The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 16-115

November 14, 2016

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

On October 28, 2016, the Town of Kingston ("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, NSTAR Electric Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 16-115.

The Town has retained Colonial Power Group, Inc. ("Colonial") to serve as its agent in this proceeding and to assist in the implementation of the municipal aggregation program. The Town’s filing includes a form electric service agreement which will be negotiated with potential competitive electric supplier(s). The Town seeks a waiver 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. 16-115) 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 Kingston Town Hall, 26 Evergreen Street, Kingston, Massachusetts.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed municipal aggregation plan. The hearing will take place on Monday, December 19, 2016, 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