

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING, REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 24-153

October 17, 2024

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

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On October 4, 2024, the City of Easthampton (“City”) 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 (“Program”). Eligible electricity consumers not already enrolled with a competitive electric supplier would be automatically enrolled in the Program unless they chose to opt out, in which case they would continue to receive basic service provided by their electric distribution company, Eversource. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 24-153.

The City has retained Good Energy, L.P. to serve as its consultant in this proceeding and to assist in the implementation of the Program.

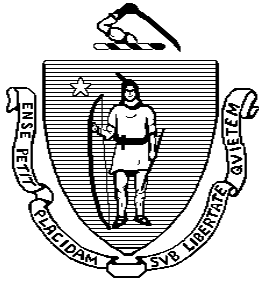
The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the City’s filing. The Department will conduct the hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on **Wednesday, November 20, 2024**, beginning at **2:00 p.m.** Attendees can join by entering the link, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88511694648>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at 1 301 715 8592 (not toll free) and then enter the **Meeting ID# 885 1169 4648**. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, to the extent possible, please send an email by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, November 19, 2024**, to [Lauren.Morris@mass.gov](mailto:Lauren.Morris@mass.gov) with your name, email address, and mailing address.

Alternatively, any person who desires to comment on this matter may submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, November 20, 2024**. Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

All written comments or other documents should be submitted to the Department in **PDF format** by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and [Lauren.Morris@mass.gov](mailto:Lauren.Morris@mass.gov). In addition, all written comments should be emailed to counsel for the City, Laura Olton, Esq., at [laura@lsoenergyadvisors.com](mailto:laura@lsoenergyadvisors.com). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 24-153); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website as soon as practicable at <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. The e-mail must also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Importantly, all large files must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20MB.

The City's filing and all related documents submitted to or issued by the Department will be available at the Department's website as soon as is practicable at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "24-153"). To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) for people with disabilities, contact the Department's ADA coordinator at [eeadiversity@mass.gov](mailto:eeadiversity@mass.gov).

Any person desiring further information regarding the City's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Laura Olton, Esq., at [laura@lsoenergyadvisors.com](mailto:laura@lsoenergyadvisors.com) or 781-856-9374. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Lauren Morris, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at [Lauren.Morris@mass.gov](mailto:Lauren.Morris@mass.gov).



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The City of Easthampton ("City") shall, not later than **Thursday, October 23, 2024**, publish the attached Notice of Filing, Request for Comments, and Public Hearing ("Notice") in (1) either the Boston Herald or the Boston Globe, and (2) the Hampshire Daily Gazette.

In addition, not later than **Tuesday, October 21, 2024**, the City shall serve a copy of the attached Notice on the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, and Eversource. Such service may be by electronic distribution, which the Department finds reasonable and consistent with the public interest.

Finally, the City shall from **five business days** following the receipt of the Notice from the Department through **Wednesday, November 20, 2024**, prominently display the attached Notice on the City's official website and the Program website, as well as any additional locations where the City typically publishes local notices.

The City is directed to make proof of publication (including posting on the City's and the Program websites) and return of service not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, November 19, 2024**.

By Order of the Department,

/s/  
Mark D. Marini, Secretary