

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 20-21

October 6, 2020

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

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On February 24, 2020, the Town of Scituate (“Town”) filed a request with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of a 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 would be automatically enrolled in the municipal aggregation program unless they chose to opt-out, in which case they would continue to receive basic service provided by their electric distribution company, Massachusetts Electric Company, d/b/a National Grid or NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 20-21.

The Town has retained Good Energy, L.P. to serve as its agent and consultant in this proceeding and to assist in the implementation of the municipal aggregation program. The Town seeks a waiver on its own behalf and on behalf of the competitive electric supplier(s) chosen for the municipal aggregation program, of certain information disclosure requirements contained in G.L. c. 164, § 1F(6) and 220 CMR 11.06(4)(c).

**Due to the COVID-19 state of emergency issued by Governor Baker on March 10, 2020, and certain ongoing restrictions and safety measures relating to in-person events, the Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Company’s filing.** The Department will conduct the hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on **Thursday, October 29, 2020**, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Attendees can join by entering the link, <https://zoom.us/j/98459510184>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at (301) 715-8592 (not toll free) and then enter the **Meeting ID#** 984 5951 0184. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, please send an email by October 22, 2020, to [katherine.goyette@mass.gov](mailto:katherine.goyette@mass.gov) with your name, email address, and mailing address.

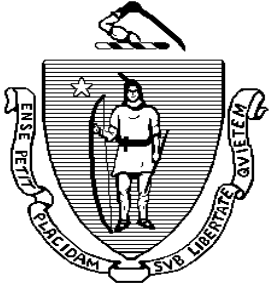
Alternately, any person who desires to comment on this matter may submit electronic written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Thursday, October 29, 2020**. At this time, all filings will be submitted only in electronic format in recognition of the difficulty that parties and the Department may have filing and receiving original copies. Ordinarily, all parties would follow Sections B.1 and B.4 of the

Department's Standard Ground Rules (D.P.U. 15-184-A, App. 1 (March 4, 2020)). However, due to the Commonwealth state of emergency, until further notice, parties must retain the original paper version, and the Department will later determine when the paper version must be filed with the Department Secretary. Importantly, all large files submitted must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20MB. In addition, one copy of all written comments should be emailed to counsel for the Town's agent, Scott Mueller, Esq., at [scott.mueller76@gmail.com](mailto:scott.mueller76@gmail.com).

All documents should also be submitted to the Department in **PDF format** by e-mail attachment to [peter.ray@mass.gov](mailto:peter.ray@mass.gov) and [katherine.goyette@mass.gov](mailto:katherine.goyette@mass.gov). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 20-21); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website as soon as practicable at <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. The e-mail must also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient.

The Town's filing and all related documents submitted to the Department or issued by the Department will be available on the Department's website as soon as is practicable at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "20-21"). A paper copy of the filing will not be available for public viewing at the Town's offices or the Department due to the State of Emergency. To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) for people with disabilities, contact the Department's ADA coordinator at [DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov](mailto:DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov).

Any person desiring further information regarding the Town's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Scott Mueller, Esq. at [scott.mueller76@gmail.com](mailto:scott.mueller76@gmail.com). Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Katherine Lee Goyette, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at [katherine.goyette@mass.gov](mailto:katherine.goyette@mass.gov).



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The Town of Scituate (“Town”) shall, not later than **October 14, 2020**, publish the attached Notice of Filing and Public Hearing (“Notice”) in (1) either The Boston Globe or the Boston Herald; and (2) the Scituate Mariner. In addition, not later than **October 14, 2020**, the Town shall serve a copy of the attached Notice on the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, Massachusetts Electric Company, d/b/a National Grid, and NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy. Finally, the Town shall from **three days** following the receipt of the Notice from the Department through **October 29, 2020** prominently display the attached Notice on the Town’s official website.

The Town is directed to make proof of publication and return of service not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **October 28, 2020**.

By Order of the Department,

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/s/  
Mark D. Marini, Secretary