land or structure is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public, per G.L. c. 40A, § 3. The Siting Division adjudicates these cases for the Department. In several cases described above, zoning exemptions were sought in conjunction with Siting Board approval and Section 72 approval from the Department.

On June 30, 2017, Hopkinton LNG Corp. filed with the Department a request for exemptions from the Town of Hopkinton zoning bylaws in relation with proposed modifications at its existing peak-shaving LNG facility in Hopkinton. The modifications include replacing its existing gas pretreatment system, liquefaction system, and boil off gas compressors. The request was docketed as D.P.U. 17-114. On December 21, 2018, the Department issued an Order granting the zoning exemptions with conditions.

On September 29, 2017, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy filed with the Department a request for exemptions from the zoning requirements of the City of Boston relating to proposed modifications to the company's K Street Substation. The modifications include installation of a new voltage regulator and related equipment and a new perimeter fence and barriers. The Department docketed the matter as D.P.U. 17-147. An Order is expected in early 2019.

On November 30, 2018, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy filed a petition with the Department, pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3, in connection with the Eversource's proposed construction and operation of a 14.7 MW energy storage system at the Company's Oak Bluffs Service Center on Martha's Vineyard. Eversource is seeking zoning exemptions from the Department to allow for construction of the facility. A public comment hearing in the Oak Bluffs area will be scheduled for early 2019.

Eminent Domain and Survey Access

On behalf of the Department, the Siting Division adjudicates petitions by electric, natural gas, water, and railroad companies for the right to exercise the power of eminent domain to meet their public service obligations, per G.L. c. 164, §§ 72, 72A; G.L. c. 160, § 83. To grant eminent domain, the Department must determine that the project is necessary for the purpose alleged, will serve the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest. No eminent domain petitions were filed with or reviewed by the Siting Division during 2018.

Assistance to Other Department Divisions

In 2018, the Siting Division provided technical and legal support to other Department divisions to assist with ongoing cases and special projects, as needed. In particular, several members of the Siting Division contributed to the Department's involvement in projects or studies or legislative proposals relating to the need for additional electric generating capacity and natural gas pipeline capacity in the Massachusetts and New England market in general.

LEGAL DIVISION

Overview

The Legal Division staff serves as the chief legal and policy advisor to the Commission and provides legal support to all divisions of the Department.

Legal Division Responsibilities

Formal Adjudications

The Legal Division's primary duty is presiding over adjudicatory proceedings conducted under the Massachusetts Administrative Procedures Act (G.L. c. 30A) and the Department's procedural regulations (220 CMR 1.00). During 2018, the Legal Division participated in the issuance of 757 Orders. Some of the more notable dockets and initiatives included:

- Legal assistance for the Commonwealth's ongoing response to the September gas overpressurization in the Merrimack Valley and other gas industry issues, including the issuance of utility operational and management directives and cooperation with Federal incident investigation efforts;
- Continued efforts to quantify and reduce the risks to public safety and to address environmental emissions implications associated with aged gas infrastructure;
- Issuance of an Order authorizing utilities to make a combined total of \$220 million of investments in grid modernization technologies over the next three years;
- Issuance of Orders implementing reduction to federal corporate income tax rate for utility companies;
- Issuance of an Order approving new rates for a large gas utility following a ten-month investigation;
- Approval of a rate settlement between the Attorney General and a gas company;
- Continued implementation of net metering rules and regulations including initiation of investigations into energy storage paired with net metering facilities and participation of net metering in the ISO-NE Forward-Capacity Market;

- The ongoing implementation of a first-in-the-nation set of rules to regulate transportation network companies in the ride-hailing industry;
- The continued implementation of the nation's leading energy-efficiency program;
- Implementation of rules and regulations to insure the safe operation and oversight of rail fixed guideway systems in the Commonwealth;
- Continued review and approval of multiple dockets associated with municipal aggregation plans; and
- Several forecast and supply planning dockets for natural gas distribution companies.

During this year, the Department continued to review its regulations pursuant to Executive Order 562. A list of the Department's 2018 Orders is attached as Appendix 2.

Adjudications are the formal determination of parties' rights through a quasi-judicial process. All parties — both the party filing the action and any intervenors — are entitled to due process safeguards, meaning that the parties are entitled to adequate notice and the opportunity to be heard. Parties to the action have the right to present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and receive a written decision from the Department. Pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 4, the Chairman of the Department may delegate authority to an attorney from the Legal Division, known as the Hearing Officer, to preside over Department adjudications.

Adjudicatory proceedings vary in complexity and include a wide range of subjects, such as reviews of:

- Rates;
- Contracts for the sale and purchase of electric power and natural gas;
- Long-term contracts for renewables;
- Long-range forecast and supply planning;
- Energy efficiency plans;
- Service quality plans;
- Financial transactions (e.g., stock, bond, and security issuances);
- Proposed mergers;
- Storm investigations;
- Emergency response plans;
- Municipal aggregation plans;
- Proposed energy facility construction and siting (e.g., electric generation facilities and transmission lines); and
- Billing disputes between residential consumers and utilities.

In conducting a formal adjudicatory proceeding, the Department generally holds two types of hearings: a public hearing and an evidentiary hearing.

Public hearings are publicized throughout the utility's service territory. In certain types of cases, public hearings are held in a utility's service territory. Public hearings are transcribed by a stenographer. If held in a utility's service territory, public hearings are conducted during the evening – usually in an easily accessible public building such as the Town Hall – and are often presided over by a Commissioner. The public hearings afford local consumers the opportunity to learn more about a rate request, offer their input about a pending case, and comment on the practices of the utility. Residential and business customers are a valuable source of information to the Department in developing a case record.

Evidentiary hearings are conducted in a courtroom setting in the Department's Boston offices. These proceedings are also transcribed by a stenographer. The hearings are presided over by the Hearing Officer, with the active participation of the Department's technical staff. The technical staff participates by questioning witnesses to ensure that the record is accurate and complete.

While the adjudicatory process does not require adherence to all formal rules of evidence, the evidentiary hearing process follows many rules of civil procedure as set forth in the Department's regulations, 220 CMR 1.00, and parties are almost always represented by counsel from the utility bar. Evidentiary hearings afford intervenors and the Department the opportunity to question company witnesses. In many cases, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth is an intervenor. Other intervenors may include public interest organizations, the Department of Energy Resources ("DOER"), and local consumer, business, or neighborhood groups. Sometimes intervenors put on a direct case with witnesses of their own.

Based on the evidence in the record, the Department issues a final Order at the conclusion of each adjudicatory proceeding. Pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 5, the Department's final Order is appealable directly to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

Other Types of Proceedings

Requests for Advisory Rulings

The Department is sometimes called upon to issue advisory rulings with respect to the applicability of any statute or regulation enforced or administered by the Department. The Department has discretion to decline a request for an advisory ruling, per G.L. 30A, § 8 and 220 CMR 2.08. In calendar year 2018, the Department did not issue any advisory rulings.

Notice of Inquiry Proceedings

The Department issues a Notice of Inquiry ("NOI") when the agency desires public input on a particular issue. Thus, NOIs are Department-initiated investigations that are neither formal adjudications nor rulemakings. The goal of the NOI is to encourage broad input into the development of public policy. The Department derives authority to issue an NOI from G.L. c. 164, § 76.

Participants in an NOI proceeding file comments and may provide sworn testimony. However, participants normally are not subject to cross-examination and do not have appeal rights. The order issued at the close of the investigation is usually a general policy statement with guidelines for future actions by utilities or by the Department. The policy established through the NOI may be further developed in the future through company-specific adjudications. In 2018, the Department opened two NOI proceedings: D.P.U. 18-129 (Exceptions to Towing Regulations 220 CMR 272.00 to Recording Mileage Data and Fuel Charge Information for Tow Slips) and D.P.U. 18-152 (Review and Revision of the Standard of Review and Filing Requirements for Gas Special Contracts Filed Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94). In addition, the Department continued its NOI proceeding opened in 2017: D.P.U. 17-146 (Net Metering Eligibility of Energy Storage Systems).

Rulemakings

The Department conducts rulemakings pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §§ 2 – 5, and 220 CMR 2.00, to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations pertaining to the activities of all industries the Department is charged by statute with regulating. A rulemaking proceeding may involve simple procedural regulations or may address complex regulatory issues. The Department is required to provide public notice of a proposed rulemaking and to allow an opportunity for public comment. After consideration of the public comment, the Department may issue final regulations. Any final regulation must be published in the Code of Massachusetts Regulations.

In 2018, the Department conducted further proceedings in D.P.U. 16-31, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 144; G.L. c. 30A, § 2; and 220 CMR 2.00, and intends to adopt final amended regulation 220 CMR 114.00, Uniform Natural Gas Leaks Classification, in early 2019. In addition, the Department continued its rulemaking proceeding D.P.U. 17-54 to amend 220 CMR 8.00 pursuant to Section 201 and 210 of Title II of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978. In calendar year 2018, the Department did not open any new rulemaking proceedings.

Public Records

While not docketed proceedings, the Department’s legal division staff serves as the records access officers to determine what documents should be disclosed and what documents are exempt pursuant to public records law, G.L. c. 66, § 10. During 2018, the Department responded to over 319 public records requests. In addition, the Department continued to take all necessary steps to comply with the *Public Records Improvement Act* (“Act”), St. 2016, c. 121. The Act is intended to enhance transparency and responsiveness of state government in complying with public records requests.

NATURAL GAS DIVISION

Overview

The Natural Gas Division (“Gas Division”) provides technical support to the Department in the regulation of the state’s eight investor-owned natural gas companies (also called “local distribution companies” or “LDCs”):

- Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts;
- The Berkshire Gas Company;
- Blackstone Gas Company;
- Fitchburg Gas & Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil;
- Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid;
- Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities; and
- NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy.

In total, these companies serve approximately 1.998 million gas customers and have combined operating revenues of approximately \$2.281 billion.

The Gas Division has the authority and responsibility to:

- Review LDCs’ forecast and supply plans;
- Review LDCs’ long-term gas supply contracts;
- Review LDCs’ gas expansion plans;
- Review non-tariff contracts for the sale and transportation of natural gas;
- Review the appropriateness and accuracy of LDC filings made pursuant to the Cost of Gas Adjustment Clause (“CGAC”) and the Local Distribution Adjustment Clause (“LDAC”);
- Review LDCs’ energy efficiency filings;
- Review LDCs’ service quality filings;
- License gas suppliers and retail agents;
- Assist the Rates and Revenue Requirements Division in base rate, merger, and gas system enhancement plan filings; and
- Review and, where appropriate, intervene in federal regulatory proceedings and activities that affect the interests of gas consumers in the Commonwealth.

Forecast and Supply Plans⁹

In Massachusetts, the LDCs under the Department’s jurisdiction have the obligation to plan for and procure gas supplies for all of their firm customers. Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69I, the LDCs must submit a five-year

⁹ Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69I, the Department must prepare and file with the general court an annual report detailing the substance of all forecast and supply plans filed pursuant to this section, any and all actions taken by the Department pursuant to implementing the provisions of this section, and an analysis of the reliability and the diversity of the natural gas systems in Massachusetts.

forecast and supply plan to the Department for approval every two years. In its review of the forecast component, the Gas Division determines whether the company has accurately projected the gas requirements of the company’s service area. A forecast must contain accurate and complete historical data and employ reasonable statistical projection methods. In its review of the supply plan, the Gas Division must determine whether the plan is adequate to meet projected customer demand under a range of contingencies.

Substance of Forecast and Supply Plans Filed

During 2018, the Gas Division issued an order on one forecast and supply plan for Bay State Gas Company. The Gas Division is currently reviewing forecast and supply plans for five gas companies, with an order for each due in 2019. Below is a table compiled from the information presented to the Department in Bay State’s forecast and supply plan. The table indicates expected demand and the types of resources for which the LDC has contracted to meet this demand:

Company	Docket No.	Order Date	Design Year	Requirements ¹⁰	Available Supplies
Bay State Gas	D.P.U. 17-166	October 30, 2018	2021-2022	37,177,444 MMBtu	Pipeline gas, Storage, LNG, and city-gate purchases

Reliability of Gas Supply

Massachusetts LDCs currently hold several types of natural gas resources: interstate pipeline capacity (“pipeline”), upstream storage, gas commodity, and liquefied natural gas (“LNG”). The pipeline capacity serves to transport gas from domestic production areas and market hubs, the Canadian border and upstream storage areas, to the Commonwealth’s LDCs. Upstream storage refers to subsurface facilities used for storing natural gas that has been transported from its production location during the summer for use during the winter. Gas commodity contracts are contracts the LDCs have entered into for the purchase of natural gas commodity in vapor form and LNG contracts refer to contracts that the LDCs have entered into with the two primary facilities in the northeast, primarily Engie’s¹¹ (formerly GDF Suez) facility in Everett, operated by its subsidiary Distrigas of Massachusetts Corp. (“DOMAC”), and – to a lesser extent – National Grid’s facility in Providence, Rhode Island, for the delivery of liquefied natural gas to refill local storage facilities.

Diversity of Gas Supplies

As discussed above, gas flowing into Massachusetts comes from a variety of production areas, including Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Texas, Louisiana, and Canada. Natural gas from Western Canada currently arrives through the TransCanada Pipeline at two delivery points at the Canadian border: upstate New York (Iroquois) and New Hampshire (PNGTS). Additional Canadian gas produced in the Sable Island area off the coast of Nova Scotia is shipped into the United States via the M&N pipeline. This same pipeline can also be used to transport, if need be, regasified LNG from Repsol’s Canaport LNG facility in Saint John, New Brunswick.

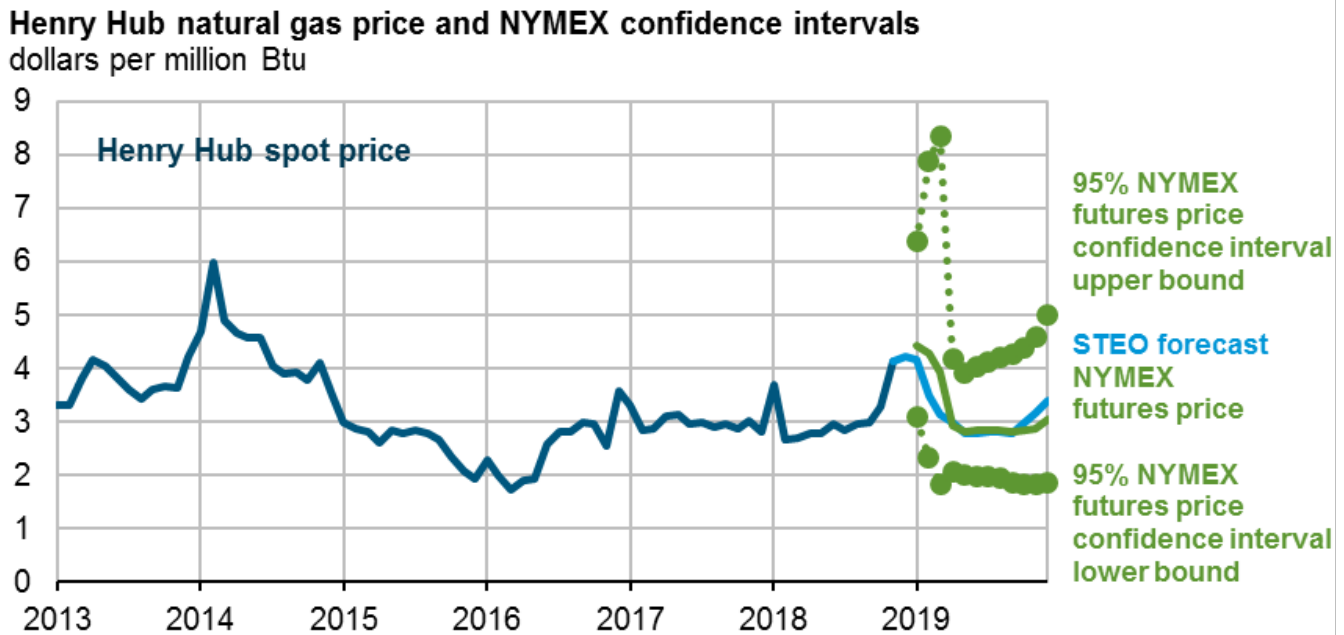
To meet the increasing demand during the winter peaking months, LDCs rely on upstream storage gas and additional supplies such as LNG, propane/air mix and delivered supplies. The LNG used in Massachusetts during 2018 was imported from Trinidad & Tobago. Imported LNG arrives in Massachusetts in liquid form and is stored in Exelon’s LNG terminal in Everett. The Everett terminal received 42.3 Bcf of natural gas for the

¹⁰ The years indicate the last year of the forecast (November through October) for which the consumption is forecast.

¹¹ On October 1, 2018, Exelon Corporation [announced](#) the completion of its acquisition of the Everett, MA facility.

period January 2018 through September 2018.¹² LNG can also be injected into Excelerate Energy’s Northeast Gateway LNG facility which connects into the Hubline pipeline operated by Algonquin Gas Transmission Company. However, there was no demand and, therefore, no injections into Northeast Gateway in 2018.

In terms of pricing, the U.S. Energy Information Administration (“EIA”) forecasts that for the upcoming winter of 2018-19, despite low inventory levels, it expects that the strong growth in U.S. natural gas production will put downward pressure on prices in 2019. The EIA expects Henry Hub natural gas spot prices to average \$3.11/MMBtu in 2019, a decrease of six cents from the 2018 average and a decrease from a forecast average price of \$3.88/MMBtu in the fourth quarter of 2018.



Note: Confidence interval derived from options market information for the five trading days ending Dec 6, 2018. Intervals not calculated for months with sparse trading in near-the-money options contracts.

Source: Short-Term Energy Outlook, December 2018, and CME Group



Long-Term Gas Supply Contracts

LDCs must submit all supply contracts with terms longer than one year to the Department for review and approval. Long-term supply contracts include both gas commodity (the natural gas itself) and capacity (the space on the pipeline required to transport the natural gas from the production areas to the LDC’s distribution system). In evaluating a gas company’s proposed contract for commodity or capacity, the Gas Division examines whether the acquisition of the resource would be consistent with the public interest. To do so, the Gas Division determines whether the LDC has shown that the acquisition would be consistent with the company’s portfolio objectives and would compare favorably to the range of options reasonably available to the company and its customers.

During 2018, the Gas Division reviewed 12 long-term supply contracts.

¹² According to the U.S. Department of Energy (“USDOE”), the Everett facility received 51.6 Bcf of natural gas during the period January 2017-September 2017.

Non-Tariff Contracts

Large commercial and industrial gas customers that are capable of burning alternative fuels, such as oil or coal, sometimes find that their gas companies' Department-approved distribution tariffs are not competitive with these alternative-fuel options. To retain these customers and assure a continued stream of revenue, LDCs may offer the customers non-tariff contracts, subject to Department approval. In its review, Gas Division staff ensures that:

- The customer is capable of burning an alternative fuel;
- The price charged under the contract exceeds the marginal cost of providing this service; and
- The company's existing ratepayers are not responsible for any of the costs associated with providing the specified service.

In 2018, the Gas Division reviewed 34 non-tariff contracts. It should be noted that there is an open Notice of Inquiry ("NOI") to examine and determine the correct standard of review for these non-tariff contracts. The NOI will likely conclude in 2019.

Requests for Cost Adjustments

Department regulations allow costs incurred by gas companies for the purchase, storage, and interstate transportation of gas ("gas supply costs") to be recovered through the cost of gas adjustment factor filing. These filings are semi-annual due to the fact that the market price for gas fluctuates seasonally. The Gas Division reviews these filings to ensure accounting accuracy and prudent company practices and approves new factors for effect on May 1st and November 1st of each year. In 2001, the Department amended its regulations to require gas companies to make interim filings when projected collections of gas supply costs change by more than five percent. These adjustments help reduce the impact on customers' bills when there are significant changes in gas supply costs. During 2018, the Gas Division reviewed 20 requests for cost of gas adjustments.

Similarly, the Department allows gas companies to recover – on a fully-reconciling basis – a variety of costs that have been determined to be distribution-related but are not included in base distribution rates.¹³ The charge used to recover all of these costs is referred to as the Local Distribution Adjustment Factor ("LDAF"). Examples of recoverable expenses include the costs of energy efficiency programs and costs related to the Gas System Enhancement Plans ("GSEPs"). LDCs can also recover costs associated with federal and state-mandated cleanups of past contamination at sites polluted by wastes from gas manufacturing plants. Although most gas manufacturing plants in Massachusetts ceased operations by the early 1950s, their waste continues to present environmental hazards. The Gas Division reviews all company requests for adjustments via the LDAF to ensure accounting accuracy and prudent company practices. During 2018, the Gas Division reviewed eight LDAF requests.

