



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

MEMORANDUM

TO: Distribution List in 2024 Arrearage Management Programs, D.P.U. 24-AMP

FROM: Susan L. Geiser, Hearing Officer

RE: 2024 Arrearage Management Programs

DATE: August 21, 2024

CC: DPU efilng

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to St. 2005, c. 140, § 17 (“Chapter 140”), the electric and gas distribution companies (“Companies” or “Company”) annually file their arrearage management plans (“AMPs”) with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) by February 28th. The AMPs are effective upon filing. 2013 AMP Order, D.P.U. 13-AMP-01 through D.P.U. 13-AMP-08, at 6 (2014). Chapter 140 requires that the Department conduct an annual review of such programs and may at any time order such revisions or modifications as the Department deems appropriate. See also 2013 AMP Order at 4.

The Department designates a single docket annually for the Companies to submit their annual AMP filings for Department review pursuant to Chapter 140. In the event that the Department or any interested party identifies an issue or determines that further investigation is needed with respect to a Company’s AMP filing, the Department will determine whether to further investigate that filing in a separate docket at that time. See 2013 AMP Order at 10. The Companies filed their 2024 AMPs on or around February 28, 2024 for Department review.

II. REQUIREMENT TO POST ON COMPANIES' WEBSITES

The Companies shall prominently display this Memorandum on their websites, from three business days following receipt of this Memorandum from the Department, through the deadline for submitting notice of a request to investigate a particular Company's AMP filing. Each Company shall make return of service showing proof of posting on its website, at the close of the request to investigate period.

III. FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR REQUESTING INVESTIGATION

To submit a request to investigate a particular Company's AMP filing, a notice of the request must be filed no later than **September 11, 2024**. Such notice must: (1) identify the AMP filing at issue; and (2) include a detailed description of the issue or issues the party seeks to investigate. An electronic copy of the notice must be filed with dpu.efiling@mass.gov, the hearing officer, Susan Geiser at susan.geiser@mass.gov, and copied to all persons on the Distribution List for this docket. One copy of the notice also should be sent to counsel for the applicable Company. Contact information for counsel for each Company is available at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>, enter "24-AMP," then click on the "service list" tab.

Ordinarily, all parties would follow Sections B.1 and B.4 of the Department's Standard Ground Rules (D.P.U. 15-184-A, App. 1 (March 4, 2020)); however, until further notice, parties must retain the original paper version and the Department will later determine when the paper version must be filed with the Department Secretary. At this time, all filings will be submitted only in electronic format consistent with the Commission's June 15, 2021 directive related to modified filing requirements. Importantly, all large files submitted must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20 MB.

All documents should also be submitted to the Department by email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and the hearing officer, Susan Geiser at susan.geiser@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 24-AMP); (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. The electronic file name should identify the document but should not exceed 50 characters in length. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website (<https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>, insert docket number 24-AMP) as soon as practicable. To the extent a person or entity wishes to request an investigation in accordance with this Memorandum, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient. To request materials in accessible formats (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA Coordinator at

Jenyka.Spitz-Gassnola2@mass.gov or (617) 305-3500. Please contact Susan Geiser at susan.geiser@mass.gov with any questions about this memorandum.