

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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

D.P.U. 24-75

June 11, 2024

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

On May 21, 2024, the Town of Hancock (“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 (“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, National Grid or Eversource Energy. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 24-75.

The Town has retained Colonial Power Group, Inc. to serve as its consultant in this proceeding and to assist in the implementation of the Program. The Town seeks a waiver on its own behalf and on behalf of the competitive electric supplier(s) chosen for the Program, of certain information disclosure requirements contained in G.L. c. 164, § 1F(6) and 220 CMR 11.06(4)(c).

The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Town’s filing. The Department will conduct the hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on **Wednesday, July 24, 2024**, beginning at **10:00 a.m.** Attendees can join by entering the link, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86523863776>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at (305) 224-1968 (not toll free) and then enter the **Meeting ID# 865 2386 3776**. 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 **Monday, July 22, 2024**, to [timothy.m.federico@mass.gov](mailto:timothy.m.federico@mass.gov) with your name, email address, and mailing address.

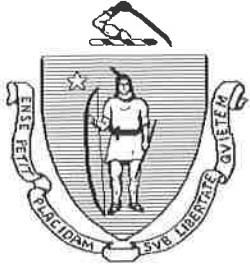
Alternatively, any person who desires to comment on this matter may submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Monday, July 22, 2024**. Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website as received and without 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 [timothy.m.federico@mass.gov](mailto:timothy.m.federico@mass.gov). In addition, all written comments should be emailed to counsel for the Town, James M. Avery, Esq., at [javery@pierceatwood.com](mailto:javery@pierceatwood.com). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 24-75); (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 Town'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 "24-75"). To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) for people with disabilities, contact the Department's ADA coordinator at [Jenyka.Spitz-Gassnola2@mass.gov](mailto:Jenyka.Spitz-Gassnola2@mass.gov).

Any person desiring further information regarding the Town's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact James M. Avery, Esq., at [javery@pierceatwood.com](mailto:javery@pierceatwood.com) or (617) 488-8100. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Timothy Federico, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at [timothy.m.federico@mass.gov](mailto:timothy.m.federico@mass.gov).



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### ORDER OF NOTICE

D.P.U. 24-75

June 21, 2024

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The Town of Hancock ("Town") shall, not later than **Friday, June 28, 2024**, publish the attached Notice of Filing, Request for Comments, and Public Hearing ("Notice") in The Berkshire Eagle.

In addition, not later than **Wednesday, June 26, 2024**, the Town shall serve a copy of the attached Notice on the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, Eversource Energy, and National Grid. Such service may be by electronic distribution, which the Department finds reasonable and consistent with the public interest.

Finally, the Town shall from **five business days** following the receipt of the Notice from the Department through **Wednesday, July 24, 2024**, prominently display the attached Notice on the Town's official website and the Program website, as well as any additional locations where the Town typically publishes local notices.

The Town is directed to make proof of publication (including posting on the Town's and the Program websites) and return of service not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, July 23, 2024**.

By Order of the Department,

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Mark D. Marini, Secretary