Energy Efficiency Filings

Since 1992, the Department has required LDCs to develop energy efficiency plans that bring cost savings to consumers and reduce the overall need for gas. Since the passing of the Green Communities Act in 2008, gas companies submit energy efficiency plans to the Department for approval every three years. The Gas Division reviews the proposed plans in 90 days, as required by law, to ensure that:

- The plans are delivered cost-effectively, capturing all available energy efficiency opportunities, while also being mindful of rate and bill impacts on consumers;

¹³ Base distribution rates are designed to recover distribution-related costs (i.e., the costs to operate the LDC), including plant and equipment, labor, taxes, interest on borrowed funds, return on investment, billing, metering, and customer service.

- Administrative costs have been minimized to the fullest extent practicable;
- Competitive procurement processes have been used to the fullest extent practicable; and
- A minimum of 20 percent of the budget is allocated toward low income energy-efficiency spending.

On October 31, 2018, each gas company submitted its 2019-2021 three-year plan to the Department. Gas companies propose to spend \$800 million over the next three years to save approximately 1.2 billion lifetime therms and achieve an estimated \$2 billion in total benefits. The proposed plans include weatherization service programs (e.g., energy audits, attic and wall insulation, and air sealing), behavioral and temperature optimization offerings, and rebates for the installation of Wi-Fi thermostats or for the replacement of boilers, furnaces, and water heaters with high-efficiency units. The companies recover energy efficiency-related costs via the energy efficiency surcharge in the LDAF. The Department must issue an order on the companies' three-year plans within 90 days (i.e., January 29, 2019). Once a three-year term is completed, the companies submit term report filings for Department review of spending and approval of final cost recovery. The 2016-2018 term reports will be filed with the Department by August 1, 2019. In 2018, the Gas Division reviewed seven three-year energy efficiency plan filings.

Cooperation with the Rates and Revenue Requirements Division

The Gas Division works closely with the Department's Rates and Revenue Requirements Division to review various rate case filings, GSEPs, long-term debt issuance, and merger and acquisition petitions. In traditional rate cases, Gas Division staff is responsible for reviewing the terms and conditions of distribution service, the allocation of local production and storage costs, weather normalization, gas-related cash working capital, marginal costs, and the treatment of revenues from off-tariff contracts. In 2018, the Gas Division participated in the Department's review of two rates-related filings.

Service Quality Filings

In June 2001, the Department issued an order finalizing service quality standards for all electric and gas distribution companies. The order established performance measures for customer service, billing, customer satisfaction, staffing levels, safety, and reliability. Pursuant to this order, the LDCs filed company-specific service quality plans for Department review, which the Department approved in spring 2002. Each gas company annually files a service quality report in March, comparing its actual performance against the service quality standards established by the Department. The Gas Division is responsible for the review of all gas service quality plans to ensure that the companies maintain a minimum quality of service. During 2018, the Gas Division reviewed nine service quality plans.

Gas Expansion Plans

Pursuant to Chapter 149, § 3, of the Acts of 2014, the Department is authorized to approve programs for gas distribution companies that are designed to increase the availability, affordability, and feasibility of natural gas service for new customers. Such programs may include, among other things, financing programs for customers' natural gas connection costs, provided, however, that the programs do not unreasonably burden existing natural gas customers. The Gas Division did not review any gas expansion plans in 2018 because none were filed.

Licensing of Gas Suppliers and Retail Agents

Over the last several years, the Gas Division has worked to promote competition in the local gas distribution industry through the "unbundling" of rates. The Gas Division has brought about regulatory changes that provide gas customers with opportunities to participate in a competitive gas market, while maintaining traditional consumer protections. Massachusetts customers may choose a gas supplier other than the LDC serving the customer's neighborhood. This allows customers to comparison shop and negotiate for the best value in gas commodity from competitive suppliers. Like competitive electricity suppliers, the price charged by

these competitive suppliers for natural gas is not regulated. Instead, competitive gas suppliers set their own prices, just like the sellers of most goods and services in the marketplace.

Gas suppliers and retail agents wishing to sell natural gas to Massachusetts retail customers must be certified by the Department on an annual basis. The Gas Division reviews the applications for these licenses and conducts interviews with the applicants. Staff determines whether the applicants have the technical ability to procure and deliver natural gas and whether they are familiar with the Department's rules and the gas industry in general. The Gas Division also evaluates documentation of the applicant's financial capability, such as the level of capitalization or corporate backing, to provide the proposed services. In 2018, the Gas Division reviewed 171 applications for Gas Supplier or Gas Retail Agent licenses. Of the 171 licenses reviewed, the Gas Division recommended, and the Department approved, 169 applications. Of the 169 approved applications:

- 27 were applications for renewal of Gas Supplier licenses;
- 6 were applications for new Gas Supplier licenses;
- 117 were applications for renewal of Gas Retail Agent licenses; and
- 19 were new applications for Gas Retail Agent licenses.

Additionally, one Retail Agent application was rejected and one Gas Supplier application was withdrawn. Any outstanding applications are due to the applicant's failure to submit additional materials, as requested by the Gas Division, in order to complete the application.

Cybersecurity-Related Activities

Over the last several years, the Gas Division has worked to ensure that LDCs have developed robust cybersecurity programs that help minimize the risk of a cyber-attack that could potentially affect the delivery of natural gas to Massachusetts consumers. In accordance with the Department's policy regarding cybersecurity, Gas Division and Legal Division staff meet annually with the LDCs pursuant to Department policy established in July 2016. Gas Division staff met with all LDCs in 2018.

Participation in Federal Policy-Making

Over the past decade, actions taken by FERC, the U.S. Department of Energy, and Congress have dramatically changed federal regulation of the natural gas industry. These changes directly affect the interests of Massachusetts customers who are served by federally regulated pipelines and LNG import terminals. Gas Division staff work with other state agencies and regional organizations to stay informed regarding current federal statutory and regulatory proposals, and to develop policy positions on issues that may affect the Commonwealth's interests. Further, to the extent possible, Gas Division staff assists federal agencies, like the USDOE, in projects relating to natural gas.

Public Information and Review of Consumer Complaints

Gas Division staff provide information and assistance on a daily basis to consumers, government officials, marketers, regulated companies, consultants, and financial analysts. In addition, Gas Division staff assisted the Department's Consumer Division in addressing gas-related consumer issues.

2018 Gas Division Accomplishments

During 2018, the Gas Division reviewed:

- 6 forecast and supply plan filings;
- 12 long-term gas supply contracts;
- 34 non-tariff contracts for the sale and transportation of natural gas (firm service, quasi-firm service);
- 20 gas adjustment factor filings pursuant to the CGAC;
- 8 cost recovery filings pursuant to the LDAC;

- 7 energy efficiency filings;
- 2 rates-related filings;
- 8 service quality reports; and a request for a limited waiver of the service quality penalty provisions; and
- 171 applications for the licensing of gas suppliers and gas retail agents.

PIPELINE ENGINEERING AND SAFETY DIVISION

Overview

The Pipeline Engineering and Safety Division (“Pipeline Safety Division”) is responsible for technical and safety oversight of seven investor-owned natural gas companies and four municipal gas departments in Massachusetts. As a certified agent of the U.S. Department of Transportation (“US DOT”), the Pipeline Safety Division enforces federal and state safety regulations pertaining to natural gas distribution pipelines within the Commonwealth. The Pipeline Safety Division also enforces the Department’s pipeline safety regulations and the Commonwealth’s Dig Safe program. The Dig Safe statute and regulation require companies and individuals performing excavation work to notify the Dig Safe Call Center to ensure safe excavation around underground facilities. The Pipeline Safety Division is also responsible for oversight of steam distribution companies in the Commonwealth. Finally, the Pipeline Safety Division tests gas meters and witnesses the testing of electric meters in response to consumer complaints.

The Pipeline Safety Division’s authority over technical and safety issues requires the Division to:

- Inspect gas facilities for compliance with federal and state pipeline safety regulations concerning design, construction, operation, maintenance, emergency response, plant security, and enforce violations of such regulations;
- Investigate and determine the cause of gas-related incidents, recommend actions to minimize recurrences, and impose penalties for violations of regulatory and other standards;
- Develop and revise regulations applicable to the gas industry to enhance the protection of life and property, and to further public safety;
- Enforce the Dig Safe law by investigating alleged violations and assessing civil penalties;
- Examine and investigate steam distribution safety performance and investigate steam release incidents;
- Inspect and test gas meters for accuracy and safety before the meters are installed at consumers’ premises;
- Assist in resolving consumer complaints regarding the accuracy of electric and gas meters;
- Ensure that natural gas distribution operators restore public streets and roads after excavating; and
- Ensure that natural gas operators safely and promptly restore natural gas service following outages.

Pipeline Safety Division Responsibilities

Natural gas is considered a hazardous fuel by both the state and federal governments. Massachusetts has over 21,668 miles of gas mains, 11 operators, 18 liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) plants, and eight liquid propane gas (“LPG”) air plants. These facilities serve over 1.4 million customers.

In addition, there are approximately 20.5 miles of intrastate gas transmission lines in Massachusetts. The increased use of natural gas to generate electricity has resulted in the construction of new intrastate transmission pipelines to connect power plants directly to interstate gas transmission lines. As intrastate facilities, these pipelines fall under the aegis of the Pipeline Safety Division, whose public utility engineers inspect their design, construction, operations, and maintenance procedures. Such pipelines typically operate at pressures higher than local gas distribution pressures.

To protect consumers and the general public from the potential hazards involved in the transmission, distribution, production, storage, and use of natural gas, LNG, and LPG, both the US DOT and the Department

regulate these facilities. In addition to enforcing the Department's regulations, the Pipeline Safety Division acts as an agent for the US DOT in the enforcement of federal regulations regarding intrastate pipelines and facilities.

Pipeline Safety Division Gas Facility Inspections and Enforcement Actions

The Pipeline Safety Division's Public Utility Engineers inspect jurisdictional gas facilities, pipelines, meter stations, regulator stations, dispatch centers, LNG plants, and LPG air plants for compliance with federal and state safety regulations. If the Pipeline Safety Division determines that a probable violation has occurred or is occurring, the Pipeline Safety Division issues a Warning Letter to the alleged violator, advising them to correct the probable violation or be subject to an enforcement action. The Pipeline Safety Division may also issue a Letter of Concern for minor infractions.

If instead the Pipeline Safety Division has reason to believe that a violation has in fact occurred or is occurring, it may issue a Notice of Probable Violation ("NOPV"), thereby commencing an enforcement action. The NOPV will include a Consent Order that proposes the action(s) to be taken by the respondent to correct the violation and the civil penalty to be paid. The respondent may agree to the Consent Order and pay the civil penalty, thereby resolving the case, or may request an informal review conference with the Pipeline Safety Division. Following an informal review conference and any further investigation, if necessary, the Pipeline Safety Division issues a written decision. If the respondent disputes the written decision, it may request an adjudicatory hearing before the Department.

These remedial actions may include civil penalties when the Department determines that a natural gas operator did not comply with federal or state pipeline safety regulations. The penalties cannot exceed \$200,000 per violation for each day that the violation continues or \$2,000,000 for any related series of violations.¹⁴

At the end of December 2018, the Pipeline Safety Division employed 11 natural gas public utility engineers - which includes 6 certified inspectors and 5 PUEs undergoing the federal certification process. In addition to these 11 PUEs the Division has hired 2 additional PUEs starting in early 2019 and has one posting for an Assistant Director of Pipeline Safety. The Division conducted 1,151 days of pipeline safety inspections. The Division issued three NOPVs assessing a total of \$175,000 in civil penalties. Per statute, these revenues are not retained by the Department but instead are deposited into the Commonwealth's General Fund.

Investigation of Natural Gas Incidents

When a gas-related incident occurs that results in personal injury or significant property damage, the Pipeline Safety Division's engineers investigate to determine:

- The cause and origin;
- Whether the pipeline operator is in violation of federal or state safety regulations; and
- What actions the operator must take to prevent or eliminate a recurrence.

Such an investigation may be conducted in coordination with federal agencies also investigating the incident, such as the National Transportation Safety Division (NTSB).

During 2018, the Pipeline Safety Division commenced cause-and-origin investigations into the following:

- Park St., Lawrence fire (1/28/18);
- VFW Parkway, Boston fire (5/12/18).
- Woburn overpressurization (10/7/18); and
- Merrimack Valley overpressurization (9/13/18);

¹⁴ G.L. c. 164, § 105A, citing 49 U.S.C. § 60122(a)(1).

The Merrimack Valley incident represents one of the most significant national natural gas incidents in the last decade. On September 13, 2018, Columbia Gas of Massachusetts (“CMA”) overpressurized its low-pressure distribution system in the Merrimack Valley towns of Andover, North Andover, and Lawrence, causing explosions and fires. The system overpressurization damaged 131 structures, destroyed at least five homes, and resulted in the hospitalization of 21 people (including two firefighters) and the death of one person. The incident affected approximately 8,477 residential and business meters and required CMA to replace approximately 43.3 miles of mains and 5,086 service lines. In addition, approximately 13 miles of main were requalified. The Division responded to the incident immediately and remained on the scene until the end of December 2018. As part of the initial response to the incident, the Division was assisted in conducting approximately 480 inspections, between September 13, 2018, and December 31, 2018, by pipeline safety inspectors from Arizona, Connecticut, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. The Division was also a participant in NTSB’s ongoing investigation of the incident. Currently, the Division is conducting an investigation into the cause and origin and into possible violations of state and federal regulations.

Intrastate LNG/LPG Facilities

LNG and LPG plants are important parts of the gas supply system in Massachusetts. Particularly in the winter months, LNG and LPG plants provide a significant source of gas during peak demand times. Ensuring the safe and effective operation of these plants has always been a priority for the Pipeline Safety Division.

The Pipeline Safety Division comprehensively inspects each LNG/LPG plant once every four years. In addition, the Pipeline Safety Division conducts specialized inspections at each LNG/LPG plant at least once in a 24-month period. The Pipeline Safety Division is responsible not only for the safety and reliability of these plants, but also for their security, which the Pipeline Safety Division continually monitors through on-site inspections, reviews of procedures, and reviews of operating and maintenance records.

Dig Safe Law Enforcement

Massachusetts’ Dig Safe law requires any person who proposes to excavate on a public way or on private property to pre-mark the excavation site and notify the Dig Safe Call Center of the intent to excavate. The Dig Safe Call Center then contacts all operators of underground gas pipelines, electric utilities, telecommunication utilities, and cable television utilities in the area of the excavation. These operators must mark the locations of their facilities in advance of the excavation to minimize the risk of potential damage by the excavation. The excavator must take adequate precautions to prevent damage to the facilities while digging.

Any person aware of possible violations of Dig Safe procedures may report them to the Pipeline Safety Division. Utility operators are mandated by regulation to report possible Dig Safe violations. The Division investigates the reports, issues NOPVs where warranted, conducts informal reviews (either through conferences with the respondents or written submissions), and performs field inspections as necessary. Where the Pipeline Safety Division has reason to believe that a violation has occurred or is occurring, it issues a written decision and may impose a civil penalty of \$1,000 for a first offense, and between \$5,000 and \$10,000 for any subsequent offense within 12 consecutive months. A respondent that disputes the written decision may request an adjudicatory hearing before the Department.

In 2018, the Division received 1,089 reports of possible Dig Safe violations. The Division issued 882 NOPVs and collected \$2,058,000 in civil penalties. These revenues are not retained by the Department but instead are deposited into the Commonwealth’s General Fund.

Steam Distribution

State regulations for steam distribution companies apply to every steam distribution company operating a plant, equipment, or facilities for the manufacture, production, transmission, furnishing, or distribution of steam to or for the public for compensation within the Commonwealth. The steam regulations prescribe minimum safety requirements for the design, fabrication, installation, inspection, testing, operation, and maintenance of steam facilities by steam distribution companies. The Department has the authority to conduct examinations and investigations into a steam distribution company's safety performance, and to levy fines against steam distribution companies for failure to comply with the regulations. At present time, there is only one steam distribution company in the state, operating in Boston and Cambridge.

Gas Meter Testing

State law requires that the Pipeline Safety Division test each natural gas meter for volumetric accuracy and leakage once every seven years, or when the meter is removed from service. Gas companies and municipal gas departments ("Operators") typically remove meters to be tested and replace them with previously approved meters. Operators then deliver meters to their meter shops, where one of the Pipeline Safety Division's compliance officers tests them to ensure that they are not leaking and that they are accurate, which ensures that a consumer is paying for the correct amount of gas. In 2018, the Pipeline Safety Division tested 185,054 meters and collected \$1,945,601 in meter-testing fees from Operators. Per statute, these revenues are not retained by the Department but instead are deposited into the Commonwealth's General Fund.

Consumer Complaints Regarding Meters

The Pipeline Safety Division assists the Department's Consumer Division in addressing consumer complaints pertaining to both electric and gas meters. For electric meters, a Pipeline Safety Division staff member observes while the meter in question is tested for accuracy. For gas meters, a Pipeline Safety Division compliance officer removes and tests the meter in question using calibrated meter-testing equipment.

Restoration of the Public Way after Utility Openings

In response to complaints from municipalities and the industry about the lack of repairs made to public roads after utility work is completed, the Department promulgated street restoration standards in 1998 (DP.U. 98-22). These standards address soil compaction, paving, and other activities affecting road conditions.

Partnerships

The Pipeline Safety Division has worked with regulators in the other New England states and with the Northeast Gas Association ("NGA") to develop qualification procedures for steel pipeline welders and plastic pipeline fusers. This effort resulted in uniform qualifications for welders and fusers throughout New England that allow an operator in one New England State to avoid expending resources to requalify an employee from another New England state. This also assures pipeline safety regulators that the personnel are qualified in these essential pipeline construction functions.

The Division also worked with utilities and the Dig Safe Call Center to conduct training sessions for excavators. The sessions provide excavators with information about underground utility lines and precautions to take when excavating near those lines. Programs such as Managing Underground Safety Training are an important tool for preventing damage to underground pipelines and cables.

Precedent, Policies, and Practice

The Department is recognized as a national leader in gas pipeline safety evidenced by the fact that the Pipeline Safety Division's actions in response to violations of the pipeline safety regulations have gained the recognition of US DOT and other pipeline safety organizations across the United States. With more LNG plants than any other state, the Commonwealth's LNG safety regulations are among the most stringent in the country.

Massachusetts has continued to address the important issue of replacement or abandonment of aging pipe consisting of unprotected bare steel, cast iron, or unprotected coated steel. The Department's regulations require pipeline operators to prioritize and replace segments of unprotected bare steel and cast-iron pipe in accordance with Department-developed criteria. In addition, companies must replace or abandon cast iron pipes, subject to specific criteria, when third-party excavation occurs nearby.

In 2014, the Massachusetts State Legislature passed *An Act Relative to Natural Gas Leaks* ("Gas Leaks Act"). The Gas Leaks Act permits local distribution companies to submit to the Department annual plans to repair or replace aged natural gas infrastructure in the interest of public safety. On October 31 of each year since then, pursuant to the Gas Leaks Act, seven gas distribution companies – Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid, The Berkshire Gas Company, Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities, Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, and NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy – submit Gas System Enhancement Plans ("GSEPs") setting forth their proposals for replacing aged pipe during the upcoming construction year. The companies include timelines to replace all aged infrastructure on an accelerated basis, specifying annual replacement pace and program end-dates. By April 30 of each following year, the Department issues an Order approving or amending each company's GSEP.

The GSEP orders specify that operators of natural gas distribution systems use the Distribution Integrity Management Plan ("DIMP") to prioritize the replacement of aged pipelines. DIMP is contained in the US DOT's pipeline safety regulations. The Pipeline Safety Division reviews each operator's DIMP program for accuracy and compliance with 49 C.F.R. Part 192. The Pipeline Safety Division also reviews the proposed GSEPs to ensure that each operator's plan complies with its DIMP program.

The Department has taken measures to address the potential safety hazards posed by unused service lines. The Department has updated existing regulations requiring the abandonment of unused lines. The regulations also specify more stringent gas leakage survey methods for operating lines.

