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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 15-164

November 2, 2015

Petition of NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 21, for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan for 2016 through 2018.

On October 30, 2015, NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Company"), filed with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") a petition for approval of a three-year energy efficiency plan, covering calendar years 2016 through 2018 ("Three-Year Plan"). The Company filed its Three-Year Plan pursuant to An Act Relative to Green Communities, Acts of 2008, c. 169, § 11 ("Green Communities Act"), and Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion into Updating its Energy Efficiency Guidelines Consistent with An Act Relative to Green Communities, D.P.U. 08-50 (2008); D.P.U. 08-50-A (2009); D.P.U. 08-50-B (2009); D.P.U. 08-50-C (2011); D.P.U. 08-50-D (2012). The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 15-164.

The Green Communities Act requires the Commonwealth's electric and gas distribution companies, and municipal aggregators with certified efficiency plans ("Program Administrators") to develop energy efficiency plans that provide for the acquisition of all available energy efficiency and demand reduction resources that are cost-effective or less expensive than supply. G.L. c. 25, § 21. To accomplish this goal, Program Administrators are required to develop three-year energy efficiency plans, in consultation with the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council ("Council"), and submit such plans to the Department. G.L. c. 25, § 21. Once a plan is submitted, the Green Communities Act requires the Department to: (1) consider the plan; (2) provide an opportunity for interested persons to be heard in a public hearing; and (3) within 90 days after the submission of the plan, issue a decision on the plan that ensures that all energy efficiency and demand reduction resources that are cost-effective or less expensive than supply have been identified and captured by the Program Administrator. G.L. c. 25, § 21.

The Company's proposed Three-Year Plan includes energy efficiency programs for residential, low-income, and commercial and industrial customers. The Plan also includes the Company's Residential Conservation Service filing. The Company's proposed budget for the three-year period is $148,749,172 ($47,728,000 in 2016, $49,315,346 in 2017, and $51,705,827 in 2018) and includes a performance incentive.

If the Company's Three-Year Plan is approved as proposed, the Company states that its proposed budgets will have the following effects:

- A residential heating customer (R-3) using 131 therms per month could experience a monthly peak bill decrease of $0.80 or 0.5 percent in 2016; a monthly peak bill increase of $3.85 or 2.6 percent in 2017; and a monthly peak bill increase $0.86 or 0.6 percent in 2018.

- A residential low-income (R-4) customer using 120 therms per month could experience a monthly peak bill decrease of $0.60 or 0.5 percent in 2016; a monthly peak bill increase of $2.87 or 2.5 percent in 2017; and a monthly peak bill increase of $0.63 or 0.5 percent in 2018; and

- Bill impacts for commercial and industrial customers will vary. These customers should contact the Company for specific bill impact information.

Customers who participate in energy efficiency programs may experience a monthly bill decrease over the duration of the Three-Year Plan. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as indicated below.

Copies of the Three-Year Plan are on file at the Department's offices, One South Station - 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 for public viewing during business hours and on the Department's website at http://www.mass.gov/dpu. Documents on the Department's website may be accessed either by browsing for documents by industry (e.g., Electric or Gas) at http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/byindustry or by looking up the docket by its number in the docket database at http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber. A copy is also on file for public view at the office of Eversource Energy, One NSTAR Way, Westwood, Massachusetts 02090 and on the Company's website. Any person desiring further information regarding the Three-Year Plan should contact counsel for the Company, John K. Habib, Esq., or Jessica Buno, Esq., at (617) 951-1400. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact David Gold or Shannon Sawyer, Hearing Officers, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed Three-Year Plan. The hearing will take place on **November 30, 2015, 2:00 p.m.** at the Department's offices, 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 submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **November 30, 2015**.

Any person who participated in the Council process or whose interests were represented by a member of the Council, and who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department not later than the close of business on **Monday, November 2, 2015**. Any person who did not participate in

the Council process or whose interests were not represented by a member of the Council, and who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department not later than the close of business on **Friday, November 13, 2015**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10. All responses to petitions to intervene must be filed by the close of business of the second business day after the petition to intervene was filed.

An original and one (1) copy of all written comments or petitions to intervene must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station - 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business on the dates noted above. One copy of all written comments or petitions to intervene should also be sent to the Company's attorneys, John K. Habib, Esq., and Jessica Buno, Esq., Keegan Werlin LLP, 265 Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, and by email, jhabib@keeganwerlin.com and jbuno@keeganwerlin.com.

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 the hearing officers david.j.gold@state.ma.us or shannon.sawyer@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. 15-164; (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.