

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 17-GAF-P3

September 11, 2017

Petition of Blackstone Gas Company pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2017/18 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2017.

On August 2, 2017, Blackstone Gas Company (“Company” or “Blackstone”) filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) its seasonal local distribution adjustment factor filing (“LDAF”), pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.11. The filing includes the residential assistance adjustment factor (“RAAF”) and energy efficiency surcharge (“EES”). The proposed rates are for effect November 1, 2017. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 17-GAF-P3.

The table below summarizes the proposed rates in dollars per therm:

<u>Rate Class</u>	<u>RAAF</u>	<u>EES</u>	<u>LDAF<sup>1</sup></u>
Residential Heating	\$0.0087	\$0.1248	\$0.1335
Residential Non-Heating	\$0.0180	\$0.1170	\$0.1350
G-1/S-1	\$0.0069	\$0.0613	\$0.0682

If the Department approves the Company’s LDAFs as proposed, a typical residential customer will see a decrease of \$5.88 or 3.12 percent, compared to the LDAFs currently in effect. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as shown below.

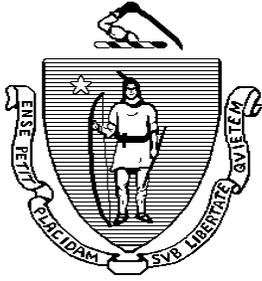
The Company will file its peak gas adjustment factor filing (“GAF”) in this docket at least 45 days prior to the date on which the proposed GAFs are to be effective. The Company is required to file its peak GAF filing no later than September 15, 2017. Blackstone may, at any time during the peak period, submit an amended GAF filing. The amended GAF filing must be submitted seven business days before the first billing cycle of the month in which it is proposed to take effect.

<sup>1</sup> The LDAF rate contains additional components not set forth in the table.

Any person interested in commenting on the **LDAF** filing may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Monday, September 25, 2017. Any person interested in commenting on the **GAF** filing may submit written comments no later than the close of business on Monday, October 2, 2017. One original and one (1) copy of all written documents must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. In addition, one (1) copy of all written documents must be sent to counsel for the Company, Andrew Newman, 8 Cefalo Road, Needham, MA 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](mailto:dpu.efiling@state.ma.us) and the hearing officer, Stephen Bright at [Stephen.Bright@state.ma.us](mailto:Stephen.Bright@state.ma.us); or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 17-GAF-P3); (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: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

Copies of the filing are available for inspection during regular business hours at the offices of the Department, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. The petition is also available on the Department's website and may be accessed by docket number (D.P.U. 17-GAF-P3) in the file room at <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber>. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) contact the Department's ADA Coordinator at [Theresa.Kelly@state.ma.us](mailto:Theresa.Kelly@state.ma.us) or (617) 305-3642. For further information regarding the filing, please contact counsel for the Company, Andrew Newman, at (781) 444-4270. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Stephen Bright, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3731.



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The Blackstone Gas Company (“Company”) shall serve a copy of the attached notice upon the service list for 16-GAF-P3, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth and to any person who has filed a request for notice with the Company no later than Monday, September 18, 2017. The Company is directed to prominently display this Notice on its website from three days following receipt of the Notice through the end of the GAF comment period, *i.e.*, Monday, October 2, 2017. The Company is required to make return of service to the Department at the close of the comment period.

By Order of the Department,

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Mark D. Marini, Secretary