Summary of 2018 Pipeline Safety Division

In summary, in 2018 the Pipeline Safety Division:

- Conducted and completed natural gas facility inspections resulting in the issuance of three NOPVs for violations of pipeline safety regulations.
- Issued one NOPV for violations of steam distribution company regulations.
- Assessed gas pipeline operators a total of \$175,000 in civil penalties.
- Conducted and completed four cause and origin investigations.
- Investigated 1,089 reports of Dig Safe violations, issued 882 NOPVs for violations of the Dig Safe Law, and collected \$2,016,360 in civil penalties from Dig Safe violators.
- Tested 190,968 meters of various sizes resulting in the collection of \$1,945,601 in testing fees.

RATES AND REVENUE REQUIREMENTS DIVISION

Overview

The Rates and Revenue Requirements Division ("Rates Division") is responsible for providing the technical expertise to determine the appropriate levels of revenues to recover through rates and determining the rate design for the four investor-owned electric companies, eight investor-owned gas companies, and 18 investor-owned water companies conducting business in Massachusetts. The technical support provided by the Rates Division includes expertise in economics, finance, accounting, and public policy.

The Rates Division assists the Department's Legal Division in developing the evidentiary record in adjudicatory proceedings concerning the rates and finances of the investor-owned natural gas, electric, and water companies doing business in Massachusetts. The Department's decisions in these proceedings are directly appealable to the Supreme Judicial Court under G.L. c. 25, § 5.

The regulation of the natural gas, electric, and water industries requires the Rates Division to:

- Analyze requests to change base distribution rates through historic test year cost-of-service regulation, as well as Offers of Settlement regarding base distribution rates;
- Analyze alternative rate making proposals such as performance-based rate making;
- Analyze electric utility restructuring-related filings including reconciliation of basic/default service, transmission and transition costs and revenues;
- Analyze adjustments to base distribution rates pursuant to revenue decoupling mechanisms;
- Analyze financing petitions (issuing securities);
- Analyze deferral requests and accounting matters;
- Analyze mergers and acquisitions proposals;
- Analyze capital expenditure ("Cap-Ex") recovery filings
- Analyze storm cost recovery filings;
- Assist in determining the annual assessment of electric, gas and water utilities;
- Resolve disputes on the purchase of streetlights by cities and towns from an electric distribution company;
- Assist other divisions in implementing the provisions of the Green Communities Act, the Energy Act of 2012, the Energy Diversity Act of 2016, the Clean Energy Act of 2018, retail power supply markets, and service quality investigations where expertise in rates is needed;
- Analyze adjustments to gas distribution company rates associated with the replacement of leak prone mains and services in accordance with Gas System Enhancement Plans ("GSEP");
- Provide information and assistance to the public, government agencies, press, private industries, and other government officials where expertise in rates is needed; and
- Provide technical support to the Department in the defense of Department decisions that are appealed to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

Review of Electric Utility Restructuring-Related Filings

As part of the continued implementation of Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997 (the "Restructuring Act"), the Department annually conducts a reconciliation (or "true-up") and adjustment to the rate for each electric company's transition, basic service, and transmission factors. Under the Restructuring Act, each electric distribution company may collect:

- Those stranded or transition costs associated with divesting its generation business that it cannot mitigate;
- The costs it incurs to procure electric power to meet its basic service obligations; and
- The costs it incurs on behalf of its retail customers to provide transmission service.

In a true-up, the Rates Division evaluates the costs and revenues that each electric distribution company proposes to reconcile to determine if they meet the requirements of the Restructuring Act and its restructuring plan.

Review of Requests to Change Base Rates

The Rates Division investigates petitions to change base rates as follows:

- Reviewing the filings (both utility and in some instances, intervenor proposals);

- Participating in informal technical conferences;
- Issuing information requests to the Company and Intervenors;
- Drafting pre-hearing memoranda for the Commission;
- Cross-examining Company and Intervenor witnesses during hearings;
- Developing the evidentiary record;
- Developing and discussing with the Commission various options for resolution of issues;
- Preparing Draft Orders per the directives from the Commission; and
- Reviewing and approving compliance filings.

Changes to base rates are based on historic test year cost-of-service regulation. The Department sets rates using cost-of-service pricing principles where electric, gas, and water rates are based upon the cost to serve various classes of ratepayers. Under cost-of-service pricing, the Rates Division reviews the costs incurred by utility companies during an historic test year adjusted for known and measurable changes to determine the reasonableness of such costs and to determine whether they were prudently incurred. The categories of costs include the companies' annual operation and maintenance expenses, revenues, depreciation, taxes, capital investments, and rates of return for shareholders (i.e., return on equity). Appropriate annual expenses plus a return on rate base (i.e., return on net capital investment) make up the company's cost of service or the revenue requirement upon which rate structures must be designed to recover.

Once the company's cost of service has been determined, a rate structure must be established that affords the company a reasonable opportunity to recoup operating costs while earning its allowed rate of return all while meeting other policy goals. Rate structure is the level and pattern of prices that customers are charged for the use of utility services. A customer class rate structure is a function of the cost of serving that rate class and the design of rates calculated to cover that cost. In setting rates, the Department balances its goals for utility rate structure by taking into consideration multiple factors such as economic efficiency, continuity, fairness, earnings stability, and simplicity.

For water companies, the traditional review of rate cases through adjudicatory proceedings is not always cost effective because the administrative costs of preparing and litigating a rate case for a small water company can equal or exceed the rate relief sought. To streamline the regulatory process, the Department previously created a Settlement Intervention Staff ("SIS") comprised of Rates Division staff and Legal Division staff, that independently reviews rate requests and conducts off-the-record negotiations with water company officials and intervenors. The SIS does not have direct communication with the Commission regarding pending cases; rather, the SIS and the other parties on the case may submit a proposed rate settlement to the Commission. An Adjudicatory Team comprised of Rates Division and Legal Division staff review the proposed settlement and make recommendations to the Commission. The Commission may approve the settlement, return it to the settling parties with suggested modifications, or reject it with or without subsequent evidentiary hearings. To date, this process has saved the Department, water companies, and ratepayers considerable amounts of time, resources, and expenses.

The Department's regulatory authority over investor-owned water systems is in certain areas concurrent with that of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MDEP"). In situations where cross-over issues are involved, such as in water conservation and adequacy of service, Rates Division staff work with staff at the MDEP to ensure that the provisions of the agencies' respective duties are implemented in a harmonious manner.

Gas System Enhancement Plans ("GSEP")

In 2014, legislation was passed allowing gas distribution companies to each file with the Department a plan to address old natural gas infrastructure via the accelerated repair or replacement of such infrastructure. Pursuant to this legislation, almost all of the gas distribution companies filed gas system enhancement plans ("GSEPs")

for review and approval by the Department. Rates staff played a primary role in the review of the 2017 GSEPs. The 2017 GSEPs, which covered the 2018 construction year, were approved by the Department, with modifications, in May of 2018. The GSEP reconciliation filings were made in May of 2018 and approved in October of 2018.

Subsequent GSEP filings, which cover the 2019 construction year, were filed in October of 2018. Included in these filings was a joint report from the LDCs. This report is a five-year review of the GSEPs, including what work has been completed over that last five years, what work is scheduled to be completed over the next five years, and what issues the LDCs identify that have impacted the operation of the GSEP.

Review of Requests to Change Reconciling Rates

In addition to reviewing changes to base rates, the Rates Division is responsible for reviewing proposed rate changes to items for which the companies are allowed to collect their actual costs (i.e., where dollar-for-dollar recovery is intended). These items include the pension and post-retirement benefit adjustment factors, PAFs, and the Residential Assistance Adjustment Factors (“RAAFs”).¹⁵ Further, the Department has approved, where appropriate, storm cost recovery adjustment factors to recover costs associated with major storms. The annual cable surcharge for Nantucket Electric is also a reconciling rate mechanism that is reviewed by the Rates Division.

Another reconciling factor is the Revenue Decoupling Mechanism (“RDM”) that allows the electric and gas companies to reconcile the revenues collected from base distribution rates with the revenue requirement approved by the Department in its last base rate case, pursuant to the revenue decoupling plan approved by the Department. RDM adjustments are filed annually for the electric companies and semi-annually for the gas companies. Further, for National Grid’s electric subsidiaries as well as for Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light’s electric division, the Department approved a Cap-Ex Mechanism that allows both companies to recover the revenue requirement associated with a pre-determined amount of its annual capital investment incurred since its prior rate case.

Review of Financing Requests

The Rates Division is also responsible for the review of financing petitions. Financing petitions include the issuance of debt or equity securities, as well as investment of funds or guaranteeing the indebtedness of other companies. The primary focus in such cases is to carry out statutory mandates that require utilities to issue only those securities reasonably necessary for utility operations and to avoid overcapitalization. During 2018, the Rates Division evaluated and approved five financing petitions involving a total of \$227,480,000 in long-term debt, and one petition seeking approval to participate in a money pool. At the end of 2018, one financing petition seeking authorization to issue up to \$800,000,000 in long-term debt was still pending.

Mergers and Acquisitions

Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 96, the Rates Division reviews all intrastate merger and acquisition proposals that are filed with the Department to determine if they are in the ratepayers’ best interests. In 2018, the Department ruled on one acquisition, Aquarion Water/Eversource, D.P.U. 17-115, and one merger, Colonial Water/Plymouth Water, D.P.U. 17-177. The Rates Division analyzes the proposal’s effect on:

- Rates;
- Service Quality;

¹⁵ PAFs are factors designed to annually recover a company’s costs related to providing their employees with pensions. RAAF’s are designed to recover costs related to low-income discounts and arrearage management programs.

- Net Savings;
- Competition;
- The financial integrity of the post-merger entity;
- Fairness in the distribution of resulting benefits between shareholders and ratepayers;
- Societal effects such as job loss and economic development;
- Long-term strategies to ensure a reliable and cost-effective delivery system;
- Any anticipated disruption in service; and
- Other factors that may negatively affect customer service.

Coordination of Annual Assessments

Pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 18, electric and gas companies that do business in Massachusetts are subject to an annual assessment on a percentage of their intrastate revenues. The Rates Division is responsible for gathering the revenue figures for the electric and gas utilities.

Review of Retail Electric Contracts

The Rates Division is responsible for the mandatory review of negotiated electric contracts between electric distribution companies and retail customers. Such contracts are evaluated to ensure consistency with Department standards. The onset of competitive options for generation service for industrial customers has reduced the number of requests for electric contracts in recent years.

Review of Utility Accounting Matters

Utility companies are required to maintain their books in accordance with Department regulation. To maintain uniformity of accounting, utilities are required to submit questions concerning the appropriate interpretation of the Department's accounting regulations to the Department. The Rates Division also reviews requests involving accounting practices, including requests by companies to defer expenses on their books for later consideration in a base rate proceeding.

The Rates Division requires all utilities in the Commonwealth to file an annual return with the Department. The Rates Division reviews these annual returns to make sure that there are no deficiencies. The Rates Division maintains files of these annual returns and posts them on the Department's website.

Oversight of Municipal Utilities

The Department's role in regulating municipal light plants is statutorily limited in comparison to the jurisdiction exercised over investor-owned utilities. Municipal light plant rates are set by public officials acting under legislative mandate and therefore do not require the close scrutiny and measure of Department supervision that is authorized or required in the case of investor-owned utilities. For example, the Department does not have authority over municipal light plant financing and does not have authority to suspend and investigate the rates of municipal light plants. The Department generally defers to the ratemaking authority and policies vested by statute in the municipality unless the rates are prohibited by statute or rise to the level of undue discrimination.

The Department's jurisdiction over municipal light plants can be summarized as follows:

- Requiring annual returns pursuant to General Laws ("G.L.") c. 164, § 63;
- Requiring that accounting records be maintained in accordance with the Department's Uniform System of Accounts pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 63;
- Requiring rate filings pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 58, 59;
- Reviewing and approving changes in depreciation accrual rates from the statutory permitted 3.0 percent set forth in G.L. c. 164, § 57;
- Requiring compliance with the Department's billing and termination regulations in accordance with 220 C.M.R. §§ 25.00 et seq.; and

- Hearing petitions from customers who have been denied service, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 60.

The Department does not have any jurisdiction over the municipal light plant in the Town of Gosnold. While this system is subject to the requirements of G.L. c. 164, Gosnold was exempted from Department oversight by special legislation in 1936 and 1941. Similarly, the Department does not exercise any jurisdiction over Devens Utilities, a combination gas/electric/water/wastewater system operated by the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (“MDFA”) that serves the Devens Economic Area at the site of the former Fort Devens. The MDFA is authorized pursuant to G.L. c. 23G, § 3 to provide utility services to the former Fort Devens facility; § 31 of the 1998 enabling act exempts the MDFA as a quasi-government agency from any state oversight of its utility rates.

Review of Municipal Depreciation Requests

Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 57, municipal utilities are allowed to include in their rates an annual provision for depreciation expense equal to three percent of depreciable plant (plant less land and land rights), unless otherwise allowed by the Department. As municipal utilities rely on depreciation funds as a source of funds for plant improvements and expansions without resorting to outside financing, municipal utilities may seek authorization to increase their depreciation rate for a particular year. During 2018, the Rates Division evaluated and approved seven requests for increases in municipal depreciation rates.

Review of Storm Funds

The Department has approved storm funds for various electric distribution companies. The storm funds annually receive a Department approved amount of funds collected from ratepayers that may be used by the electric distribution company to recover its operation and maintenance costs associated with extraordinary storms that are incremental to the costs already collected in base rates. During 2018, the Rates Division reviewed and evaluated requests for cost recovery through storm fund mechanisms of 16 major storm events. At the end of 2018, these filings are open investigations.

Review of Customer Complaints

The Rates Division provides assistance to the Department’s Consumer Division in the review of rate and billing disputes by residential customers. In addition, because billing disputes by commercial and industrial customers are not generally handled by the Consumer Division, the Rates Division has at times provided informal assistance in resolving these billing disputes, primarily through review and interpretation of the applicable tariffs. The Rates Division staff periodically meets with Consumer Division staff to inform them of changes that result from the Department’s directives in base distribution rate cases.

Public Information

Another important responsibility of the Rates Division is to provide timely and accurate information to the public regarding activities in the electric, gas, and water industries. This task requires working with other regulatory agencies, consumer groups, public interest groups, power suppliers, and utility companies to help them understand Department regulations and policies. The Rates Division also assists in the development of agency regulations to address the changing circumstances in the utility industry such as new utility business models, distributed energy resources, alternative ratemaking proposals, grid modernization initiatives, and new financial accounting standards. The Rates Division also works with the Department’s Consumer Division to draft policy recommendations regarding consumer issues.

2018 Rates Division Major Activities

During 2018 the Rates Division actively participated in the following significant filings:

- NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, D.P.U. 17-05 – Rate Case
- Andrews Farm Water Company, D.P.U. 17-35 – Rate Case

- Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, D.P.U. 17-90 Rate Case
- Milford Water Company, D.P.U. 17-107 – Rate Case
- Whitinsville Water Company, D.P.U. 17-108 – Rate Case
- Mountain Water Systems a/k/a Sheffield Water Company, D.P.U. 17-154 – Rate Case
- Boston Gas and Colonial Gas d/b/a National Grid, D.P.U. 17-170 – Rate Case
- 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, D.P.U. 18-15 (investigation into utility rates in connection with enactment of Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017)
- Berkshire Gas Company, D.P.U. 18-40 – Rate Case
- Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, D.P.U. 18-45 – Rate Case (withdrawn)
- Colonial Water Company, D.P.U. 18-105 – Rate Case
- Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid, D.P.U. 18-150 – Rate Case
- Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, D.P.U. 17-142 – Financing
- NSTAR Gas Company, D.P.U. 18-37 – Financing
- Berkshire Gas Company, D.P.U. 18-73 – Financing
- Milford Water Company, D.P.U. 18-75 – Financing
- NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, D.P.U. 18-127 – Financing
- Massachusetts Electric and Nantucket Electric, each d/b/a National Grid – Electric, D.P.U. 18-93 – Utility-owned Solar
- NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy - Electric, D.P.U. 18-123 – Utility-owned Solar
- Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy - Electric, D.P.U. 18-124 – Utility-owned Solar
- Western Massachusetts Electric d/b/a Eversource Energy, D.P.U. 17-162 – Storm Fund Cost Recovery
- NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, D.P.U. 17-51 – Storm Fund Cost Recovery
- D.P.U. 17-GSEP-01 through D.P.U. 17-GSEP-06 – 2017 GSEP
- D.P.U. 18-GREC-01 through D.P.U. 18-GREC-06 – 2018 GREC
- D.P.U. 18-GSEP-01 through D.P.U. 18-GSEP-06 – 2018 GSEP
- NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, D.P.U. 18-101 – 2018 Performance Based Ratemaking Adjustment
- Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target Provision, D.P.U. 17-140 – SMART Program
- Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, D.P.U. 17-13 – Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
- National Grid/Eversource/Unitil, D.P.U. 15-120/D.P.U. 15-121/D.P.U. 15-122 – Grid Modernization Proposals

TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT DIVISION

Overview

The Transportation Oversight Division (“Transportation Division”) regulates the rates and practices of common carriers used to transport passengers and property including trucks, railways, buses, household moving companies, towing companies, and hazardous waste companies. In addition, the Transportation Division licenses all Massachusetts based intrastate motor bus companies. The Transportation Division investigates after receiving a consumer complaint regarding a driving violation or an accident involving a Department licensed common carrier. Undoubtedly, the most critical function of the Transportation Division is public safety including oversight of the MBTA and regional transit authorities for safety of equipment and operation. The other major responsibility of the Transportation Division is consumer protection.

Although no assessments are levied against regulated common carriers, these companies are subject to fees for services such as licensing, inspection, and examination. These revenues are not retained by the Department but instead are deposited directly into the Commonwealth’s General Fund. During 2018, the Transportation Division generated approximately \$492,476 in revenues which were deposited into the General Fund.

Critical Public Safety Functions

In accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.90, § 8A and G.L. c.159A, § 9, the Transportation Division issued School Bus Driver Certificates and Motor Bus Driver Certificates. Ensuring that a core group of qualified, trained, and reliable school bus drivers are properly screened and vetted is essential to the safety of children in the Commonwealth. On October 1, 2018, the Registry of Motor Vehicles assumed the responsibility of administering the school bus driver licensing program. At this time, the Transportation Division continues to conduct the Commercial Driver License (CDL) road test for Class B and Class C passenger applicants including applicants seeking to drive a school bus.

School Bus Driver Certificates and Motor Bus Driver Certificates issued in 2018 (New and Renewals)	
School Bus Driver Certificates	11,493
Motor Bus Driver Certificates	514
Total Certificates Issued	12,007

Destination-Specific Bus Company Compliance Inspections

Under a Memorandum of Understanding with the Massachusetts State Police Truck Team, Transportation Division bus inspectors perform Joint Passenger Carrier Compliance Inspections (“Compliance Inspection Program”) to check passenger-for-hire vehicles, motor coaches and drivers. These inspections are conducted at multiple locations throughout the Commonwealth at sites with a high frequency of subject vehicles. Examples include: South Station, Logan Airport, Fan Pier, Faneuil Hall and Six Flags New England. For 2018, this program generated citations totaling just under \$60,000.

Working with the State Police and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (“FMCSA”), a passenger-carrier, destination-specific vehicle and driver inspection schedule is created quarterly to reflect seasonal trends specific to various programs scheduled throughout the calendar year. The target inspection locations and times are designed to prevent passenger disruption wherever possible. The compliance schedule includes one passenger-carrier compliance check per week at various locations such as Logan Airport, Boston’s Seaport District, Six Flags New England, Plymouth, and ski areas. The Compliance Inspection Program is funded through the Unified Carrier Registration Program (“UCR”) which supports random inspections to ensure that passenger carriers are operating with the correct authority, proper insurance levels, and with safe drivers and equipment.

Destination Inspection with State Police Totals for 2018	
Total Vehicle Inspections	797
Total Violations	934
Total Vehicles Placed Out of Service	124
Total Drivers Placed Out of Service	54
Total Citation Fines Issued	\$60,000

Transportation Division field staff also conduct what the FMCSA defines as a “Safety Assessment” (“SAs”). The SAs are a type of audit designed to provide a regulated carrier with an overview of its compliance with various federal safety regulations. Unlike a FMCSA Compliance Review (49 CFR Part 385.109), which is a comprehensive audit performed at the request of the FMCSA, the results of the SA are not reported to the

FMCSA; rather, this is an outreach and education tool that the Department provides to carriers in an effort to help them identify any deficiencies that will need attention without imposing a penalty.

Safety Oversight of Transit Authorities and Passenger-For-Hire Bus Companies

State law specifies the Department as the oversight agency responsible for the safety of equipment and operations of all Massachusetts regional transit authorities and passenger-for-hire bus companies based in Massachusetts, including transit bus systems, motor coaches, and sightseeing vehicles. The Transportation Division performed 1,991 bus safety inspections during 2018.

The Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) requires that states oversee the safety of Rail Fixed Guideway Systems. The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (“MBTA”) is the only Massachusetts transit authority that operates a Rail Fixed Guideway System. The Department is the designated State Safety Oversight Agency (“SSOA”) for the MBTA. Per the requirements of the FTA, each state with a rail transit system must be federally certified for compliance with the Final Rule, 49 CFR Part 674 by April 15, 2019. On March 19, 2018, Massachusetts became the fifth state to have its SSOA program certified by the FTA.

On July 19, 2018, the FTA published the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (“PTASP” or “Agency Safety Plan”) Final Rule 49 CFR 673. This final rule requires States and certain operators of urban public transportation systems that receive federal funds to develop safety plans that include the processes and procedures to implement Safety Management Systems (“SMS”). The PTASP rule becomes effective July 19, 2019, and transit operators – in this case, MBTA – must certify they have a safety plan in place meeting the requirements of the rule by July 20, 2020. The initial PTASP must be certified and approved by the Department and updated by the MBTA annually. At this time, the Department meets with the MBTA monthly to provide guidance regarding the development of the PTASP. The objective behind 49 CFR Part 673 Final Rule is to improve public transportation safety by guiding transit agencies to more effectively and proactively manage safety risks within their operating systems.

The new requirements of 49 CFR Part 674 significantly increase the State’s responsibility for Transit Agency Safety Plan implementation including field verification and expansion of its responsibility for assessing the Agency Safety Plan’s effectiveness in ensuring safety. In order to verify the implementation of the Agency Safety Plan, an ongoing and continuous Division audit process will be used to assess the safe operations of the transit system.

The new program requirements represent an increase in Federal expectations for State programs and for the public transit industry. It also significantly changes how these three entities work together to keep the transit system safe. In order to ensure clarity and collaboration of the transition to the new regulations, the Division developed a Regulation Transition Team. This team is comprised of a small core group of participants from the MBTA and the Department who meet monthly on various topics related to changes in safety regulations.

Bus and Rail Safety Inspections in 2018	
Transit bus, motor coach, and sightseeing vehicles	1,991
Highway/railroad grade crossing signal systems	16
Highway/railroad grade crossing signal systems (new installation/upgrades)	6
MBTA Transit audits	165
FTA Safety Directives	2
Safety Assessments	4
Compliance Reviews	18
Total Safety Inspections	2,202

Rail (MBTA) Oversight Inspections in 2018	
Safety Committee Meeting Observation	69
General Field Observation	65
Safety Service Onboard Observation	54
SRCP Audit Observation	42
Speed Audit Observation	41
Station/Property Observation	21
General Interview	9
MBTA Maintenance Audit Activity	6
Internal Audit Activity Observation	5
Safety Stop Observation Activity	5
Configuration Management Observation	3
Door Observation	2
General Review	2
RTL Headlight Observation Activity	2
General Inspection	1
Mattapan High-Speed Line Call Box Testing	1
Total Rail Oversight Activities	328

Licensing of Certain Common Carriers

In accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 159B, § 3, and G.L. c. 159A, §§ 7 and 11A, the Transportation Division licenses common carriers transporting people or property “for hire”. During 2018, the Transportation Division conducted 75 licensing hearings.

Licensing Hearings in 2018	
Bus Companies	30
Tow Companies	11
Household Movers	34
Total Licensing Hearings	75

Vehicle Decals and Permits

Vehicle specific decals and permits (for trucks and buses) are required by law to denote a licensed common carrier. In 2018, the Transportation Division issued 2,171 decals and permits, collecting over \$86,840 in revenues that were deposited in to the Commonwealth’s General Fund.

2018 Tow Company Audits

In 2018, the Transportation Division conducted 46 random tow company audits designed to monitor compliance with the Department’s tow regulations/rates published at 220 CMR Section 272.00. These audits uncovered various violations with respect to the rates charged for “involuntary tows” which include police and public authority ordered tows (e.g. arrest, snow emergencies, street cleaning, etc.) as well as trespass tows. In 2018, 20 tow companies signed agreements and each paid a \$100.00 fine to resolve violations discovered during an audit. In addition to tow company audits, the Division also investigated a total of 117 consumer tow complaints.

TNC DIVISION

Overview

On August 5, 2016, Massachusetts created a statewide regulatory framework for transportation network companies (“TNCs”) (i.e., rideshare services) when Governor Baker signed into law House Bill 4570, *An Act Regulating Transportation Network Companies* (“TNC Act”). The law established a new division (“TNC Division”) under the general supervision and control of the Department, vested it with jurisdiction over TNCs to ensure public safety and convenience, and provided it with funding through an annual proportional surcharge levied on each TNC.

While the Department was required to promulgate TNC industry regulations by November 2017, it accelerated the timeline to finalize regulations six weeks early. The regulations, effective as of September 22, 2017, cover areas such as driver qualifications, suspensions, and appeals; vehicle suitability and identification; data protection and reporting; and record maintenance and retention. The regulations were the result of a robust rulemaking process in which the Department held a public hearing and received hundreds of public comments.

Since its inception on March 24, 2017, the TNC Division has pioneered advanced background-check initiatives, launched a first-in-the nation statewide TNC ride data website, disbursed nearly \$13 million to address the impact of transportation network services in Massachusetts, and worked collaboratively with transportation industry representatives to improve transportation network services.

Background Checks

In September 2018, the TNC Division, in collaboration with the Department of Criminal Justice Information Services (“DCJIS”) and the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (“TSS”), completed several months of intensive effort to become the Commonwealth’s first non-law enforcement agency with Subsequent Activity Service capability for criminal offender record information (“CORI”) background checks. This means that the TNC Division has near-instantaneous notification of new criminal entries on a TNC driver’s CORI, rather than periodically requesting that information. Rapid notification of this kind substantially improves public safety by allowing the TNC Division to immediately remove from the road drivers who do not meet the suitability standard.

The TNC Division began running background checks in January 2017. Prior to becoming a TNC driver, an applicant must undergo a two-part background check. First, a TNC performs a multi-state check of an applicant’s criminal and driving histories and, if the applicant meets the Department’s standards, the TNC forwards the applicant’s information to the Department. The TNC Division then performs a comprehensive Massachusetts-based background check by obtaining CORI, Sex Offender Registry Information, and Registry of Motor Vehicles’ driving history. Today, any person who arranges a ride through a TNC will know that their driver underwent a thorough two-part background check.

TNC Driver Background Check Clearance Certificates January 2017 - December 2018	
Approved Applications	190,596
Denied Applications	30,181

Ride Data

In February 2018, the TNC Division collaborated with TSS to establish Massachusetts as the first state in the country to report statewide statistics on TNC ride data. The partnership resulted in an interactive municipal mapping of TNC ride origins, destinations, trip routes, and trip lengths. The interactive map can be found at tnc.sites.digital.mass.gov. Notably, the Commonwealth learned that approximately 64.8 million rideshare trips originated in Massachusetts in 2017. The TNC Division is continuing to work with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Massachusetts Port Authority, as well as with TNCs, on ways in which to obtain

and synthesize additional ride data to build upon improvement initiatives for the Commonwealth's transportation landscape.

Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund

In May and June 2018, the TNC Division distributed nearly \$13 million statewide to address the impact of TNCs on transportation in Massachusetts. Annually, the TNCs are required to submit to the TNC Division the number of rides from the previous calendar year and the city or town in which each ride originated. The TNC Act requires that a \$0.20 per-ride assessment be paid by the TNCs into the Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund. As a result, the TNC Division disbursed approximately \$6.5 million to municipalities (proportionally based on the amount of rides that originated in each municipality), approximately \$3.2 million to the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, and approximately \$3.2 million to the Commonwealth Transportation Fund. These funds will be used to address TNC impact on state and municipal transportation services and to assist small businesses operating in the taxicab, livery, or hackney industries. In 2019, the TNC Division will be reporting on its website how these funds have assisted municipalities.

Ride for Hire Task Force

In 2017, the TNC Division participated in the "Ride for Hire Task Force" ("Task Force"), which reviewed state and local regulations governing transportation services – hackneys, taxis, livery, and TNCs – and filed a report with the Legislature that included findings and recommendations for public safety, consumer protection, and fairness across the various regulatory structures across the ride for hire industry. The Task Force convened six public meetings between June 2017 and January 2018. The final report of the Task Force was filed with the Legislature on February 5, 2018.

APPENDIX 1: 2018 ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD ACTIVITY/DECISIONS AND SITING DIVISION'S DEPARTMENT ORDERS

- NRG Canal 3, EFSB 15-06/D.P.U. 15-180
- Milford Power Company LLC, EFSB 17-04
- NSTAR Electric Company, EFSB 16-02/D.P.U. 16-77
- Hopkinton LNG Corporation, D.P.U. 17-114

Review of Generation Facilities

Appeals before the Supreme Judicial Court concerning two previously approved electric generating facilities – Exelon West Medway (dockets EFSB 15-01/D.P.U. 15-25 and EFSB 17-01) and NRG Canal 3 (EFSB 15-06/D.P.U. 15-180) – were dismissed by the SJC on November 18, 2018 in response to a joint stipulation by the plaintiff Conservation Law Foundation (“CLF”), the Siting Board (Defendant), and Intervenors Exelon West Medway, LLC and NRG Canal 3 Development, LLC. The joint stipulation to dismiss noted that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“MassDEP”) greenhouse gas emission cap regulation, 310 CMR 7.74 – upheld by the SJC in a related docket on September 4, 2018 – supersedes the individual emissions caps in the MassDEP air permits for these generating facilities and that the basis of CLF’s appeals of the Siting Board decisions for the facilities is therefore moot. The SJC approved the joint stipulation and dismissed the appeals with prejudice on November 18, 2018. The effect of this dismissal is that the EFSB decisions on these power plans remain valid and in effect.

On February 13, 2017, Brockton Power Company, LLC filed with the Siting Board a request for an additional interim extension of the Siting Board’s approval of Brockton Power’s petition to construct a generating facility in the City of Brockton. The then-current Siting Board extension would have expired on February 28, 2017. Pursuant to an Action by Consent, effective February 27, 2017, the Siting Board provided an interim extension of Brockton Power’s Siting Board approvals that shall expire within 90 days of the issuance of the Final Decision by MassDEP on a pending appeal of the MassDEP Conditional Approval of Major Comprehensive Plan Application, issued by MassDEP on July 7, 2011. The second interim extension prohibits Brockton Power from commencing construction of the facility until it submits a formal extension request and receives a final decision of the Siting Board granting such extension. On September 19, 2018, the MassDEP Commissioner issued an Order regarding the Final Decision in Appeal, in which he directed the Chief Presiding Officer to issue a Recommended Final Decision on Remand by December 31, 2018. On December 4, 2018, the Chief Presiding Officer notified the parties that the deadline for the Recommended Final Decision on Remand had been extended to January 31, 2019. Within 30 days of the issuance of the Recommended Final Decision on Remand, the Commissioner will issue a ruling on the Petitioner’s pending request for oral argument. If granted, the Commissioner will issue a Final Decision within 30 days of oral argument; if not granted, a Final Decision will issue at the time of the Commissioner’s ruling on the request for oral argument.

On November 16, 2017, Milford Power, LLC submitted a proposed project change regarding an existing 146 MW natural gas fired generating facility located in Milford. The Milford Power facility was originally approved by the Energy Facilities Siting Council in 1991 in EFSC 90-101. In its filing, Milford Power proposes the use of wet compression and duct burner technology that would increase the generation capacity of its facility by a nominal 53 MW. The filing was docketed as EFSB 17-04. On October 1, 2018, the Siting Board issued a Final Decision approving the project change with conditions.

Review of Transmission Facilities

On December 23, 2014, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy filed EFSB 14-04/D.P.U. 14-153/14-154 with the Siting Board and the Department for approval to construct two new 115 kV underground transmission lines in Chelsea, Everett, and East Boston, to build a new substation in East Boston, and to modify existing substations in Chelsea and Everett. As part of the filing, Eversource also sought exemptions from the City of Boston's zoning ordinance. On December 1, 2017 the Siting Board issued a Final Decision approving the project with conditions, including a requirement for the company to enter into discussions with the City of Boston to explore the possible relocation of the proposed new substation in East Boston to the opposite side of an adjacent City-owned parcel and report back to the Siting Board within six months. On December 20, 2017, the Presiding Officer issued a ruling on a joint motion by Eversource and intervenor Channel Fish granting a six-month extension of the appeal period (until June 1, 2018) relating solely to the location of the proposed East Eagle substation; on May 29, 2018, the Presiding Officer approved a further extension until December 1, 2018. On November 15, 2018, Eversource submitted a proposed project change filing, notifying the Siting Board that the Company and the City of Boston had completed a land swap and the location of the new substation would be moved approximately 190 feet west, to the opposite (west) side of the City parcel. The project change has been docketed as EFSB 14-04A/D.P.U. 14-153A/14-154A. A public comment hearing in the East Boston area is being scheduled for early 2019 with a Final Decision expected in 2019.

On September 25, 2015, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy and New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid jointly filed petitions with the Siting Board and the Department seeking to construct and operate a new 8.53-mile, 345 kV underground transmission line from an existing substation in Woburn to an existing substation in Wakefield. The petitions were docketed as EFSB 15-04/D.P.U. 15-140/15-141. The Siting Board issued a Final Decision approving the project with conditions on February 28, 2018. The Towns of Stoneham and Winchester filed separate, timely appeals of the Final Decision. On October 24, 2018, the towns and the companies filed a joint motion to consolidate these related appeals, establish a single record for the consolidated appeals, and reserve and report the consolidated cases to the SJC. The Siting Board, represented by the Office of the Attorney General, assented to the joint motion on November 26, 2018. The joint motion is currently pending before the court and no schedule has been issued yet by the SJC for this matter.

On July 5, 2018, Eversource filed an initial petition with the Siting Board seeking various local permits and approvals in Woburn, Winchester and Stoneham, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 69K-69O, citing as cause a denial by the City of Woburn on May 1, 2018 of a grant of location application by Eversource to use city streets for the project. On July 12, 2018, the Chairman of the Siting Board issued a determination that the Board would defer consideration of the initial petition and authorized submission of an application by Eversource for a Certificate of Environmental Impact and Public Interest. On August 2, 2018, Eversource filed a certificate application for Siting Board approval of the local permits and approvals referenced in the initial petition. The certificate application was docketed as EFSB 18-03. A decision by the Siting Board is expected in early 2019.

On June 15, 2016, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy filed two related petitions with the Siting Board and the Department in connection with the Eversource's proposal to construct an approximately 4.2-mile, 115kV combination overhead-and-underground transmission line in the West Roxbury section of Boston and the Towns of Dedham and Needham and to interconnect the Baker Street Substation in West Roxbury and the Needham Substation. The petitions were docketed at EFSB 16-02/D.P.U. 16-77. The Siting Board issued a decision approving the project with conditions on May 18, 2018.

On April 20, 2017, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy filed petitions with the Siting Board and the Department seeking approval to construct an approximately nine-mile 115 kV underground transmission line that would pass primarily through the Towns of Sudbury and Hudson and through short sections of the Town of Stow and the City of Marlborough and for exemptions from the zoning bylaws of

Sudbury, Hudson, and Stow. Approximately 7.6 miles of the proposed line would use an inactive railroad right-of-way owned by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. The proposed line would connect two existing substations: Eversource's Sudbury substation and Hudson Light & Power Department's substation. The petitions were docketed as EFSB 17-02/D.P.U. 17-82/17-83. A decision is expected in early 2019.

On December 18, 2017, Vineyard Wind LLC filed with the Siting Board a petition to construct an approximately 27-mile, 220 kV offshore/onshore submarine and underground electric transmission line from a proposed offshore wind turbine array located in federal water to a new substation in the Town of Barnstable. The proposal also includes a 0.1 mile 115 kV underground transmission line between the proposed new substation in Barnstable and the existing NSTAR Electric Company Switching Station in Barnstable. The filing was docketed as EFSB 17-05. On February 15, 2018, Vineyard Wind filed related petitions to the Department pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72 and G.L. c. 40A, § 3, which the Department assigned to the Siting Board for consolidated review in a single proceeding with EFSB 17-05. A decision in this proceeding is expected in the first half of 2019.

On March 30, 2017, Eversource informed the Siting Board of proposed modifications at its Stoughton Switching Station, previously approved by the Siting Board in EFSB 04-1/D.T.E. 04-5/04-7, including new perimeter and interior fencing and an enhanced video security system to meet recent federal regulatory requirements. Following notification to abutters and various Town of Stoughton officials and an opportunity for comment, the Siting Board staff informed the Eversource on December 4, 2018 that the project modifications did not alter the assumptions and conclusions reached by the Siting Board in its earlier approval of the existing facility and that the proposed modifications may proceed.

Review of Natural Gas Pipelines and Storage Facilities

On March 30, 2018, Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid filed petitions pursuant to G.L. c. 164 § 69J and G.L. c. 40A, § 3 seeking approval to construct and operate a replacement pipeline system serving the Lowell area. The project would replace portion of the existing pipeline system in the Lowell area with new, larger diameter pipe and facilitate the use of in-line inspection equipment in accordance with pending regulatory requirements. The Project includes replacing approximately 2.4 miles of pipe between Tewksbury and Lowell. The filing was docketed as EFSB 18-01/D.P.U. 18-30. A decision is expected in the first half of 2019.

On June 11, 2018, NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy filed a petition pursuant to G.L. c. 164 § 69J for approval to replace 3.71 miles of six-inch diameter pipe with a new 12 inch diameter pipe in the Towns of Ashland and Hopkinton. Eversource proposed the project to eliminate an existing bottleneck along the Hopkinton-Ashland Transfer Line and improve service reliability and meet future load growth in the greater Framingham area. The petition was docketed as EFSB 18-02. A decision is anticipated in 2019.

Federal Licensing Proceedings

The Siting Board represents the Commonwealth in proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") with respect to the construction of energy facilities in Massachusetts. On October 19, 2018, Tennessee Gas Pipeline filed an application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity under the *Natural Gas Act* for the 261 Upgrade Project including the construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of approximately 2.1 miles of 12-inch diameter pipeline loop and the replacement of two older, less efficient compressor units (with a combined horsepower of 6,689) with a single new and more efficient compressor unit (with horsepower of 11,107) at the location of the existing Compressor Station 261 in Agawam. A related new meter station in Longmeadow would be built on property owned by the Longmeadow Country Club and is directly related to the 261 Upgrade Project. The project would provide an additional 72,000 dekatherms per day of pipeline capacity for Columbia Gas of Massachusetts' Springfield division and the Holyoke Gas and Light Department. The Department has already approved the precedent agreement between Columbia and Tennessee for the additional contracted capacity. The Siting Board has intervened in

this proceeding and anticipates submitting comments and holding a public comment hearing in the Longmeadow area to assist FERC's preparation of an Environmental Assessment, expected to be issued by May 17, 2019.

Permit Override Authority

Through the granting of a Certificate of Environmental Impact and Public Interest, the Siting Board has the authority to override a state or local ordinance, permit requirement, license, or other burdensome condition or limitation that would unduly delay or prevent construction of an energy facility approved by the Siting Board, per G.L. c. 164, §§ 69K-69O. A facility developer may also apply for a Certificate if it determines there are inconsistencies among resource use permits issued by state or local agencies.

As noted above, Eversource Energy has sought a Siting Board Certificate for its proposed Woburn-Wakefield transmission line in EFSB 18-03. A decision is expected in early 2019.

On December 14, 2018, Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid filed an initial petition seeking the Siting Board's issuance of a Certificate of Environmental Impact and Public Interest including road opening permits for the Towns of Barnstable and Sandwich in connection with Phase III of the Western Segment of the Sagamore Line Reinforcement Project. National Grid's petition cited unreasonable conditions included in a road opening permit issued by the Town of Barnstable on July 5, 2018 as just cause for the initial petition. On December 21, 2018, the Siting Board Chairman issued a determination on the initial petition, deferring review of the merits of the petition and allowing the company to submit an application for the Certificate.

