



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 17-160

November 13, 2017

Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its annual Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for effect February 1, 2018.

On October 31, 2017, Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“WMECo” or “Company”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of its annual Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors (“RDAFs”) for effect February 1, 2018. This filing was made pursuant to the Company’s Revenue Decoupling Mechanism (“RDM”) tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1050E. The RDM allows the Company to adjust, on an annual basis, its base distribution rates as a result of changes in customer usage, in order to promote the efficient deployment of demand resources. Western Massachusetts Electric Company, D.P.U. 10-70 at 46 (2011). The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 17-160.

In the Company’s pending base distribution rate proceeding, D.P.U. 17-05, the Company proposed a calendar year reconciliation period for its RDM with a January 1 effective date for RDAFs. Under its current RDM, the Company’s filings are based on a reconciliation period of February 1 of one year to January 31 of the following year. Therefore, in this filing, the Company proposes an eleven month reconciliation period, ending December 31, 2017 with RDAFs proposed for effect February 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

The Company proposes the following RDAFs, effective February 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018:

Rate Classes	RDAF (\$/kilowatt-hour (“kWh”))
Residential (R-1/R-2)	\$0.00093
Residential Space Heating (R-3/R-4)	\$0.00090
Small General Service (23/24/G-0/T-0)	\$0.00069
Primary General Service (G-2/T-4)	\$0.00050
Large Primary Service (T-2)	\$0.00032
Extra Large Primary Service (T-5)	\$0.00020

Outdoor Lighting (S-1/S-2)	\$0.00083
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As a result of the changes to the RDAF, the average WMECo residential customer using 600 kWh per month will experience a bill increase of \$0.79, or 0.7 percent. The Company states that, depending on class and usage, the impact on the total bill will range between an increase of 0.2 percent and an increase of 0.7 percent for all customers. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as shown below.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **December 11, 2017**. One original of all written documents must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, 1 South Station, Floor 5, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. In addition, one copy of all written comments should be sent to counsel for the Company, Steven Frias and Jack Habib, Keegan Werlin LLP, 265 Franklin Street, Boston Massachusetts 02110.

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 must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 17-160); (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>.

A copy of the filing is available on the Company's website and for public viewing during regular business hours at the Department's website and at our offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA Coordinator at [DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us](mailto:DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us) or (617) 305-3642. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact counsel for the Company, Steven Frias and Jack Habib, at (617) 951-0586 and (617) 951-1400. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Stephen Bright, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.