



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 17-161

November 16, 2017

Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, pursuant to M.D.P.U. No. 1044E, to the Department of Public Utilities Seeking to Recover Actual and Projected Costs Associated With its Solar Program.

On October 31, 2017, Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Company") filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") requesting to recover the actual and projected costs associated with its 1.8 megawatt ("MW") Silver Lake solar facility located in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, its 2.3 MW Indian Orchard solar facility located in Springfield, Massachusetts, and its 3.9 MW Cottage Street solar facility located in Springfield, Massachusetts. The Company proposes to refund an over-collection of \$364,921 for the solar program in 2018, pursuant to its Solar Program Cost Adjustment ("SPCA") tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1044E, which was approved by the Department in Western Massachusetts Electric Company, D.P.U. 12-126I (2013). The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 17-161.

The Company proposes the following SPCA rates (credits) for each customer class:

Rate Classes	SPCA Rates (\$/kilowatt-hour)
R-1/R-2	(\$0.00016)
R-3/R-4	(\$0.00015)
23/24/G-0/T-0	(\$0.00012)
G-2/T-4	(\$0.00009)
T-2	(\$0.00006)
T-5	(\$0.00003)
S-1/S-2	(\$0.00014)

Average bill impacts for residential customers are 0.1 percent in the Company's service territory. Comparing the proposed SPCA credit, which is less than the current SPCA credit, results in a monthly bill increase of approximately \$0.15 or 0.1 percent for an average residential (R-1) customer using 700 kilowatt-hours per month. Bill impacts for commercial

and industrial customers will vary. These customers should contact the Company for specific bill information.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's filing. The hearing will take place on **December 21, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Department's offices, One South Station - 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. A procedural conference will be held immediately following 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 **December 21, 2017**. 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 **December 14, 2017**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 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 CMR 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 CMR 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

An original and three copies of all written comments or petitions to intervene must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station - 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 not later than the close of business on the dates noted above. One copy of all written comments or petitions to intervene should also be sent to the Company's attorney, Daniel P. Venora, Esq., 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, Elizabeth Lydon at [Elizabeth.Lydon@state.ma.us](mailto:Elizabeth.Lydon@state.ma.us) or (2) on a 3.5" disk or CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail, disk label, or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 17-161); (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 at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts for public view during normal business hours. In addition, the filing is also available on the Department's website at <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "17-161"). 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.

A copy is also on file for public view at the office of Western Massachusetts Electric Company, One Federal Street, Building 114-A, Springfield, Massachusetts 01105. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's petition should contact the Company's counsel, Daniel P. Venora, Esq., at 617-951-1400. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Elizabeth Lydon, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities at (617) 305-3500.