APPENDIX 2: DEPARTMENT ORDERS ISSUED IN 2018

Docket	Caption	Order Date
17-CS-060Rb	South Jersey Energy Co - Competitive Supplier	1/2/2018
17-CS-097R	Verde - Competitive Supplier	1/2/2018
17-EB-023Rb	Competitive Energy Services LLC - Electric Broker	1/2/2018
17-EB-165R	United Energy Consulting LLC - Electric broker	1/2/2018
17-EB-175Rb	Ameresco - Electric Broker	1/2/2018
17-EB-176R	EMEX - Electric Broker	1/2/2018
17-EB-298R	KWH Savings LLC - Electric Broker	1/2/2018
17-EB-301R	Hovey Energy LLC - Electric Broker	1/2/2018
17-GS-040Rb	South Jersey Energy Co - Gas Supplier	1/2/2018
17-RA-015Rb	Competitive Energy Services LLC - Retail Agent	1/2/2018
17-RA-22	Dynamis Energy LLC - Retail Agent	1/2/2018
17-EB-216R	Budgetary Energy Solutions & Technology - Electric Broker	1/3/2018
17-GS-10	Atlantic Energy MA LLC - Gas Supplier	1/3/2018
17-05	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each doing business as Eversource Energy, Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.00 et seq., for Approval of General Increases in Base Distribution Rates for Electric Service and a Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism.	1/5/2018
17-170	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each doing business as National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.00, for Approval of General Increases in Base Distribution Rates for Gas Service.	1/12/2018
17-42	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, to the Department of Public Utilities for approval of recovery of costs associated with its Solar Phase II generation facilities in Abington, Attleboro, Ayer, Dighton, and Grafton, Massachusetts pursuant to Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 14-01 (2014).	1/12/2018
17-GS-059R	BBPC LLC d/b/a Great Eastern Gas - Gas Supplier	1/16/2018
18-GS-008R	Sprague Operating Resources LLC - Gas Supplier	1/16/2018
18-RA-079	Global Power Consultants - Retail Agent	1/16/2018
18-RA-081R	Priority Power Management LLC - Retail Agent	1/16/2018
17-01	Petition of Rayah Solar for an Exception to the Net Metering Regulations pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 18.00 et seq., and to the "Single Parcel" Rule, pursuant to Net Metering and Interconnection of Distributed Generation, D.P.U. 11-11-C (2012).	1/16/2018
18-ASMT-04	Steam Distribution Company Assessment of the Department of Public Utilities pursuant to G.L. c. 25, §18A, for fiscal year 2018.	1/17/2018

18-ASMT-05	Assessment for expenditures incurred by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency pursuant to Section 2 of Chapter 47 of the Acts of 2017.	1/17/2018
18-02	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion into the Preparation and Response of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid to the October 29, 2017 Wind Storm.	1/19/2018
17-GS-058R	BlueRock Energy Inc. - Gas Supplier	1/23/2018
18-RA-144R	Global Energy Direct LLC - Retail Agent	1/23/2018
18-RA-153R	All Source Energy LLC - Retail Agent	1/23/2018
17-45	Petition of the Town of Lanesborough for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of an Amendment to its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	1/23/2018
17-47	Petition of the City of Marlborough for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of an Amendment to its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	1/23/2018
18-RA-174R	Greencrown Energy LLC - Retail Agent	1/24/2018
17-EB-344R	Condor National Inc. - Electric Broker	1/25/2018
18-EB-072R	AllMass Energy LLC - Electric Broker	1/25/2018
18-EB-168R	Best Practice Energy LLC - Electric Broker	1/25/2018
18-EB-207R	Priority Power Management LLC - Electric Broker	1/25/2018
18-EB-210R	Global Power Consultants - Electric Broker	1/25/2018
18-EB-258R	Energy Auction House - Electric Broker	1/25/2018
18-EB-260R	Retail Group d/b/a Voyager Power - Electric Broker	1/25/2018
18-EB-303R	East West Power US - Electric Broker	1/25/2018
18-EB-339R	Global Energy LLC - Electric Broker	1/25/2018
18-EB-394	North American Energy Services LLC - Electric Broker	1/25/2018
18-RA-046R	Atlantic Group Energy Inc. - Retail Agent	1/25/2018
18-RA-129R	The Energy Alliance LLC - Retail Agent	1/25/2018
16-122	Blackstone Gas Company 2013-2015 Energy Efficiency Term Report.	1/25/2018
17-160	Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for review and approval of its Revenue Decoupling Mechanism Adjustment Factor, for the period of February 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.	1/25/2018
18-RA-095R	Stanley Energy LLC - Retail Agent	1/29/2018
17-35	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own motion, into the operations, practices, and rates of Andrews Farm Water Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 165, §§ 2, 4, and G.L. c. 164, § 93.	1/30/2018
17-GAF-P6	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2017/18 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2017.	1/31/2018

17-GAF-P1	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2017/18 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2017.	1/31/2018
17-GAF-P2	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2017/18 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2017.	1/31/2018
17-GAF-P3	Petition of Blackstone Gas Company pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2017/18 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2017.	1/31/2018
17-GAF-P4	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2017/18 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2017.	1/31/2018
17-GAF-P5	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2017/18 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2017.	1/31/2018
18-GS-053R	Constellation Energy Gas Choice LLC - gas supplier	2/1/2018
16-197	Petition of the Town of Hamilton for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	2/1/2018
17-05	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each doing business as Eversource Energy, Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.00 for Approval of General Increases in Base Distribution Rates for Electric Service and a Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism.	2/2/2018
18-CS-117R	Inspire Energy Holdings LLC - Competitive Supplier	2/2/2018
18-EB-005R	Alternate Power Source - Electric Broker	2/2/2018
18-EB-137R	Atlantic Group Energy Inc. - Electric Broker	2/2/2018
18-EB-155R	BidUREnergy Inc. - Electric Broker	2/2/2018
18-EB-257R	Capital Energy Services - Electric Broker	2/2/2018
18-EB-306R	Sprague Energy Solutions Inc. - Electric Broker	2/2/2018
18-EB-353R	Wells Consulting Group FKA A Wells Inc. DBA Savage Fire Consulting - Electric Broker	2/2/2018
18-EB-359R	All Source Energy LLC - Electric Broker	2/2/2018
18-15	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, into the Effect of the Reduction in Federal Income Tax Rates on the Rates Charged by Electric, Gas, and Water Companies.	2/2/2018
17-45	Petition of the Town of Lanesborough for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of an Amendment to its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	2/6/2018
17-47	Petition of the City of Marlborough for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of an Amendment to its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	2/6/2018
18-RA-072R	Luthin Associates - Retail Agent	2/7/2018
17-30	Petition of Econox Renewables, Inc. for an Exception to the Net Metering Regulations pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 18.00 et seq., and to the "Single Parcel" Rule, pursuant to Net Metering and Interconnection of Distributed Generation, D.P.U. 11-11-C (2012).	2/7/2018

17-EB-35	Interactive Energy Group LLC - Electric Broker	2/8/2018
18-EB-01	Apollo Edison LLC - Electric Broker	2/8/2018
18-EB-02	Energy Paradigm LLC - Electric Broker	2/8/2018
18-EB-04	Lewis A DeRosa dba Petrohedge - Electric Broker	2/8/2018
16-147	Petition of Clean Energy Design, LLC for an Exception to the Net Metering Regulations pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 18.00 et seq., and to the “Single Parcel” Rule, pursuant to Net Metering and Interconnection of Distributed Generation, D.P.U. 11-11-C (2012).	2/8/2018
17-RA-27	Interactive Energy Group LLC - Retail Agent	2/12/2018
18-ASMT-02	Electric Trust Assessment of the Department of Public Utilities pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 18, for fiscal year 2018.	2/12/2018
18-ASMT-03	Storm Trust Fund Assessment of the Department of Public Utilities pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 12P, and G.L. c. 25, § 18, for fiscal year 2018.	2/12/2018
17-153	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company for approval of gas contract extension options with Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC, and Dominion Transmission, Inc.	2/14/2018
17-CS-088R	Xoom Energy Massachusetts LLC - Competitive Supplier	2/16/2018
17-CS-160R	Public Power - Competitive Supplier	2/16/2018
17-GS-09	Mega Energy New England LLC - Gas Supplier	2/20/2018
17-109	Petition of the Town of Easton for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	2/20/2018
18-BSF-B1	NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy' Basic Service Filing	2/20/2018
18-RA-014R	UMG Inc. - Retail Agent	2/22/2018
18-RA-155R	Definitive Energy Group Inc. - Retail Agent	2/22/2018
17-CS-076R	Viridian Energy LLC - Competitive Supplier	2/23/2018
18-03	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for approval of their 2018 Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for effect March 1, 2018.	2/23/2018
17-136	Petition of Harbor Electric Energy Company for approval of a preliminary Tariff Addendum, pursuant to G.L. 164, § 94.	2/26/2018
17-162	Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its annual Storm Recovery Adjustment Factor filed pursuant to its Storm Recovery Reserve Cost Adjustment tariff.	2/26/2018
18-RA-048R	TFS Energy Solutions LLC d/b/a Tradition Energy - retail agent	2/27/2018
17-110	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid requesting approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Capital Investment Report for the six-month period ended December 31, 2016 and CapEx Factors for effect March 1, 2018.	2/27/2018
18-08	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company to the Department of Public Utilities for approval of its annual reconciliation filing for recovery of costs through its Solar Cost Adjustment Provision Tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1339.	2/27/2018

18-11	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid for approval of annual pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect March 1, 2018.	2/27/2018
18-BSF-C1	NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy Basic Service Filing.	2/27/2018
17-143	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid for revisions to their Basic Service Adjustment Provision, as set forth in Tariff M.D.P.U. No. 1348.	2/27/2018
17-GAF-P6	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities for approval of its revised gas adjustment factor filing effective March 1, 2018, pursuant to 220 CMR 6.00.	2/28/2018
18-GS-017R	BP Energy Company - Gas Supplier	2/28/2018
18-RA-033R	Quest Energy Solutions -Retail Agent	2/28/2018
18-RA-02	Electric Advisors Inc. - Retail Agent	2/28/2018
18-RA-04	KEYTEX Energy Solutions Inc. - Retail Agent	2/28/2018
17-35	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own motion, into the operations, practices, and rates of Andrews Farm Water Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 165, §§ 2, 4, and G.L. c. 164, § 93.	2/28/2018
17-GAF-P3	Petition of Blackstone Gas Company for approval of its revised gas adjustment factor filing effective March 1, 2018, pursuant to 220 CMR 6.00.	2/28/2018
17-GAF-P5	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid for approval of its revised gas adjustment factor filing effective March 1, 2018, pursuant to 220 CMR 6.00.	2/28/2018
17-GAF-P8	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its revised gas adjustment factor filing effective March 1, 2018 pursuant to 220 CMR 6.00.	2/28/2018
18-01	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1A(a) and 220 CMR 11.03(4)(e), for approval of their 2017 electric reconciliation filing, effective March 1, 2018.	2/28/2018
17-137	Petition of Susan Roberts and Patricia Roberts for an Exception to the Net Metering Regulations pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 18.00 et seq.	3/1/2018
17-RA-13	Electricity Ratings LLC - Retail Agent	3/2/2018
18-GS-01	Josco Energy MA LLC - Gas Supplier	3/2/2018
18-RA-01	Muirfield Energy Inc. - Retail Agent	3/2/2018
18-GS-056R	Agera Energy LLC - Gas Supplier	3/5/2018
18-RA-010R	Devaney Energy Inc. - Retail Agent	3/5/2018
18-RA-028R	Secure Energy LLC - Retail Agent	3/5/2018
18-RA-148R	Power Kiosk LLC - Retail Agent	3/5/2018
17-176	Petition of the West Boylston Municipal Lighting Plant for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a depreciation rate equal to five percent (5%) of the cost of utility plant in service as of January 1, 2017.	3/6/2018

18-EB-179R	RJT Energy Consultants LLC - Electric Broker	3/7/2018
17-86	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of its 2016 Annual Interconnection Timeline Enforcement Mechanism Report.	3/7/2018
17-87	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its 2016 Annual Interconnection Timeline Enforcement Mechanism Report.	3/7/2018
17-88	Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its 2016 Annual Interconnection Timeline Enforcement Mechanism Report.	3/7/2018
17-89	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval of its 2016 Annual Interconnection Timeline Enforcement Mechanism Report.	3/7/2018
18-CS-118R	Ambit Northeast LLC - Competitive Supplier	3/9/2018
18-EB-015R	UMG Inc. - Electric Broker	3/9/2018
18-EB-082R	TFS Energy Solutions LLC dba Tradition Energy - Electric Broker	3/9/2018
18-EB-182R	Powerhouse Energy LLC - Electric Broker	3/9/2018
18-EB-186R	Commercial Utility Consultants Inc. - Electric Broker	3/9/2018
18-EB-213R	Trane Energy Choice LLC - Electric Broker	3/9/2018
18-EB-234R	Definitive Energy Group Inc. - Electric Broker	3/9/2018
18-EB-265R	Verdigris Energy LLC - Electric Broker	3/9/2018
18-EB-273R	Trusted Energy LLC -Electric Broker	3/9/2018
18-EB-307R	The Energy Alliance - Electric Broker	3/9/2018
18-EB-351R	AUI Associates Inc. - Electric Broker	3/9/2018
17-90	Petition of Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, Inc., pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94, and G.L. c. 165, § 2, for Approval of a General Rate Increase as set forth in M.D.P.U. No. 3.	3/9/2018
17-170	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each doing business as National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.00, for Approval of General Increases in Base Distribution Rates for Gas Service.	3/9/2018
17-109	Petition of the Town of Easton for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	3/15/2018
18-11	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid for approval of annual pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect March 1, 2018.	3/15/2018
17-RA-170R	Liberty Power Holdings LLC - Retail Agent	3/16/2018
18-RA-096R	Rapid Power Management LLC - Retail Agent	3/16/2018
18-RA-107R	Avion Energy Group LLC - Retail Agent	3/16/2018
18-RA-132R	Alternative Utility Services Inc. - Retail Agent	3/16/2018
18-ASMT-01	General Assessment of the Department of Public Utilities pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 18, for fiscal year 2018.	3/19/2018

17-05-D	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each doing business as Eversource Energy, Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.00 for Approval of General Increases in Base Distribution Rates for Electric Service and a Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism.	3/20/2018
18-RA-150R	Prospect Resources Inc. - Retail Agent	3/21/2018
17-144	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities, for approval to participate in a regulated money pool agreement, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 17A.	3/23/2018
18-25	Petition of the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the Council's 2018 budget.	3/26/2018
17-157	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each d/b/a Eversource Energy, for approval of their 2017 electric reconciliation filing effective January 1, 2018, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1A(a) and 220 CMR 11.03(4)(e).	3/27/2018
18-BSF-D1	Basic Service Filing of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, For the period May 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018 for Residential and Small Commercial Customers and May 1, 2018 through July 31, 2018 for Industrial Customers.	3/27/2018
17-27	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid for approval of annual pension and post-retirement benefits other than pension adjustment factor for effect March 1, 2017.	3/29/2018
13-135	Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company for approval of the Company's annual recovery of costs associated with the October Snowstorm and Hurricane Sandy, pursuant to D.P.U. 10-70.	3/30/2018
17-143	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of revisions to Basic Service Adjustment Provision, M.D.P.U. No. 1348.	3/30/2018
17-GAF-P4	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2017/18 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2017.	3/30/2018
18-BSF-C1	NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy Basic Service Filing.	3/30/2018
17-05-E	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each doing business as Eversource Energy, Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.00 for Approval of General Increases in Base Distribution Rates for Electric Service and a Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism.	4/4/2018
18-44	Order of Delegation	4/5/2018
17-GS-06	Union Atlantic Electricity LLC - Gas Supplier	4/5/2018
17-RA-26	Our Energy Manager LLC - Retail Agent	4/5/2018
18-RA-03	AMERIGreen Energy Inc. - Retail Agent	4/5/2018
18-EB-08	Edge Insights Inc. - Electric Broker	4/10/2018
17-05	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each doing business as Eversource Energy, Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. § 5.00 et seq., for Approval of General Increases in Base Distribution Rates for Electric Service and Approval of a Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism.	4/10/2018
17-EB-391R	Allieum LLC - Electric Broker	4/11/2018

18-EB-06	Energy Spectrum Inc. - Electric Broker	4/11/2018
18-EB-10	KEYTEX Energy Solutions Inc. - Electric Broker	4/11/2018
17-27	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid for approval of annual pension and post-retirement benefits other than pension adjustment factor for effect March 1, 2017.	4/12/2018
18-BSF-A2	Basic Service Filing of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil.	4/13/2018
17-108	Petition of Whitinsville Water Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94, and G.L. c. 165, § 2, for Approval of a General Rate Increase as set forth in M.D.P.U. Nos. 24 and 25.	4/17/2018
17-90	Petition of Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, Inc., pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94, and G.L. c. 165, § 2, for Approval of a General Rate Increase as set forth in M.D.P.U. No. 3.	4/18/2018
16-91	Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid's Capital Investment Report for calendar year 2015.	4/19/2018
17-101	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its proposed Calendar Year 2016 Targeted Infrastructure Recovery Factors for effect November 1, 2017.	4/19/2018
18-09	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2018 Off-Peak Period, May 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018.	4/19/2018
18-10	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for approval of their Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2018 Off-Peak Period, May 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018.	4/19/2018
18-12	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, d/b/a Unitil, for approval of its Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2018 Off-Peak Period, May 1, 2018, through October 31, 2018.	4/19/2018
18-13	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for approval of its Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2018 Off-Peak Period, May 1, 2018, through October 31, 2018.	4/19/2018
18-14	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corporation d/b/a Liberty Utilities for approval of its Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2018 Off-Peak Period, for effect May 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018.	4/19/2018
18-26	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for review and approval of their basic service costs adder rate adjustment for effect May 1, 2018.	4/19/2018
18-GS-041R	EDF Trading North America LLC - Gas Supplier	4/20/2018
18-GS-045R	Ambit Northeast LLC - Gas Supplier	4/20/2018
18-RA-076R	Energy Professionals LLC - Retail Agent	4/20/2018
18-RA-089R	EnerNOC Inc. - Retail Agent	4/20/2018
18-RA-180R	Option One Energy LLC - Retail Agent	4/20/2018
18-EB-07	Muirfield Energy Inc. - Electric Broker	4/20/2018
18-EB-09	AMERGreen Energy Inc. - Electric Broker	4/20/2018
18-RA-034R	Energy Rebate Inc. - Retail Agent	4/23/2018

18-RA-053R	Amerex Brokers LLC - Retail Agent	4/23/2018
18-RA-159R	AOBA Alliance Inc. - Retail Agent	4/23/2018
18-RA-161R	Power Logix LLC - Retail Agent	4/23/2018
18-RA-05	Phoenix Energy Solutions LLC - Retail Agent	4/23/2018
18-23	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, to the Department of Public Utilities for approval of recovery of costs associated with two Solar Phase II generation facilities in Fall River, Massachusetts pursuant to Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 14-01 (2014).	4/25/2018
18-45	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for approval of the rates and charges set forth in Tariffs M.D.P.U. Nos. 286 through 320, and approval of an increase in base distribution rates for gas service pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.00.	4/25/2018
18-GAF-O1	Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts' 2018 Off-Peak cost of gas adjustment factors.	4/26/2018
18-GAF-O2	The Berkshire Gas Company's 2018 Off-Peak Gas Adjustment Filing.	4/26/2018
18-GAF-O3	2018 Off-Peak Gas Adjustment Factor Filing of Blackstone Gas Company.	4/26/2018
18-GAF-O4	Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unutil's 2018 Off-Peak Gas Adjustment Factor Filing.	4/26/2018
18-GAF-O5	2018 Off-Peak Gas Adjustment Filing by Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid	4/26/2018
18-GAF-O6	Liberty Utilities' 2018 Off-Peak Gas Adjustment Factor Filing.	4/26/2018
18-GAF-O8	2018 Off-Peak Gas Adjustment Filing by NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy	4/26/2018
DPU 18-22	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for Approval of its 2017 Energy Efficiency Reconciling Factors, for effect May 1, 2018.	4/26/2018
18-POR-01	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid pursuant to the Company's Tariffs M.D.P.U. Nos. 1349 , § 8B and 1350, § 8B for review and approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the Company's Standard Complete Billing Percentages for effect May 1, 2018, under the Company's Purchase of Receivables Program.	4/26/2018
18-POR-02	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, pursuant to § 8B.2.b of the Company's Terms and Conditions-Competitive Suppliers and Competitive REA Suppliers (M.D.P.U. No. 4 – Eastern Massachusetts), for review and approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the Company's Standard Complete Billing Percentages for effect May 1, 2018, under the Company's Purchase of Receivables Program.	4/26/2018
18-POR-03	Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, pursuant to § 8B.2.b of the Company's Terms and Conditions for Competitive Suppliers (M.D.P.U. No. 5 – Western Massachusetts), for review and approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the Company's Standard Complete Billing Percentages for effect May 1, 2018, under the Company's Purchase of Receivables Program.	4/26/2018
18-28	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for Approval of its 2018 Smart Grid Pilot Program Cost Recovery and Reconciliation Filing.	4/27/2018
18-29	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for Approval of its 2018 Smart Grid Pilot Program Extension Cost Recovery Filing.	4/27/2018
17-RA-109R	Stanwich Energy Advisors - retail agent	4/30/2018

