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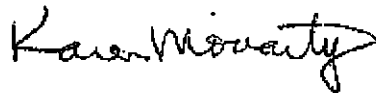
Re: NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each d/b/a
Eversource Energy, D.P.U. 17-05

Dear Town Clerk:

On behalf of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each d/b/a Eversource Energy, enclosed please find a copy of a Notice of Filing, Procedural Conference and Public Hearings regarding the above-referenced proceeding before the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. You are requested to post this notice for public review in your city/town hall through at least May 31, 2017.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Karen Moriarty
Paralegal

Enclosure



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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NOTICE OF FILING, PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

D.P.U. 17-05

January 30, 2017

Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each doing business as Eversource Energy, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R. § 5.00 et seq., for Approval of General Increases in Base Distribution Rates for Electric Service and a Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism.

On January 17, 2017, NSTAR Electric Company ("NSTAR Electric") and Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("WMECo") (referred to collectively as "Companies"), each doing business as Eversource Energy, filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") seeking approval of increases in base distribution rates for electric service pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94, as well as other proposals. NSTAR Electric seeks to increase its rates to generate \$60.2 million in additional revenues, an approximate seven percent increase over current total operating revenues. WMECo seeks to increase its rates to generate \$35.7 million in additional revenues, an approximate 27 percent increase over current operating revenues. The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 17-05.

The Department has suspended the effective date of the proposed rate increases to investigate the propriety of the Companies' request. The Companies have requested that any new rates approved in this proceeding be implemented in two phases, with the first phase to take effect on January 1, 2018 and the second phase to take effect on January 1, 2019.

NSTAR Electric's last base distribution rate proceeding was in 2005. Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, Commonwealth Electric Company, NSTAR Gas Company, D.T.E. 05-85 (2005). WMECo's last base distribution rate proceeding was in 2010. Western Massachusetts Electric Company, D.P.U. 10-70 (2011). The Companies' requested rate increase includes the recovery of merger-related costs and, for WMECo, exogenous costs associated with the Department's Order in NSTAR/Northeast Utilities Merger, D.P.U. 10-170 (2012).

Currently, NSTAR Electric and WMECo are separate, wholly owned subsidiaries of Eversource Energy. As part of this proceeding, pursuant G.L. c. 164, § 96, the Department will review the Companies' request to complete the corporate consolidation of NSTAR Electric and WMECo. Although the Companies propose that costs will no longer be recorded, tracked or reported separately after the consolidation, the Companies propose to maintain separate rates applicable to NSTAR Electric and WMECo at this time. NSTAR Electric proposes to eliminate

- A typical residential non-heating customer using 343 kWh of electricity per month in NSTAR Electric's Cambridge service area can expect a monthly bill increase of \$5.05 (6.4 percent); and
- A typical residential non-heating customer using 557 kWh of electricity of electricity per month in NSTAR Electric's South Shore, Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard service areas can expect a monthly bill increase of \$6.54 (5.2 percent).

Residential non-heating low-income customers:

- A typical residential non-heating low-income customer using 438 kWh of electricity per month in NSTAR Electric's Greater Boston service area can expect a monthly bill increase of \$2.87 (4.5 percent);
- A typical residential non-heating low-income customer using 348 kWh of electricity per month in NSTAR Electric's Cambridge service area can expect a monthly bill decrease of \$0.09 (0.2 percent); and
- A typical residential non-heating low-income customer using 502 kWh of electricity per month in NSTAR Electric's South Shore, Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard service areas can expect a monthly bill decrease of \$3.26 (4.1 percent).

Residential heating customers:

- A typical residential heating customer using 817 kWh of electricity per month during the winter season in NSTAR Electric's Greater Boston service area can expect a monthly bill increase of \$12.62 (7.6 percent);
- A typical residential heating customer using 590 kWh of electricity per month during the summer season in NSTAR Electric's Greater Boston service area can expect a monthly bill increase of \$5.07 (4.0 percent);
- A typical residential heating customer using 538 kWh of electricity per month in NSTAR Electric's Cambridge service area can expect a monthly bill decrease of \$4.93 (3.9 percent); and
- A typical residential heating customer using 716 kWh of electricity per month in NSTAR Electric's South Shore, Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard service areas can expect a monthly bill increase of \$9.81 (6.6 percent).

