



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 17-46

June 8, 2017

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

On April 20, 2017, the Town of New Ashford ("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, Western Massachusetts Electric Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 17-46.

The Town has retained Colonial Power Group, Inc. ("Colonial") to serve as its agent 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 C.M.R. § 11.06(4)(c).

A copy of the Town's petition is available for public viewing during regular business hours at the Department's offices, One South Station - 5th 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. 17-46) 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 the New Ashford Town Hall, 199 Mallery Road, New Ashford, Massachusetts.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed municipal aggregation plan. The hearing will take place on **Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.**, at the Department's offices located at One South Station - 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. 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 **July 13, 2017**.

An original hard copy of all written comments must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Two copies of all written comments must also be sent to Alice Davey, Hearing Officer at the Department of Public Utilities. One copy of all written comments should also be sent to the attorney for Colonial, James M. Avery, Esq., Pierce Atwood LLP, 100 Summer Street, Suite 2250, 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@state.ma.us and to the Hearing Officer, Alice Davey, Alice.Davey@state.ma.us, 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. 17-46); (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. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

Reasonable accommodations at public or evidentiary hearings for people with disabilities are available upon request. Contact Theresa Kelly at Theresa.Kelly@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3642. 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. In addition, to request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact Theresa Kelly at Theresa.Kelly@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3642.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Town's filing should contact counsel for Colonial, James Avery, Esq., at (617) 488-8100. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Alice Davey, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3608.