17-GSEP-02	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company for Approval of its 2018 Gas System Enhancement Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, and for rates effective May 1, 2018.	4/30/2018
17-GSEP-03	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid for Approval of 2018 Gas System Enhancement Plans, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, and for rates effective May 1, 2018.	4/30/2018
17-GSEP-01	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for Approval of its 2018 Gas System Enhancement Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for rates effective May 1, 2018.	4/30/2018
17-GSEP-04	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. for Approval of its 2018 Gas System Enhancement Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for rates effective May 1, 2018.	4/30/2018
17-GSEP-05	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for Approval of its 2018 Gas System Enhancement Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for rates effective May 1, 2018.	4/30/2018
17-GSEP-06	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for Approval of its 2018 Gas System Enhancement Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for rates effective May 1, 2018.	4/30/2018
17-35-D	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, into the Operations, Practices, and Rates of Andrews Farm Water Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 93, and G.L. c. 165, §§ 2, 4.	5/2/2018
17-CS-04	Titan Gas & Power - Competitive Supplier	5/2/2018
18-EB-11	Phoenix Energy Solutions LLC - Electric Broker	5/2/2018
18-EB-13	Power 2 Profit Energy Solutions Inc. - Electric Broker	5/2/2018
18-EB-14	Blitz Ventures LLC d/b/a EnergyBot - Electric Broker	5/2/2018
18-CS-01	Josco Energy MA - Competitive Supplier	5/3/2018
14-140	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion into Initiatives to Improve the Retail Electric Competitive Supply Market.	5/4/2018
18-05	Petition of Peabody Municipal Light Plant for authorization and approval to increase its depreciation rate to five percent for the calendar year 2018.	5/5/2018
18-06	Petition of Braintree Electric Light Department for approval to use a rate of depreciation of five percent for the calendar year 2018.	5/7/2018
17-CS-090R	Great Eastern Energy - Competitive Supplier	5/9/2018
18-CS-039R	Harvard Dediacted Energy Ltd - Competitive Supplier	5/9/2018
18-CS-042R	Consolidated Edison Solutions Inc. -Competitive Supplier	5/9/2018
18-CS-121R	Agera Energy LLC - Competitive Supplier	5/9/2018
18-CS-168R	LifeEnergy LLC - Competitive Supplier	5/9/2018
18-EB-028R	Energy Rebate Inc. - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-029R	Bay State Consultants LLC - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-035R	Devaney Energy Inc. - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-079R	Secure Energy LLC - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-088R	Rapid Power Management LLC - Electric Broker	5/9/2018

18-EB-098R	EnerNOC Inc. - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-120R	The Legacy Energy Group LLC - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-142R	Unified Energy Services LLC - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-151R	Aryan Consultancy Inc. - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-152R	Amerex Brokers LLC - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-193R	Energy Advisory Service LLC - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-208R	UGI Energy Services LLC - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-219R	On Demand Energy LP - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-236R	Good Energy LP - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-269R	Avion Energy Group LLC - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-270R	Energy Professionals LLC - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-289R	Legend Energy Advisors LLC - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-305R	Globele Energy LLC - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-310R	Power Kiosk LLC - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-311R	Aspen Energy - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-315R	PRX Energy LLC - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-316R	Neighborhood Energy of New England LLC - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-317R	Intelligen Resources LP - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-319R	Optimum Energy Solutions - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-349R	Prospect Resources Inc. - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-358R	Premier Energy Management LLC - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-366R	Power Logix LLC - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-388R	Power-Mark Resources - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-396R	Vervantis Inc. - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-397R	Demco Energy LLC - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-398R	American Power Management LP - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-401R	NAUP Brokerage LLC -Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-402R	Pacheco Energy Management LLC - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-403R	MountainView Partners LLC - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-409R	CSS Personal Consulting Inc. - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-410R	Option One Energy LLC - Electric Broker	5/9/2018
18-EB-426R	Rosenthal Energy Advisors Inc. - Electric Broker	5/9/2018

17-154	Petition of Mountain Water Systems, Inc., pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94, and G.L. c. 165, § 2, for Approval of a General Rate Increase as set forth in M.D.P.U. No. 2.	5/9/2018
17-GSEP-01	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for Approval of its 2018 Gas System Enhancement Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for rates effective May 1, 2018.	5/9/2018
17-GSEP-02	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company for Approval of its 2018 Gas System Enhancement Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, and for rates effective May 1, 2018.	5/9/2018
17-GSEP-03	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid for Approval of 2018 Gas System Enhancement Plans, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, and for rates effective May 1, 2018.	5/9/2018
17-GSEP-04	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. for Approval of its 2018 Gas System Enhancement Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for rates effective May 1, 2018.	5/9/2018
17-GSEP-05	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for Approval of its 2018 Gas System Enhancement Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for rates effective May 1, 2018.	5/9/2018
17-GSEP-06	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for Approval of its 2018 Gas System Enhancement Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for rates effective May 1, 2018.	5/9/2018
15-120	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for Approval of its Grid Modernization Plan.	5/10/2018
15-121	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for Approval of its Grid Modernization Plan.	5/10/2018
15-122/123	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for Approval of their Grid Modernization Plans.	5/10/2018
17-GC-22	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a 365 Day Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and One Dalton Owner LLC, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 17A, 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	5/10/2018
17-05-F	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each doing business as Eversource Energy, Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.00 for Approval of General Increases in Base Distribution Rates for Electric Service and a Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism.	5/11/2018
18-BSF-B2	Basic Service Filing for NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy.	5/14/2018
18-39	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, for Approval of its 2018 Energy Efficiency Reconciling Factors, for effect June 1, 2018.	5/15/2018
18-GS-060R	Viridian Energy - Competitive Supplier	5/16/2018
18-RA-151R	Premier Energy Management LLC - Retail Agent	5/16/2018
18-GS-030R	Constellation New Energy - Gas Division LLC - Gas Supplier	5/18/2018
18-RA-043R	Early Bird Power LLC - Retail Agent	5/18/2018
18-RA-108R	Energy Auction House Inc. - Retail Agent	5/18/2018
18-RA-175R	NAUP Brokerage LLC - Retail Agent	5/18/2018
18-40	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company for an increase in base distribution rates for gas service, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94.	5/18/2018
18-BSF-C2	NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, Basic Service Filing.	5/21/2018

18-GS-034R	Hudson Energy Services LLC - Gas Supplier	5/23/2018
18-GS-061R	Stream Energy Massachusetts LLC - Gas Supplier	5/23/2018
18-RA-098R	Atlas Commodities II Retail Energy LLC - Retail Agent	5/23/2018
18-RA-110R	Yolon Energy LLC - Retail Agent	5/23/2018
18-RA-136R	National Energy Discounters - Retail Agent	5/23/2018
18-RA-137R	Neighborhood Energy of New England LLC - Retail Agent	5/23/2018
18-RA-164R	Premier Power Solutions LLC - Retail Agent	5/23/2018
18-RA-177R	MountainView Partners LLC - Retail Agent	5/23/2018
18-RA-109R	Stanwich Energy Advisors - Retail Agent	5/24/2018
18-RA-139R	Siemens Industry Inc. - Retail Agent	5/24/2018
18-RA-167R	Elite Energy Group Inc.- Retail Agent	5/24/2018
16-196	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid for authorization for a limited waiver of the penalty provisions of Section V.B.3 of the service quality guidelines adopted by the Department in D.P.U. 12-120-D.	5/25/2018
17-SQ-05	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities into Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid's 2016 Service Quality Report filed pursuant to Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 04-116-B (2006) and D.T.E. 04-116-C (2007).	5/25/2018
18-CS-107R	TransCanada Power Marketing Ltd - Competitive Supplier	5/31/2018
18-CS-120R	Smart Energy Holdings LLC - Competitive Supplier	5/31/2018
18-CS-129R	Utility Expense Reduction LLC - Competitive Supplier	5/31/2018
18-CS-130R	BlueRock Energy Inc. - Competitive Supplier	5/31/2018
18-CS-159R	Residents Energy LLC - Competitive Supplier	5/31/2018
18-CS-161R	Everyday Energy LLC - Competitive Supplier	5/31/2018
18-EB-019R	Usource LLC - Electric Broker	5/31/2018
18-EB-052R	Hospital Energy Services LLC - Electric Broker	5/31/2018
18-EB-071R	Peregrine Energy Group Inc. - Electric Broker	5/31/2018
18-EB-081R	INTL FCStone Financial Inc. - Electric Broker	5/31/2018
18-EB-153R	Choice! Energy Services Retail LP - Electric Broker	5/31/2018
18-EB-172R	CurrentChoice Inc. - Electric Broker	5/31/2018
18-EB-187R	T.E.S. Energy Services LLC - Electric Broker	5/31/2018
18-EB-243R	Atlas Commodities II Retail Energy LLC - Electric Broker	5/31/2018
18-EB-274R	PowerOptions Inc. - Electric Broker	5/31/2018
18-EB-275R	Yolon Energy LLC - Electric Broker	5/31/2018

18-EB-356R	Cogeneration Systems of America Inc. - Electric Broker	5/31/2018
18-EB-361R	Premier Power Solutions LLC - Electric Broker	5/31/2018
18-EB-363R	Make The Switch USA LLC - Electric Broker	5/31/2018
18-GAF-O8	2018 Off-Peak Gas Adjustment Filing by NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy	5/31/2018
17-22	Inquiry by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion into application of the Net Metering Regulations pursuant to 220 CMR 18.00, and the Single Parcel and Subdivision Rules, pursuant to Net Metering and Interconnection of Distributed Generation, D.P.U. 11-11-C (2012).	5/31/2018
17-145	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company for Approval of Agreements for Natural Gas Transportation and Supply Service.	5/31/2018
17-172	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, for Approval of a Firm Transportation Agreement and Related Contracts, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94A.	5/31/2018
17-174	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of firm transportation agreements with Tennessee Gas Pipeline, L.L.C. and Portland Natural Gas Transmission Systems.	5/31/2018
17-175	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource for approval of: (1) a long-term transportation agreement with Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC; and (2) a three-year initial term winter peaking service agreement with Engie Gas & LNG LLC.	5/31/2018
18-41	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval of its Solar Program Cost Recovery Filing.	5/31/2018
18-54	Order of Delegation granting authority to the Director of the Department of Public Utilities' Electric Power Division to issue certain types of net metering decisions.	5/31/2018
18-04	Joint Petition of Distribution Companies to Revise Model Tariff Governing Net Metering pursuant to An Act to Promote Energy Diversity, St. 2016, c. 188, § 10, 220 CMR 18.00, Net Metering Rulemaking, D.P.U. 17-10-A (2017), and Net Metering Rulemaking, D.P.U. 16-64-H (2017).	5/31/2018
18-23	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, to the Department of Public Utilities for approval of recovery of costs associated with its Solar Phase II generation facilities in Fall River, Massachusetts, pursuant to Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 14-01 (2014).	5/31/2018
18-EB-214R	Xencom Green Energy LLC - Electric Broker	6/1/2018
18-GS-050R	BBPC LLC d/b/a Great Eastern Energy - Gas Supplier	6/1/2018
18-20	Petition of North Attleborough Electric Department for authorization and approval to increase its depreciation rate to five percent for the calendar year 2018.	6/1/2018
18-RA-104R	Summit Energy Services Inc. - Retail Agent	6/4/2018
18-RA-156R	Anderson Energy Solutions LLC - Retail Agent	6/4/2018
18-RA-158R	Applied Energy Partners LLC - Retail Agent	6/4/2018
17-177	Petition for Approval of (1) the Sale of the Assets of Springdale Farms Water Supply Trust to Colonial Water Company; (2) Issuance by Colonial Water Company of a Promissory Note or Notes in an Amount up to \$250,000; (3) Related Tariff Amendments; (4) the Merger of Plymouth Water Company into Colonial Water Company; and (5) Issuance by Plymouth Water Company of a Promissory Note or Notes in an Amount up to \$230,000.	6/6/2018
18-44	Order of Delegation	6/7/2018

18-EB-15	CSD Energy Advisors LLC - Electric Broker	6/8/2018
18-EB-16	Open Market Energy LLC - Electric Broker	6/8/2018
18-EB-17	Avalon Energy Services LLC - Electric Broker	6/8/2018
18-EB-18	Cost Control Associates Inc. - Electric Broker	6/8/2018
18-RA-07	CSD Energy Advisors LLC - Retail Agent	6/8/2018
18-RA-08	Open Market Energy LLC - Retail Agent	6/8/2018
18-RA-09	Cost Control Associates Inc. - Retail Agent	6/8/2018
18-RA-018R	Risk Services Group Inc. - Retail Agent	6/11/2018
18-RA-160R	Lower Watt LLC - Retail Agent	6/11/2018
14-126	Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the Company's annual filing relating to its Storm Recovery Adjustment Factor.	6/11/2018
16-179	Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its annual filing relating to the Storm Recovery Adjustment Factor.	6/11/2018
18-45	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for approval of the rates and charges set forth in Tariffs M.D.P.U. Nos. 286 through 320, and approval of an increase in base distribution rates for gas service pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.00.	6/11/2018
16-141	Petition of the Town of Pembroke for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	6/13/2018
16-101	Petition of the City of Gloucester for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	6/13/2018
16-160	Petition of the Town of West Springfield for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	6/13/2018
17-06	Petition of the Town of Leverett for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	6/13/2018
17-117	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for Approval of Ten Power Purchase Agreements, pursuant to St. 2008, c. 169, § 83A.	6/15/2018
17-118	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for Approval of Ten Power Purchase Agreements, pursuant to St. 2008, c. 169, § 83A.	6/15/2018
17-119	Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for Approval of Ten Power Purchase Agreements pursuant to St. 2008, c. 169, § 83A.	6/15/2018
17-120	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for Approval of Ten Power Purchase Agreements, pursuant to St. 2008, c. 169, § 83A.	6/15/2018
18-04	Joint Petition of Distribution Companies to Revise Model Tariff Governing Net Metering pursuant to An Act to Promote Energy Diversity, St. 2016, c. 188, § 10, 220 CMR 18.00, Net Metering Rulemaking, D.P.U. 17-10-A (2017), and Net Metering Rulemaking, D.P.U. 16-64-H (2017).	6/18/2018
18-GS-027R	Spark Energy Gas LLC - Gas Supplier	6/21/2018
18-RA-073R	SourceOne Inc. - Retail Agent	6/21/2018
17-GSEP-05	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for Approval of its 2018 Gas System Enhancement Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for rates effective May 1, 2018.	6/21/2018

17-35-E	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, into the Operations, Practices, and Rates of Andrews Farm Water Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 93, and G.L. c. 165, §§ 2, 4.	6/21/2018
17-05	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each doing business as Eversource Energy, Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. § 5.00 et seq., for Approval of General Increases in Base Distribution Rates for Electric Service and Approval of a Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism.	6/21/2018
18-47	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for review and approval of its five-year Forecast and Supply Plan for the period November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2022.	6/22/2018
18-BSF-D2	National Grid's Basic Service filing for the period August 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018.	6/22/2018
18-GS-031R	Shell Energy North America - Gas Supplier	6/22/2018
18-RA-101R	EMEX LLC - Retail Agent	6/22/2018
18-RA-115R	Beacon Energy Solutions - Retail Agent	6/22/2018
18-RA-12	Usource LLC - Retail Agent	6/22/2018
18-RA-162R	Good Energy LP - Retail Agent	6/22/2018
18-RA-11	Bridge Energy Services LLC - Retail Agent	6/22/2018
18-CS-082R	First Point Power LLC - Competitive Supplier	6/25/2018
18-CS-101R	Power New England - Competitive Supplier	6/25/2018
18-CS-128R	EDF Energy Services LLC - Competitive Supplier	6/25/2018
18-EB-067R	Energy Management Services - Electric Broker	6/25/2018
18-EB-107R	Colonial Power Group Inc. - Electric Broker	6/25/2018
18EB-138R	PES Brokers Inc. - Electric Broker	6/25/2018
18-EB-140R	Reflective Energy Services LLC - Electric Broker	6/25/2018
18-EB-149R	Summit Energy Services Inc. - Electric Broker	6/25/2018
18-EB-217R	The Eric Ryan Corp - Electric Broker	6/25/2018
18-EB-239R	Summerview Energy LLC - Electric Broker	6/25/2018
18-EB-272R	Stanwich Energy Advisors - Electric Broker	6/25/2018
18-EB-314R	National Energy Discounters - Electric Broker	6/25/2018
18-EB-321R	Germ Patrol LLC - Electric Broker	6/25/2018
18-EB-324R	Siemens Industry Inc. - Electric Broker	6/25/2018
18-EB-354R	Anderson Energy Solutions LLC - Electric Broker	6/25/2018
18-EB-365R	Applied Energy Partners LLC - Electric Broker	6/25/2018
18-EB-368R	Bridge Energy Services LLC - Electric Broker	6/25/2018
18-EB-381R	Elite Energy Group Inc. - Electric Broker	6/25/2018
18-EB-406R	Energy Watch Inc. - Electric Broker	6/25/2018

18-27	Request of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid for approval of the ratemaking treatment associated with the terms of its Settlement with the Attorney General regarding the improper assessment of certain reconnection fees for non-payment of service.	6/26/2018
18-57	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each d/b/a Eversource Energy, for approval of revised Efficiency Reconciling Factors for effect July 1, 2018.	6/27/2018
18-GAF-O1	Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts' 2018 Off-Peak cost of gas adjustment factors.	6/29/2018
18-GAF-O2	The Berkshire Gas Company's 2018 Off-Peak Gas Adjustment Filing.	6/29/2018
17-GSEP-05	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for Approval of its 2018 Gas System Enhancement Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for rates effective May 1, 2018.	6/29/2018
18-15	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, into the Effect of the Reduction in Federal Income Tax Rates on the Rates Charged by Electric, Gas, and Water Companies.	6/29/2018
18-15	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, into the Effect of the Reduction in Federal Income Tax Rates on the Rates Charged by Electric, Gas, and Water Companies.	7/2/2018
18-15	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, into the Effect of the Reduction in Federal Income Tax Rates on the Rates Charged by Electric, Gas, and Water Companies.	7/3/2018
18-15	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, into the Effect of the Reduction in Federal Income Tax Rates on the Rates Charged by Electric, Gas, and Water Companies.	7/5/2018
18-15	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, into the Effect of the Reduction in Federal Income Tax Rates on the Rates Charged by Electric, Gas, and Water Companies.	7/9/2018
18-15	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, into the Effect of the Reduction in Federal Income Tax Rates on the Rates Charged by Electric, Gas, and Water Companies.	7/10/2018
18-15	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, into the Effect of the Reduction in Federal Income Tax Rates on the Rates Charged by Electric, Gas, and Water Companies.	7/10/2018
18-15	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, into the Effect of the Reduction in Federal Income Tax Rates on the Rates Charged by Electric, Gas, and Water Companies.	7/10/2018
18-15	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, into the Effect of the Reduction in Federal Income Tax Rates on the Rates Charged by Electric, Gas, and Water Companies.	7/10/2018
18-15	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, into the Effect of the Reduction in Federal Income Tax Rates on the Rates Charged by Electric, Gas, and Water Companies.	7/10/2018
17-111	Petition of John Dekadt for an Exception from the Net Metering Regulation, 220 C.M.R. § 18.00.	7/13/2018
18-RA-031R	IC Thomasson - retail agent	7/17/2018
18-RA-118R	Unified Energy Services LLC -Retail Agent	7/17/2018