Residential low-income heating customers:

- A typical residential low-income heating customer using 889 kWh of electricity per month during the winter season in NSTAR Electric's Greater Boston service area can expect a monthly bill increase of \$2.57 (2.1 percent);

- A typical residential non-heating low-income customer using 502 kWh of electricity per month in NSTAR Electric's South Shore, Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard service areas can expect a monthly bill decrease of \$0.28 (0.4 percent).

Residential heating customers:

- A typical residential heating customer using 742 kWh of electricity per month in NSTAR Electric's Greater Boston service area can expect a monthly bill decrease of \$1.29 (0.8 percent);
- A typical residential heating customer using 538 kWh of electricity per month in NSTAR Electric's Cambridge service area can expect a monthly bill decrease of \$0.94 (0.8 percent); and
- A typical residential heating customer using 716 kWh of electricity per month in NSTAR Electric's South Shore, Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard service areas can expect a bill decrease of \$1.24 (0.8 percent).

Residential low-income heating customers:

- A typical residential low-income heating customer using 778 kWh of electricity per month in NSTAR Electric's Greater Boston service area can expect a monthly bill increase of \$0.42 (0.4 percent);
- A typical residential low-income heating customer using 547 kWh of electricity per month in NSTAR Electric's Cambridge service area can expect a monthly bill increase of \$0.29 (0.4 percent); and
- A typical residential low-income heating customer using 894 kWh of electricity per month in NSTAR Electric's South Shore, Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard service areas can expect a monthly bill increase of \$0.48 (0.4 percent).

Commercial and industrial customers:

- Commercial and industrial customers in NSTAR Electric's service area can expect annual bill impacts ranging from a decrease of 53 percent to an increase of 50 percent, on average, depending on the amount of their usage. Commercial and industrial customers should contact the Companies, as indicated below, for specific bill impacts.

WMECo – Phase I (January 1, 2018):

- A typical residential non-heating customer using 543 kWh of electricity per month can expect a monthly bill increase of \$11.51 (10.1 percent);

The Department has scheduled the following public hearings to receive comment on the Companies' filing:

March 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Natick Town Hall
2nd Floor
Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room
13 East Central Street
Natick, Massachusetts 01760

March 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Department of Public Utilities
5th Floor Hearing Room A
One South Station
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

March 30, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
Cambridge Public Library
Lecture Hall
449 Broadway
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

April 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Barnstable County Complex
Harborview Conference Room
3195 Main Street
Barnstable, Massachusetts 02630

April 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Keith Middle School
225 Hathaway Boulevard
New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740

April 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Plymouth South High School
490 Long Pong Road
Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360

April 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
The Berkshire Athenaeum
Auditorium
1 Wendell Avenue
Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201

April 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Springfield City Hall
School Committee Meeting Room
Room 220
36 Court Street
Springfield, Massachusetts 01103

April 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
Katharine Cornell Theatre
51 Spring Street
Tisbury, Massachusetts 02568

April 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Greenfield Middle School
Auditorium
195 Federal Street
Greenfield, Massachusetts 01301

Persons interested in commenting on the Companies' filing may appear at any of the public hearings or may file written comments by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **May 31, 2017**.

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 to make such 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.

A procedural conference in this matter will take place at the Department's office on **March 2, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.**

<http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. 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 Companies' petition should contact the Companies' counsel, Cheryl M. Kimball, Esq. at (617) 951-1400. Any person desiring further information regarding the Attorney General's notice of retention of experts and consultants should contact Joseph W. Rogers, Assistant Attorney General, at (617) 727-2200. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Marc J. Tassone, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.