



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 17-19

February 15, 2017

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

On January 19, 2017, the Town of Southborough (“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. 17-19.

The Town has retained Peregrine Energy Group (“Peregrine”) 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. 17-19) 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 Southborough Town House, 17 Common Street, Southborough, Massachusetts.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed municipal aggregation plan. The hearing will take place on **Wednesday, March 22, 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, March 22, 2017**.

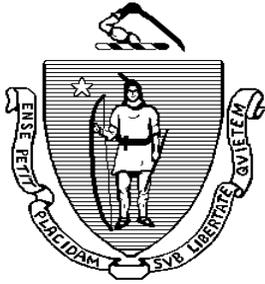
An original hard copy of all written comments must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station - 5th Floor, Boston,

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, Paul W. Gromer, Esq., Paul W. Gromer, LLC, 2 Oliver Street, 8th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02109.

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. 17-19); (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 Paul W. Gromer, Esq. at (617) 227-7024. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Sarah A. Smegal, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3653.

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. 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.



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The Town of Southborough ("Town") shall, no later than March 1, 2017, publish the attached Notice of Filing and Public Hearing ("Notice") in: (1) either The Boston Globe or the Boston Herald; and (2) the MetroWest Daily News. In addition, the Town shall post a copy of the Notice in a conspicuous location in the Southborough Town House and prominently display the Notice on its website from five days following receipt of the Notice from the Department of Public Utilities through March 22, 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 Southborough Town House until March 22, 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