



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 16-197

December 29, 2016

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

On December 21, 2016, the Town of Hamilton (“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. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 16-197.

The Town has retained Good Energy, L.P. to serve as its agent in this proceeding and to assist in the implementation of the municipal aggregation program. The Town’s filing includes an electric service agreement that will be negotiated with potential competitive electric supplier(s). 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).

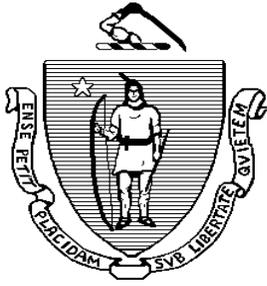
A copy of the Town’s petition is available for public viewing during regular business hours at the Department’s offices, One South Station - 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 and on the Department’s website at <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. Documents on the Department’s website may be accessed by docket number (D.P.U. 16-197) 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 Hamilton Town Hall, 577 Bay Road, Hamilton, Massachusetts.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed municipal aggregation plan. The hearing will take place on **Wednesday, February 15, 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 **Wednesday, February 15, 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. One copy of all written comments must also be sent to Sarah A. Smegal, Hearing Officer at the Department of Public Utilities. One copy of all written comments should also be sent to the attorney for the Town, Scott J. Mueller, Esq., Scott J. Mueller Law Office, 16 Conant Road, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 02467.

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, Sarah A. Smegal, Sarah.Smegal@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. 16-197); (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>.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Town's filing should contact Scott J. Mueller, Esq. at (978) 460-0693. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Sarah A. Smegal, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3653.



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The Town of Hamilton ("Town") shall, no later than January 13, 2017, publish the attached Notice of Filing and Public Hearing ("Notice") in: (1) either The Boston Globe or the Boston Herald; and (2) the Hamilton-Wenham Chronicle. In addition, the Town shall post a copy of Notice in a conspicuous location in the Hamilton Town Hall and prominently display the Notice on its website from five days following receipt of the notice from the Department of Public Utilities through February 15, 2017. The Town is required to serve a copy of the Notice on the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, and Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid. Finally, the Town shall make a copy of the petition available for public viewing at the Hamilton Town Hall until February 15, 2017.

The Town is directed to make proof of publication and return of service at the time of the public hearing.

By Order of the Department,

/s/

Mark D. Marini, Secretary