

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 20-GAF-O3

March 31, 2020

Petition of Blackstone Gas Company pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.00 for approval of its 2020 off-peak gas adjustment factor filing, effective May 1, 2020.

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On March 17, 2020, Blackstone Gas Company (“Company”) filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) its off-peak gas adjustment factor (“GAF”), pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.00. The Company submitted a revised filing on March 30, 2020. The filing includes the Company’s off-peak GAF for effect May 1, 2020 through October 31, 2020. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 20-GAF-O3.

In its revised filing, the Company proposes an off-peak GAF of \$0.3166 per Ccf. If the Department approves the Company’s GAF as proposed, a typical residential heating (R-3) customer will see an average monthly bill decrease of \$2.83 or six percent, compared to the 2019 off-peak period. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as shown below.

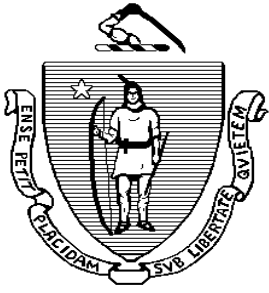
The Company may, at any time during the off-peak period, submit an amended GAF filing. The amended GAF filing must be submitted seven business days before the first billing cycle of the month in which it is proposed to take effect.

The Department will accept written comments on the Company’s off-peak GAF. Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, April 14, 2020**. At this time, all filings will be submitted only in electronic format in recognition of the difficulty that parties and the Department may have filing and receiving original copies. On March 10, 2020, Governor Baker issued a state of emergency related to COVID-19 for the entire Commonwealth. 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. Importantly, all large files submitted must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20 MB.

In addition, one copy of all written comments should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Andrew Newman, Esq., at [andrew@newmanfirm.net](mailto:andrew@newmanfirm.net).

All documents must be submitted to the Department in electronic format using the following method: by e-mail attachment to [peter.ray@mass.gov](mailto:peter.ray@mass.gov) and [andrew.w.strumfels@mass.gov](mailto:andrew.w.strumfels@mass.gov). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 20-GAF-03); (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>. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient. To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) for people with disabilities contact Department's ADA coordinator at [DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us](mailto:DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us) or (617) 305-3500.

The Company's filing and all subsequent related documents, pleadings and/or filings submitted to the Department and/or issued by the Department will be available on the Department's website as soon as is practicable at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "20-GAF-03"). A paper copy of the filing will not be available for public viewing at the Company's offices or the Department due to the state of emergency. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Andrew Newman, Esq., at (781) 444-4270. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Andrew Strumfels, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.



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Blackstone Gas Company (“Company”) is required to serve a copy of the attached Notice of Filing and Request for Comments no later than **Tuesday, April 7, 2020** on the service list for 19-GAF-03, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, and on any person who has asked to be notified by the Company. The Company’s service may be by electronic distribution, which the Department finds reasonable and consistent with the public interest. Finally, the Company shall prominently display the notice on its website from three business days following receipt of the notice from the Department through the end of the comment period. The Company must make return of service at the close of the comment period.

By Order of the Department,

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Mark D. Marini, Secretary