18-RA-134R	Energy Trust LLC - Retail Agent	7/17/2018
18-CS-081R	Reliant Energy Northeast LLC - Competitive Supplier	7/18/2018
18-CS-092R	PALMco Power MA LLC - Competitive Supplier	7/18/2018
18-CS-100R	Town Square Energy LLC - Competitive Supplier	7/18/2018
18-CS-111R	Oasis Power LLC - Competitive Supplier	7/18/2018
18-CS-113R	Sunwave Gas & Power Massachusetts Inc. - Competitive Supplier	7/18/2018
18-EB-125R	Early Bird Power - Electric Broker	7/18/2018
18-EB-128R	Fidelity Energy Group LLC - Electric Broker	7/18/2018
18-EB-139R	Beacon Energy Solutions - Electric Broker	7/18/2018
18-EB-147R	Power Brokers LLC d/b/a PB2 Texas - Electric Broker	7/18/2018
18-EB-183R	Seven-Utility Management Consultants LLC - Electric Broker	7/18/2018
18-EB-240R	US Power Trade LLC - Electric Broker	7/18/2018
18-EB-362R	Acclaim Energy Ltd - Electric Broker	7/18/2018
18-EB-364R	AAltra Energy LLC - Electric Broker	7/18/2018
18-EB-369R	Lower Watt LLC - Electric Broker	7/18/2018
18-RA-049R	Goldstar Energy Group Inc. - Retail Agent	7/19/2018
18-50	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for review of proposed performance-based ratemaking mechanism performance metrics.	7/19/2018
18-EB-12	Fair Market Energy - Electric Broker	7/20/2018
18-EB-19	US Energy Link LLC - Electric Broker	7/20/2018
18-EB-20	Channel Lighting Group - Electric Broker	7/20/2018
18-EB-22	Energy Choice Services LLC - Electric Broker	7/20/2018
18-EB-23	JMJ/SGF LLC - Electric Broker	7/20/2018
17-125	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for approval of its annual pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2017.	7/20/2018
17-126	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid for approval of their annual pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2017.	7/20/2018
17-127	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval of its annual gas division and electric division pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2016 (gas) and January 1, 2017 (electric).	7/20/2018
17-128	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities for approval of its annual pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2017.	7/20/2018
18-55	Petition of Harbor Electric Energy Company for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Capacity and Support Charge True-Up Adjustment for 2017.	7/23/2018

18-15	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, into the Effect of the Reduction in Federal Income Tax Rates on the Rates Charged by Electric, Gas, and Water Companies.	7/24/2018
18-40	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company for approval of the rates and charges set forth in proposed tariffs M.D.P.U. Nos. 492 through 514 and approval of a general increase in base distribution rates for gas service pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.00.	7/24/2018
18-24	Petition of Chicopee Electric Light Department to the Department of Public Utilities for approval to use a rate of depreciation of five percent for the calendar year 2017.	7/25/2018
17-99	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of the Demand Charge, effective November 1, 2017, developed pursuant to the Gas Service Agreement between NSTAR Gas Company and Hopkinton LNG Corporation d/b/a Eversource Energy.	7/26/2018
18-BSF-D2	National Grid's Basic Service filing for the period August 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018.	7/26/2018
17-108	Petition of Whitinsville Water Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94, and G.L. c. 165, § 2, for Approval of a General Rate Increase as set forth in M.D.P.U. No. 24 and M.D.P.U. No. 25.	7/30/2018
17-136	Petition of Harbor Electric Energy Company for approval of a preliminary Tariff Addendum, pursuant to G.L. 164, § 94.	7/31/2018
18-79	Delegation of Authority to Grant Extensions for Filing Annual Return Designation of Assistant Director, Rates & Revenue Requirements Division.	7/31/2018
18-37	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for authorization and approval of issuance of long-term debt securities in an amount not to exceed \$200,000,000, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 14.	8/1/2018
17-CS-122R	Nordic Energy Services LLC -Competitive Supplier	8/7/2018
18-BSF-B3	NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy Basic Service Rates Filing (Western Massachusetts).	8/9/2018
18-GS-03	Plymouth Rock Energy LLC - Gas Supplier	8/10/2018
17-92	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid for approval for an Enhanced Vegetation Management Pilot Program and the recovery of associated costs through an Enhanced Vegetation Management Pilot Program Provision, M.D.P.U. No. 1343.	8/13/2018
18-64	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a long-term contract for procurement of Clean Energy Generation, pursuant to Section 83D of An Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169, as amended by St. 2016, c. 188, § 12.	8/13/2018
18-65	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a long-term contract for procurement of Clean Energy Generation, pursuant to Section 83D of An Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169, as amended by St. 2016, c. 188, § 12.	8/13/2018
18-66	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a long-term contract for procurement of Clean Energy Generation, pursuant to Section 83D of An Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169, as amended by St. 2016, c. 188, § 12.	8/13/2018
18-BSF-C3	NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, Basic Service Rates	8/16/2018
18-RA-169R	Energy Solutions USA Inc. - Retail Agent	8/22/2018

18-76	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of two long-term contracts for procurement of Offshore Wind Energy Generation, pursuant to Section 83C of An Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169, as amended by St. 2016, c. 188, § 12.	8/23/2018
18-77	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of two long-term contracts for procurement of Offshore Wind Energy Generation, pursuant to Section 83C of An Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169, as amended by St. 2016, c. 188, § 12.	8/23/2018
18-78	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of two long-term contracts for procurement of Offshore Wind Energy Generation, pursuant to Section 83C of An Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169, as amended by St. 2016, c. 188, § 12.	8/23/2018
17-05-G	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each doing business as Eversource Energy, Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.00 for Approval of General Increases in Base Distribution Rates for Electric Service and a Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism.	8/29/2018
17-107	Petition of Milford Water Company for approval of changes in its rates pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94, and G.L. c. 165, § 2, and 220 C.M.R. §§ 5.00 et seq.	8/31/2018
18-15-C	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, into the Effect of the Reduction in Federal Income Tax Rates on the Rates Charged by Electric, Gas, and Water Companies.	9/5/2018
18-RA-025R	Consumer Energy Solutions Inc. - Retail Agent	9/6/2018
18-RA-102R	Resources Energy Systems LLC - Retail Agent	9/6/2018
18-RA-116R	Progressive Energy Consultants LLC - retail agent	9/6/2018
18-RA-119R	L5E LLC - Retail Agent	9/6/2018
18-RA-127R	HP Technologies Inc. - Retail Agent	9/6/2018
18-RA-140R	Cogeneration Systems of America Inc. - Retail Agent	9/6/2018
18-RA-142R	Connect Energy Resources LLC - Retail Agent	9/6/2018
18-RA-147R	Reflective Energy Solutions LLC - Retail Agent	9/6/2018
18-RA-165R	Balanced Rock Energy Inc. - Retail Agent	9/6/2018
18-RA-190R	Energy Management Services - Retail Agent	9/6/2018
18-RA-14	Crimson Power Solutions LLC - Retail Agent	9/6/2018
18-EB-408R	Lighting Solutions Inc. - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-CS-053R	Spark Energy LLC - Competitive Supplier	9/7/2018
18-CS-061R	Hudson Energy Services LLC - Competitive Supplier	9/7/2018
18-CS-069R	Just Energy Massachusetts Corp d/b/a Just Energy - Competitive Supplier	9/7/2018
18-CS-083	Green Mountain Energy Company - Competitive Supplier	9/7/2018
18-CS-089R	Clearview Energy Inc. - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-CS-095R	Choice Energy LLC - Competitive Supplier	9/7/2018

18-CS-103R	CleanChoice Energy Inc. - Competitive Supplier	9/7/2018
18-CS-104R	Starion Energy Inc. - Competitive Supplier	9/7/2018
18-CS-110R	Major Energy Electric Services LLC - Competitive Supplier	9/7/2018
18-CS-112R	Champion Energy Services Inc. - Competitive Supplier	9/7/2018
18-CS-114R	Plymouth Rock Energy LLC - Competitive Supplier	9/7/2018
18-CS-119R	SFE Energy Massachusetts Inc. - Competitive Supply	9/7/2018
18-CS-122R	Nordic Energy Services LLC - Competitive Supplier	9/7/2018
18-CS-123R	Interstate Gas Supply Inc. - Competitive Supplier	9/7/2018
18-CS-160R	Public Power LLC - Competitive Supplier	9/7/2018
18-CS-162R	Atlantic Energy MA LLC - Competitive Supplier	9/7/2018
18-CS-163R	North American Power & Gas LLC - Competitive Supplier	9/7/2018
18-CS-169R	Astral Energy LLC - Competitive Supplier	9/7/2018
18-EB-002R	Goldstar Energy Group Inc. - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-006R	Energy Options Consulting Group LLC - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-043R	Axess Enrgy Group LLC - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-080R	Consumer Energy Solutions Inc. - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-104R	Quest Energy Solutions - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-112R	Howell Energy Consulting LLC - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-127R	Sable Power & Gas LLC - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-130R	Goldstar Energy Group Inc. - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-191R	Lee Energy Group LLC - Retail Agent	9/7/2018
18-EB-192R	Innovative Energy Advisors LLC - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-196R	Tobelmann Energy Brokers Inc. - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-201R	Engie Insight Services Inc. - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-203R	Luthin Associates Inc. - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-237R	LightSmart Energy Consulting LLC - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-247R	Save Wave Energy LLC - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-250R	Alternative Utility Services Inc. - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-280R	Choose Energy Inc. - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-281R	Broker Online Exchange LLC - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-322R	J Synergy LLC - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-323R	Scioto Energy - Electric Broker	9/7/2018

18-EB-325R	Prudential Energy Services Corp - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-330R	Connect Energy Resources LLC - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-336R	Gulf Steam Energy Consultants LLC - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-370R	The Group Purchasing Organization LLC - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-412R	LakePoint Energy LLC - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-415R	Aurora Energy Advisors - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-EB-418R	Gotham Energy 360 LLC - Electric Broker	9/7/2018
18-ERP-05	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of its 2018 annual gas Emergency Response Plan filed pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 85B and 220 C.M.R. § 19.04(1).	9/7/2018
18-ERP-01	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for approval of its 2018 annual gas Emergency Response Plan filed pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 85B and 220 C.M.R. § 19.04(1).	9/7/2018
18-ERP-02	Petition of Berkshire Gas Company for approval of its 2018 annual gas Emergency Response Plan filed pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 85B and 220 C.M.R. § 19.04(1).	9/7/2018
18-ERP-03	Petition of Blackstone Gas Company for approval of its 2017 annual gas Emergency Response Plan filed pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 85B and 220 CMR § 19.04(1).	9/7/2018
18-ERP-04	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval of its 2018 annual gas Emergency Response Plan filed pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 85B and 220 C.M.R. § 19.04(1).	9/7/2018
18-ERP-06	Petition of Liberty Utilities for approval of its 2018 annual gas Emergency Response Plan filed pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 85B and 220 C.M.R. § 19.04(1).	9/7/2018
18-ERP-07	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its 2018 annual gas Emergency Response Plan filed pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 85B and 220 C.M.R. § 19.04(1).	9/7/2018
18-EB-248R	Telco Pros Inc. - Electric Broker	9/10/2018
17-13	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for Approval of its Electric Vehicle Market Development Program, and of its Electric Vehicle Market Development Program Provision, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 76, 94, and Acts of 2016, c. 448.	9/10/2018
17-136	Petition of Harbor Electric Energy Company for approval of an addendum to the provisions of Tariffs M.D.P.U. Nos. 602 and 603, as set forth in Tariff M.D.P.U. No. 603-A.	9/11/2018
17-173	Petition of the Town of Hadley for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	9/12/2018
17-177	Petition for Approval of (1) the Sale of the Assets of Springdale Farms Water Supply Trust to Colonial Water Company, (2) Issuance of a Promissory Note or Notes in as Amount up to \$250,000, (3) Related Tariff Amendments, (4) the Merger of Plymouth Water Company into Colonial Water Company, (5) Issuance by Plymouth Water Company of a Promissory Note or Notes in an Amount up to \$230,000.	9/12/2018
17-177	Petition for Approval of (1) the Sale of the Assets of Springdale Farms Water Supply Trust to Colonial Water Company, (2) Issuance of a Promissory Note or Notes in as Amount up to \$250,000, (3) Related Tariff Amendments, (4) the Merger of Plymouth Water Company into Colonial Water Company, (5) Issuance by Plymouth Water Company of a Promissory Note or Notes in an Amount up to \$230,000.	9/12/2018

17-177	Petition for Approval of (1) the Sale of the Assets of Springdale Farms Water Supply Trust to Colonial Water Company, (2) Issuance of a Promissory Note or Notes in an Amount up to \$250,000, (3) Related Tariff Amendments, (4) the Merger of Plymouth Water Company into Colonial Water Company, (5) Issuance by Plymouth Water Company of a Promissory Note or Notes in an Amount up to \$230,000.	9/12/2018
18-70	In the matter of various excavators concerning compliance with the Dig Safe Law, G.L. c. 82, §§ 40-40E.	9/13/2018
18-53	Petition of Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department for authorization and approval to increase its depreciation rate to five percent for calendar year 2018.	9/13/2018
18-RA-045R	Power Management Co, New England LLC - Retail Agent	9/17/2018
17-EC-03	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of an Agreement For Electric Energy Efficiency Program Services between Eversource and Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	9/17/2018
17-EC-04	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of an Agreement For Electric Energy Efficiency Program Services between National Grid and Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.0	9/17/2018
18-15-C	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, into the Effect of the Reduction in Federal Income Tax Rates on the Rates Charged by Electric, Gas, and Water Companies.	9/18/2018
18-68	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities for review and approval of its five-year Forecast and Supply Plan for the period 2018/2019 through 2022/2023.	9/19/2018
18-74	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, d/b/a Unitil for Review and Approval of an Asset Management Agreement with Emera Energy Services, Inc., for effect November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019.	9/20/2018
18-EB-28	Ultimate Energy Advisors LLC - Electric Broker	9/20/2018
18-RA-17	Ultimate Energy Advisors LLC - Retail Agent	9/20/2018
18-36	Petition of the City of Newton for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	9/20/2018
18-RA-066R	Pope Energy - Retail Agent	9/21/2018
17-EB-225R	Incite Energy LLC - Electric Broker	9/22/2018
18-RA-138R	Retail Group Inc. - Retail Agent	9/24/2018
18-RA-168R	M3 Energy - Retail Agent	9/24/2018
18-15	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, into the Effect of the Reduction in Federal Income Tax Rates on the Rates Charged by Electric, Gas, and Water Companies.	9/24/2018
17-92	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid for approval for an Enhanced Vegetation Management Pilot Program and the recovery of associated costs through an Enhanced Vegetation Management Pilot Program Provision, M.D.P.U. No. 1343.	9/24/2018
17-154	Petition of Mountain Water Systems, Inc. for approval of revised rates and changes to its rules and regulations pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and G.L. c. 165, § 2.	9/25/2018

18-BSF-D3	Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid's Basic Service filing for the periods November 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019 for the residential and commercial customer groups and November 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019 for the industrial customer group.	9/25/2018
17-140	Joint Petition of Electric Distribution Companies for Approval of model SMART Provision pursuant to An Act Relative to Solar Energy, St. 2016, c. 75, § 11, and 225 CMR 20.00 to implement the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target Program.	9/26/2018
18-80	Notification of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unutil to the Department of Public Utilities of an Extension of Gas Contracts with Tennessee Gas Company.	9/26/2018
18-GS-064R	Astral Energy - Gas Supplier	9/28/2018
18-RA-13	Greenwave Concepts LLC - Retail Agent	9/28/2018
17-170	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company for a general increase in rates and related proposals, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR §§ 5.00 et seq.	9/28/2018
18-67	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy seeking approval to extend Contract 200612, an existing long-term gas transportation agreement with Dominion Transmission Incorporated, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94A.	10/3/2018
18-BSF-A4	Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unutil's Basic Service filing for the six-month period beginning December 1, 2018.	10/5/2018
18-36	Petition of the City of Newton for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	10/9/2018
18-RA-019R	Premier Energy Group LLC - Retail Agent	10/11/2018
18-RA-029R	NUS Consulting Group - Retail Agent	10/11/2018
18-RA-187R	The Energy Link LLC - Retail Agent	10/11/2018
18-07	Petition of the Town of Stoneham for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	10/11/2018
18-11	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid for approval of annual pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect March 1, 2018.	10/11/2018
18-16	Petition of the Town of Webster for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	10/11/2018
18-17	Petition of Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. for Approval of Net Metering Eligibility.	10/11/2018
18-92	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of an Asset Management Agreement between Liberty Utilities and Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC.	10/11/2018
18-82	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid for approval of their annual pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2018.	10/12/2018
18-84	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for approval of its annual pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2018.	10/12/2018
18-85	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unutil for approval of its annual gas division and electric division pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2018 (gas) and January 1, 2019 (electric).	10/12/2018

18-87	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities for approval of its annual pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2018.	10/12/2018
18-CS-05	MP2 Energy NE LLC - Competitive Supplier	10/16/2018
18-64	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a long-term contract for procurement of Clean Energy Generation, pursuant to Section 83D of An Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169, as amended by St. 2016, c. 188, § 12.	10/17/2018
18-65	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a long-term contract for procurement of Clean Energy Generation, pursuant to Section 83D of An Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169, as amended by St. 2016, c. 188, § 12.	10/17/2018
18-71	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of the Companies' Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2018-2019 Peak Period, November 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019.	10/17/2018
18-81	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for approval of the Company's Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2018-2019 Peak Period, November 1, 2018, through April 30, 2019.	10/17/2018
18-86	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, d/b/a Unutil, for approval of its Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2018-2019 Peak Period, November 1, 2018, through April 30, 2019.	10/17/2018
18-88	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corporation d/b/a Liberty Utilities for approval of its Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2018-2019 Peak Period, for effect November 1, 2018, through April 30, 2019.	10/17/2018
18-66	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unutil for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a long-term contract for procurement of Clean Energy Generation, pursuant to Section 83D of An Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169, as amended by St. 2016, c. 188, § 12.	10/17/2018
18-EB-332R	Save On Energy LLC - Electric Broker	10/22/2018
18-CS-038R	Calpine Energy Solutions LLC - Competitive Supplier	10/22/2018
18-CS-046R	Palmco Energy MA LLC - Competitive Supplier	10/22/2018
18-CS-087R	ENGIE Retail LLC d/b/a Think Energy - Competitive Supplier	10/22/2018
18-CS-088R	Xoom Energy Massachusetts LLC - Competitive Supplier	10/22/2018
18-CS-126R	American PowerNet Management LP - Competitive Supplier	10/22/2018
18-CS-131R	Covanta Energy Marketing LLC - Competitive Supplier	10/22/2018
18-CS-166R	Dynegy Energy Services LLC - Competitive Supplier	10/22/2018
18-CS-171R	Linde Energy Services Inc. - Competitive Supplier	10/22/2018
18-EB-016R	SourceOne Inc. - Electric Broker	10/22/2018
18-EB-055R	Premier Energy Group LLC - Electric Broker	10/22/2018
18-EB-093R	NUS Consulting Group - Electric Broker	10/22/2018
18-EB-131R	Freedom Energy Logistics LLC - Electric Broker	10/22/2018

18-EB-225R	Incite Energy LLC - Electric Broker	10/22/2018
18-EB-253R	Front Line Power Solutions LLC - Electric Broker	10/22/2018
18-EB-283R	Progressive Energy Consultants - Electric Broker	10/22/2018
18-EB-340R	Evolution Energy Partners LLC - Electric Broker	10/22/2018
18-EB-373R	Kobiona LLC f/k/a Strategic Energy Partners - Electric Broker	10/22/2018
18-EB-382R	Convenient Ventures d/b/a EnergyObjective - Electric Broker	10/22/2018
18-EB-383R	M3 Energy - Electric Broker	10/22/2018
18-EB-407R	Commercial Power LLC - Electric Broker	10/22/2018
18-EB-420R	Energy Choice Solutions LLC - Electric Broker	10/22/2018
18-EB-421R	The Energy Link LLC - Electric Broker	10/22/2018
17-05	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each doing business as Eversource Energy, Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. § 5.00 et seq., for Approval of General Increases in Base Distribution Rates for Electric Service and Approval of a Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism.	10/22/2018
18-SQ-01	Department of Public Utilities review of the 2017 Service Quality Reports of the Local Gas Distribution Companies, filed pursuant to Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 12-120-D (2015) and D.P.U. 12-120-D, Attachment A (2015).	10/22/2018
18-SQ-02	Department of Public Utilities review of the 2017 Service Quality Reports of the Local Gas Distribution Companies, filed pursuant to Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 12-120-D (2015) and D.P.U. 12-120-D, Attachment A (2015).	10/22/2018
18-SQ-03	Department of Public Utilities review of the 2017 Service Quality Reports of the Local Gas Distribution Companies, filed pursuant to Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 12-120-D (2015) and D.P.U. 12-120-D, Attachment A (2015).	10/22/2018
18-SQ-04	Department of Public Utilities review of the 2017 Service Quality Reports of the Local Gas Distribution Companies, filed pursuant to Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 12-120-D (2015) and D.P.U. 12-120-D, Attachment A (2015).	10/22/2018
18-SQ-05	Department of Public Utilities review of the 2017 Service Quality Reports of the Local Gas Distribution Companies, filed pursuant to Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 12-120-D (2015) and D.P.U. 12-120-D, Attachment A (2015).	10/22/2018
18-SQ-06	Department of Public Utilities review of the 2017 Service Quality Reports of the Local Gas Distribution Companies, filed pursuant to Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 12-120-D (2015) and D.P.U. 12-120-D, Attachment A (2015).	10/22/2018
18-SQ-08	Department of Public Utilities review of the 2017 Service Quality Reports of the Local Gas Distribution Companies, filed pursuant to Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 12-120-D (2015) and D.P.U. 12-120-D, Attachment A (2015).	10/22/2018

