



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

D.P.U. 16-122

September 28, 2016

Petition of Blackstone Gas Company, for approval of its 2013-2015 Energy Efficiency Three-Year Term Report.

On August 1, 2016, Blackstone Gas Company (“Company”) filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) its 2013-2015 Three-Year Term Report (“Report”). The filing documents actual energy savings, benefits, and expenditures resulting from the implementation of the Company’s 2013-2015 three-year energy efficiency plan approved by the Department in Blackstone Gas Company, D.P.U. 12-102 (2013).

The Department will review the Report to determine, among other things, whether the Company: (1) reported its program savings, benefits, and costs accurately and reliably; and (2) implemented its energy efficiency program in a manner that was consistent with statutory requirements and the Department-approved three-year plan. See G.L. c. 25, § 19(d)(2); G.L. c. 25, § 21(b)(3); G.L. c. 25, §§ 19(a) and (c). Based on the results of the investigation, the Department will approve final recovery of costs incurred during the three-year term and, where applicable, lost base revenues. G.L. c. 25, § 19; G.L. c. 25A, § 11G.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Company’s filing. The hearing will take place on **Wednesday, October 26, 2016, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Department’s offices, One South Station - 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. A procedural conference will immediately follow the public hearing. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the time and place noted above or submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **October 26, 2016**.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department not later than the close of business on **October 19, 2016**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10. All responses to petitions to intervene must be filed by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **October 26, 2016**.

An original and two (2) copies of all written comments or petitions to intervene 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 or petitions to intervene should also be sent to the Company's attorney, Andrew J. Newman, Esq., 8 Cefalo Road, Needham, Massachusetts 02494.

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 Caroline Conti, Hearing Officer caroline.conti@state.ma.us or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket numbers of the proceeding D.P.U. 16-122; (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.

A copy of the filing is available at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 for public view during normal business hours and on the Department's website by looking up the docket by its number in the docket database at <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber>. A copy is also on file for public view at the Company's office at 61 Main Street, Blackstone, Massachusetts 01504. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact counsel for the Company, Andrew J. Newman, Esq. at (781) 444-4270. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Caroline Conti, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.