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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***James M. Murphy***

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

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

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

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/9/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3201 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act ensuring ratepayer and community representation in utility company regulatory proceedings.

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

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

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

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

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

9 and

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