18-SQ-09	Department of Public Utilities review of the 2017 Service Quality Reports of the Local Gas Distribution Companies, filed pursuant to Service Quality Standards for Electric Distribution Companies and Local Gas Distribution Companies, D.T.E. 12-120-D (2015) and D.P.U. 12-120-D, Attachment A (2015).	10/22/2018
18-GS-059R	BBPC LLC d/b/a Great Eastern Gas - Gas Supplier	10/23/2018
17-140	Joint Petition of Electric Distribution Companies for Approval of model SMART Provision pursuant to An Act Relative to Solar Energy, St. 2016, c. 75, § 11, and 225 CMR 20.00 to implement the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target Program.	10/23/2018
18-RA-077R	Best Practice Energy LLC - Retail Agent	10/26/2018
18-105	Petition of Colonial Water Company (Plymouth Division) pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94, and G.L. c. 165, § 2, for Approval of a General Rate Increase as set forth in M.D.P.U. No. 12 and M.D.P.U. No. 13.	10/26/2018
18-RA-146R	Mirabito Energy Products - Retail Agent	10/27/2018
17-166	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for review and approval of its five-year Forecast and Supply Plan for the period November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2022.	10/30/2018
18-56	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of the demand charge, effective November 1, 2018, developed pursuant to the Gas Service Agreement between NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy and Hopkinton LNG Corporation.	10/31/2018
18-GREC-01	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2017 Gas System Enhancement Plan and for review and approval of its Gas System Enhancement Reconciliation Adjustment Factors.	10/31/2018
18-GREC-02	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2017 Gas System Enhancement Plan and for review and approval of its Gas System Enhancement Reconciliation Adjustment Factors.	10/31/2018
18-GREC-03	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2017 Gas System Enhancement Plan and for review and approval of its Gas System Enhancement Reconciliation Adjustment Factors.	10/31/2018
18-GREC-04	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2017 Gas System Enhancement Plan and for review and approval of its Gas System enhancement Reconciliation Adjustment Factors.	10/31/2018
18-GREC-05	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2017 Gas System Enhancement Plan and for review and approval of its Gas System Enhancement Reconciliation Adjustment Factors.	10/31/2018
18-GREC-06	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for review and approval of the reconciliation of its 2017 Gas System Enhancement Plan and for review and approval of its Gas System Enhancement Reconciliation Adjustment Factors.	10/31/2018
17-90	Petition of Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, Inc., pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94, G.L. c. 165, § 2, and 220 C.M.R. § 5.00 et seq., for Approval of a General Rate Increase as set forth in Tariff M.D.P.U. No. 3.	10/31/2018
18-83	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of the Companies' Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2018-2019 Peak Period, November 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019.	10/31/2018

18-93	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, to the Department of Public Utilities for approval of recovery of costs associated with four Solar Phase II generation facilities in Charlton, Leicester and Shirley, Massachusetts pursuant to Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 14-01 (2014).	10/31/2018
18-GAF-P1	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2018/19 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2018.	10/31/2018
18-GAF-P2	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2018/19 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2018.	10/31/2018
18-GAF-P3	Petition of Blackstone Gas Company pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2017/18 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2018.	10/31/2018
18-GAF-P4	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.00 for approval of its 2018/19 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2018.	10/31/2018
18-GAF-P5	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2018/19 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2018.	10/31/2018
18-GAF-P6	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2018/19 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2018.	10/31/2018
18-GAF-P8	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2018/19 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2018.	10/31/2018
18-76	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of two long-term contracts for procurement of Offshore Wind Energy Generation, pursuant to Section 83C of An Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169, as amended by St. 2016, c. 188, § 12.	10/31/2018
18-77	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of two long-term contracts for procurement of Offshore Wind Energy Generation, pursuant to Section 83C of An Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169, as amended by St. 2016, c. 188, § 12.	10/31/2018
18-78	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of two long-term contracts for procurement of Offshore Wind Energy Generation, pursuant to Section 83C of An Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169, as amended by St. 2016, c. 188, § 12.	10/31/2018
17-178	Petition of the Town of Bedford for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	11/1/2018
17-22	Inquiry by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion into application of the Net Metering Regulations pursuant to 220 CMR 18.00, and the Single Parcel and Subdivision Rules, pursuant to Net Metering and Interconnection of Distributed Generation, D.P.U. 11-11-C (2012).	11/1/2018
18-85	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval of its annual gas division and electric division pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2018 (gas) and January 1, 2019 (electric).	11/1/2018
18-RA-181R	Energy Consulting Associates LLC - Retail Agent	11/2/2018

18-RA-189R	Paragon Advisors LLC - Retail Agent	11/2/2018
18-RA-141R	Proton Energy Group - Retail Agent	11/2/2018
18-129	Inquiry by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own motion, into the Towing Regulations at 220 CMR 272.00 concerning exceptions to recording mileage data for tow slips, 220 CMR 272.03(8), and exceptions to the fuel surcharge information recorded on tow slips, 220 CMR 272.05(6).	11/5/2018
17-107	Petition of Milford Water Company for approval of changes in its rates pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94, and G.L. c. 165, § 2, and 220 C.M.R. §§ 5.00 et seq.	11/5/2018
17-84	Petition of The Cape Light Compact for approval proposed changes to its demand response demonstration offerings and associated budget.	11/5/2018
18-85	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval of its annual gas division and electric division pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2018 (gas) and January 1, 2019 (electric).	11/5/2018
18-POR-04	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil pursuant to the Company's Tariffs M.D.P.U. No. 314, § 8B for review and approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the Company's Standard Complete Billing Percentages for effect December 1, 2018, under the Company's Purchase of Receivables Program.	11/6/2018
18-16	Petition of the Town of Webster for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	11/6/2018
18-07	Petition of the Town of Stoneham for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	11/6/2018
18-RA-085R	Burton Energy Group - Retail Agent	11/7/2018
18-RA-122R	The Energy Executives - Retail Agent	11/7/2018
18-RA-166R	AvidXchange Inc - Retail Agent	11/7/2018
18-RA-123R	Front Line Power Solutions LLC - Retail Agent	11/8/2018
18-94	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid for recovery of incremental storm-related expenses associated with the March 2, 2017 and March 17, 2017 storms, pursuant to D.P.U. 15-155-A (2017).	11/8/2018
18-BSF-B4	Basic Service Filing of Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy	11/8/2018
18-CS-048R	Patriot Energy Group Inc. - Competitive Supplier	11/13/2018
18-EB-031R	Patriot Energy Group Inc. - Electric Broker	11/13/2018
18-EB-036R	Titan energy New England Inc. - Electric Broker	11/13/2018
18-EB-041R	Power Management Co New England LLC - Electric Broker	11/13/2018
18-EB-103R	Energy Trust LLC - Electric Broker	11/13/2018
18-EB-110R	PRES Services LLC - Electric Broker	11/13/2018
18-EB-328R	Proton Energy Group - Electric Broker	11/13/2018
18-EB-386R	Eco Power Commercial Energy LLC - Electric Broker	11/13/2018
18-EB-393R	Achieve Energy Solutions - Electric Broker	11/13/2018

18-75	Petition of the Milford Water Company for authorization and approval by the Department of Public Utilities to enter into a \$7,000,000 non-revolving Line of Credit pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, §§ 14 and M.G.L. c. 165, §2.	11/15/2018
18-ERP-08	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval of its 2018 annual electric Emergency Response Plan filed pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 85B and 220 C.M.R. § 19.04(1).	11/16/2018
18-ERP-10	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its 2018 annual electric Emergency Response Plan filed pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 85B and 220 C.M.R. § 19.04(1).	11/16/2018
17-179	Petition of the Town of Millis for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	11/16/2018
18-BSF-C4	Basic Service Filing for NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy.	11/16/2018
15-149	Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its Storm Recovery Adjustment Factor.	11/17/2018
17-180	Petition of the Town of Rockland for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	11/19/2018
17-182	Petition of the Town of Avon for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	11/19/2018
18-150	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid, for an increase in distribution rates and approval of a performance-based ratemaking Plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. §§ 5.00 et seq.	11/19/2018
18-95	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for review and approval of its basic service costs adder rate adjustment for effect December 1, 2018.	11/20/2018
17-140-C	Joint Petition of Electric Distribution Companies for Approval of model SMART Provision pursuant to An Act Relative to Solar Energy, St. 2016, c. 75, § 11, and 225 CMR 20.00 to implement the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target Program.	11/23/2018
18-104	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of three-year gas supply option contract with ENGIE Gas & LNG, LLC, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94A.	11/27/2018
17-170	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company for a general increase in rates and related proposals, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR §§ 5.00 et seq.	11/29/2018
18-98	Petition of Marblehead Municipal Light Department for authorization and approval to increase its depreciation rate to five percent for the calendar year 2018.	11/29/2018
18-73	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company for authorization and approval to issue long-term debt securities not to exceed \$20,000,000.	11/30/2018
18-GAF-P1	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2018/19 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2018.	11/30/2018
18-GAF-P2	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2018/19 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2018.	11/30/2018
18-GAF-P4	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2018/19 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2018.	11/30/2018

18-GAF-P8	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2018/19 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2018.	11/30/2018
18-GSEP-01	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for Approval of its 2019 Gas System Enhancement Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for rates effective May 1, 2019.	11/30/2018
18-GSEP-02	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company for Approval of its 2019 Gas System Enhancement Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, and for rates effective May 1, 2019.	11/30/2018
18-GSEP-03	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid for Approval of 2019 Gas System Enhancement Plans, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, and for rates effective May 1, 2019.	11/30/2018
18-GSEP-04	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. for Approval of its 2019 Gas System Enhancement Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for rates effective May 1, 2019.	11/30/2018
18-GSEP-06	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for Approval of its 2019 Gas System Enhancement Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for rates effective May 1, 2019.	11/30/2018
17-90	Petition of Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, Inc., pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94, G.L. c. 165, § 2, and 220 C.M.R. § 5.00 et seq., for Approval of a General Rate Increase as set forth in Tariff M.D.P.U. No. 3.	12/3/2018
17-107	Petition of Milford Water Company for approval of changes in its rates pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94, and G.L. c. 165, § 2, and 220 C.M.R. §§ 5.00 et seq.	12/5/2018
18-102	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the Company's 2018 Resiliency Tree Work Program Annual Compliance Filing.	12/12/2018
17-06	Petition of the Town of Leverett for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	12/12/2018
18-152	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own motion to review and revise the standard of review and the filing requirements for gas special contracts filed pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94.	12/13/2018
18-GC-01	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a 365 Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Veolia Energy Boston, Inc., for service to a facility on Kneeland Street in Boston, Massachusetts, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/13/2018
18-GC-02	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of the Second Amendment to a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Veolia Energy Boston, Inc., for service to a facility on Scotia Street in Boston, Massachusetts, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/13/2018
18-GC-03	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and P.J. Keating Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/13/2018
18-GC-04	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a 365 Day Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Vibram Corporation, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/13/2018
18-GC-05	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Brandeis University, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/13/2018

18-GC-06	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/13/2018
18-GC-07	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Newton-Wellesley Hospital, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/13/2018
18-GC-08	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and North Shore Medical Center d/b/a Union Hospital, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/13/2018
18-GC-09	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and North Shore Medical Center for service to a facility in Salem, Massachusetts, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/13/2018
18-GC-10	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a 365 Day Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and McLean Hospital, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/13/2018
18-GC-11	Petition of Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a 365 Day Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Aggregate Industries Northeast Region, Inc. for service to a facility in Hyannis, Massachusetts, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/13/2018
18-GC-12	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of the First Amendment to a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Northeast Hospital Corporation, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. 5.03.	12/13/2018
18-GC-13	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and The Gillette Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. 5.03.	12/13/2018
18-GC-14	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Northeast Hospital Corporation, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94, and 220 C.M.R. 5.03.	12/13/2018
18-GC-15	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Rousselot Peabody, Inc., pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/13/2018
18-GC-16	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Global Companies LLC, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/13/2018
18-GC-17	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Simmons College, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/13/2018
18-GC-18	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Trustees of Boston University, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/13/2018
18-GC-19	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of the Ninth Amendment to the Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Massachusetts Development Finance Agency d/b/a MassDevelopment, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/13/2018
18-GC-20	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Lorusso Corp., pursuant to G.L. C. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/13/2018

18-GC-21	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Aggregate Industries - Northeast Region, Inc., for service to a facility in Weymouth, Massachusetts, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/13/2018
18-GC-22	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and the First Church of Christ, Scientist, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/13/2018
18-GC-23	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Norwood Hospital, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/13/2018
18-GC-24	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and South Shore Hospital, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/13/2018
18-GC-25	Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Aggregate Industries - Northeast Region, Inc., for service to a facility in Peabody, Massachusetts, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.	12/13/2018
18-GSEP-05	Petition of Bay State Gas Company d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for Approval of its 2019 Gas System Enhancement Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for rates effective May 1, 2019.	12/13/2018
17-EB-31	Dynamis Energy LLC - Electric Broker	12/17/2018
18-157	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own motion, into the operations, practices, and rates of Century Mill Limited Partnership, pursuant to G.L. c. 165, §§ 2, 4, and G.L. c. 164, § 93.	12/18/2018
18-147	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company Energy d/b/a Unitil (electric division) for approval of its annual Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for effect January 1, 2019.	12/19/2018
17-110	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid requesting approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Capital Investment Report for calendar year 2016 and CapEx Factors for effect March 1, 2018.	12/19/2018
18-122	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its annual Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for effect February 1, 2019.	12/20/2018
18-156	Petition of Hutchinson Water LLC, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94, and G.L. c. 165, § 2, for Approval of a General Rate Increase as set forth in M.D.P.U. No. 1-A.	12/20/2018
18-40	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company for approval of the rates and charges set forth in proposed tariffs M.D.P.U. Nos. 492 through 514 and approval of a general increase in base distribution rates for gas service pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.00.	12/20/2018
17-179	Petition of the Town of Millis for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Municipal Aggregation Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.	12/20/2018
17-140	Joint Petition of Electric Distribution Companies for Approval of Model Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target Tariff pursuant to An Act Relative to Solar Energy, St. 2016, c. 75, § 11(b), 225 CMR 20.00.	12/21/2018
18-15	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, into the Effect of the Reduction in Federal Income Tax Rates on the Rates Charged by Electric, Gas, and Water Companies.	12/21/2018
18-BSF-D4	Basic Service Filing for Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid.	12/21/2018

18-GAF-P2	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2018/19 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2018.	12/24/2018
18-40	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company for approval of the rates and charges set forth in proposed tariffs M.D.P.U. Nos. 492 through 514 and approval of a general increase in base distribution rates for gas service pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.00.	12/24/2018
18-121	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and NSTAR Gas Company each d/b/a Eversource Energy, for approval of their annual Pension/PBOP Adjustment Factors for effect January 1, 2019.	12/26/2018
18-128	Petition of the Towns of Aquinnah, Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Chilmark, Dennis, Edgartown, Eastham, Falmouth, Harwich, Mashpee, Oak Bluffs, Orleans, Provincetown, Sandwich, Tisbury, Truro, West Tisbury, Wellfleet and Yarmouth, and Dukes County organized and operating collectively as Cape Light Compact JPE, for Approval of its 2018 Energy Efficiency Surcharges, for effect January 1, 2019.	12/26/2018
18-GAF-P3	Petition of Blackstone Gas Company pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2017/18 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2018.	12/26/2018
18-101	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the Company's 2018 Performance Based Ratemaking Adjustment, for effect January 1, 2019.	12/27/2018
18-121	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and NSTAR Gas Company each d/b/a Eversource Energy, for approval of their annual Pension/PBOP Adjustment Factors for effect January 1, 2019.	12/27/2018
18-126	Petition of Harbor Electric Energy Company for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its 2019 Capacity and Support Charge, for effect January 1, 2019.	12/27/2018
18-130	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for review and approval of its proposed Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target Factor Filing for rates to be effective January 1, 2019.	12/27/2018
18-131	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for review and approval of their proposed Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target Factor Filing for rates to be effective January 1, 2019.	12/27/2018
18-132	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for review and approval of its proposed Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target Factor Filing for rates to be effective January 1, 2019.	12/27/2018
18-149	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval of its 2018 electric reconciliation filing effective January 1, 2019, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1A(a) and 220 CMR 11.03(4)(e).	12/27/2018
18-62	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, d/b/a Unitil requesting approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Capital Investment Report for Calendar Year 2017 and Capital Cost Adjustment Factors for effect January 1, 2019.	12/27/2018
18-GAF-P6	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2018/19 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2018.	12/27/2018
18-15	Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own Motion, into the Effect of the Reduction in Federal Income Tax Rates on the Rates Charged by Electric, Gas, and Water Companies.	12/27/2018

18-110	Petition of Bay State Gas Company, d/b/a Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 21 for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan for 2019 through 2021.	12/27/2018
18-111	Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 21 for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan for 2019 through 2021.	12/27/2018
18-112	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, d/b/a Unutil, pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 21 for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan for 2019 through 2021.	12/27/2018
18-113	Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp., d/b/a Liberty Utilities, pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 21 for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan for 2019 through 2021.	12/27/2018
18-114	Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 21 for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan for 2019 through 2021.	12/27/2018
18-115	Petition of NSTAR Gas Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy, pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 21 for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan for 2019 through 2021.	12/27/2018
18-116	Petition of Towns of Aquinnah, Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Chilmark, Dennis, Eastham, Edgartown, Falmouth, Harwich, Mashpee, Oak Bluffs, Orleans, Provincetown, Sandwich, Tisbury, Truro, Wellfleet, West Tisbury, and Yarmouth, and Dukes County, acting together as the Cape Light Compact JPE, pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 21 for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan for 2019 through 2021.	12/27/2018
18-117	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, d/b/a Unutil, pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 21 for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan for 2019 through 2021.	12/27/2018
18-118	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 21 for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan for 2019 through 2021.	12/27/2018
18-119	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy, pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 21 for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan for 2019 through 2021.	12/27/2018
18-GLR-01	Report on the Prevalence of Natural Gas Leaks in the Natural Gas System to the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy, and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, pursuant to An Act Relative to Natural Gas Leaks, St. 2014, c. 149, § 9.	12/27/2018
18-123	Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, pursuant to M.D.P.U. No. 1044E, to the Department of Public Utilities Seeking to Recover Actual and Projected Costs Associated With its Solar Program.	12/28/2018
18-124	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, pursuant to M.D.P.U. No. 67B, to the Department of Public Utilities Seeking to Recover Investment and Ongoing Maintenance Costs Associated With its Solar Expansion Program.	12/28/2018
18-101	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the Company's 2018 Performance Based Ratemaking Adjustment, for effect January 1, 2019.	12/31/2018
18-120	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each d/b/a Eversource Energy, for approval of their 2018 electric reconciliation filing effective January 1, 2019, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1A(a) and 220 CMR 11.03(4)(e).	12/31/2018

18-125	Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its annual Storm Recovery Adjustment Factor filed pursuant to its Storm Recovery Reserve Cost Adjustment tariff.	12/31/2018
18-149	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval of its 2018 electric reconciliation filing effective January 1, 2019, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1A(a) and 220 CMR 11.03(4)(e).	12/31/2018
18-150	Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each doing business as National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.00, for Approval of General Increases in Base Distribution Rates for Electric Service.	12/31/2018
18-85	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval of its annual gas division and electric division pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2018 (gas) and January 1, 2019 (electric).	12/31/2018
18-130	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for review and approval of its proposed Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target Factor Filing for rates to be effective January 1, 2019.	12/31/2018
18-147	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company Energy d/b/a Unitil (electric division) for approval of its annual Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for effect January 1, 2019.	12/31/2018
18-62	Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, d/b/a Unitil requesting approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Capital Investment Report for Calendar Year 2017 and Capital Cost Adjustment Factors for effect January 1, 2019.	12/31/2018
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