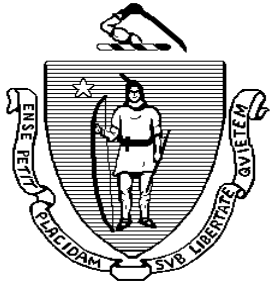


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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 25-142

January 12, 2026

Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for authorization to issue: (1) long-term debt in the principal amount of up to \$125,000,000, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 14; and (2) for an exemption from the competitive solicitation and advertising requirements of G.L. c. 164, § 15.

On September 26, 2025, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil ("Company") filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") requesting authorization: (1) to issue long-term debt in the principal amount of up to \$125,000,000, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 14; and (2) for an exemption from the competitive solicitation and advertising requirements of G.L. c. 164, § 15. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 25-142.

The Company proposes to issue long-term debt securities for a three-year period following issuance of the Department's final Order in this proceeding. The Company further proposes that the debt securities will have maturity dates not to exceed 30 years from the dates of issuance, and fixed coupon rates not to exceed 7.5 percent. The Company states that the long-term debt will be used: (1) to reduce its outstanding short-term indebtedness incurred for the additions, extensions and betterments to its utility plant, property and equipment; (2) to refinance sinking fund retirements; and (3) for general working capital and corporate purposes. The Company also seeks a waiver of the competitive bidding and advertising requirements under Section 15 of Chapter 164.

The Department will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 24, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m.** to receive comments on the Company's filing. The public hearing will be immediately followed, if necessary, by an evidentiary hearing. Attendees can join by entering the link, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85054528482> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at **646-931-3860 (not toll free)** and then enter the **Meeting ID# 850 5452 8482**. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, please send an email by **Friday, February 20, 2026**, to [jennifer.cargill@mass.gov](mailto:jennifer.cargill@mass.gov) with your name, email address, and mailing address. If you anticipate commenting by telephone, please leave a voicemail message by **Friday, February 20, 2026**, at 617-305-3732 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address.

Alternatively, any person interested in commenting on this matter also may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, February 25, 2026**. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email as specified below. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Peter A. Ray, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

Any person who desires to participate otherwise in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene no later than 5:00 p.m. **Wednesday, February 4, 2026**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03. Receipt by the Department constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 CMR 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 CMR 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A § 10. All responses to petitions to intervene must be filed by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the second business day after the petition to intervene was filed.

All comments and petitions to intervene should be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by email attachment to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and [jennifer.cargill@mass.gov](mailto:jennifer.cargill@mass.gov). The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 25-142); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. In addition, one copy of all written comments and petitions to intervene should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Patrick Taylor, Esq. at [taylorp@unitil.com](mailto:taylorp@unitil.com) and Assistant Attorney General Terrence Vales at [terrence.vales@mass.gov](mailto:terrence.vales@mass.gov).

All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "25-142") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>. Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments.

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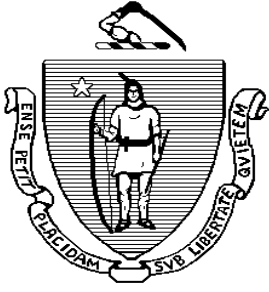
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Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil ("Company") is required to publish the attached Notice of Public Hearing and Request for Comments ("Notice") no later than **Wednesday, January 21, 2026** in: (1) the Fitchburg Sentinel & Enterprise; and (2) either The Boston Globe or the Boston Herald.

In addition, no later than **Wednesday, January 21, 2026**, the Company shall also serve a copy of the attached Notice: (1) on all persons on the distribution list in Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.P.U. 23-80 (2024) and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.P.U. 23-81 (2024); (2) the Mayors, Town Administrators and Chairs of the Selectboards in the Cities and Towns in the Company's service territory; and (3) any person who has filed a request for notice with the Company. The Company's service may be by electronic distribution, which the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") finds reasonable and consistent with the public interest.

Finally, the Company shall prominently display the Notice on its website beginning three business days following receipt of the Notice from the Department through the end of the comment period. The Company shall make return of service, proof of publication, and proof of website posting prior to **February 24, 2026**.

By Order of the Department,

/s/

Peter A. Ray, Secretary