



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 18-61

July 17, 2018

Petition of the Town of Grafton for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of an amended municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.

On June 22, 2018, the Town of Grafton (“Town”) filed a request with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of an amended municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134. General Laws c. 164, § 134 authorizes a municipality to procure electric supply on behalf of consumers within its municipal borders through a municipal aggregation program. Eligible electricity consumers not already enrolled with a competitive electric supplier are automatically enrolled in the municipal aggregation program unless they chose to opt-out, in which case they continue to receive basic service provided by their electric distribution company, Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid.

The Department approved the Town’s municipal aggregation plan on November 22, 2016, and the municipal aggregation program has operated continuously since March 2017. Town of Grafton, D.P.U. 16-133 (2016). The Town now seeks to amend its municipal aggregation plan to permit it to collect an adder of up to \$0.001 cents per kilowatt-hour to support the operational costs of the program. In addition, the Town proposes to make certain other changes to its municipal aggregation plan to align it with various Department directives issued since the plan was approved. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 18-61.

A copy of the Town’s petition is available for public viewing during regular business hours at the Department’s offices, One South Station – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 and on the Department’s website at <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. Documents on the Department’s website may be accessed by docket number (D.P.U. 18-61) in the file room at <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber>. A copy of the petition is also available for public viewing at Grafton Town Hall, 30 Providence Road, Grafton, Massachusetts. To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department’s ADA Coordinator at [DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov](mailto:DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov) or (617) 305-3642.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed municipal aggregation plan. The hearing will take place on **Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.**, at the Department’s offices located at One South Station – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston,

Massachusetts. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the time and place noted above or may submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **August 22, 2018**.

An original hard copy of all written comments must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. A copy of all written comments must also be sent to Stephen Bright, Hearing Officer at the Department of Public Utilities. One copy of all written comments should also be sent to counsel for the Town, Paul W. Gromer, Esq., 85 Merrimac Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

All documents should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and to the Hearing Officer, Stephen Bright, [stephen.bright@mass.gov](mailto:stephen.bright@mass.gov), or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 18-61); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. The electronic file name should identify the document, but should not exceed 50 characters in length. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

Reasonable accommodations at public hearings for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can. Also include a way the Department can contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be able to be accommodated. Contact the Department's ADA coordinator at [DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov](mailto:DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov) or (617) 305-3642.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Town's filing should contact Paul W. Gromer, Esq. at (617) 227-7024. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Stephen Bright, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3731.