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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

July 15, 2015

City of Attleboro, D.P.U. 15-93  
Town of Acushnet, D.P.U. 15-94  
Town of Somerset, D.P.U. 15-95  
Town of Swansea, D.P.U. 15-96  
Town of Dighton, D.P.U. 15-97  
Town of Fairhaven, D.P.U. 15-98  
Town of Freetown, D.P.U. 15-99

Town of Norton, D.P.U. 15-101  
Town of Plainville, D.P.U. 15-102  
Town of Rehoboth, D.P.U. 15-103  
Town of Seekonk, D.P.U. 15-104  
City of New Bedford, D.P.U. 15-105  
City of Fall River, D.P.U. 15-106

Petitions of the City of Attleboro, Town of Acushnet, Town of Somerset, Town of Swansea, Town of Dighton, Town of Fairhaven, Town of Freetown, Town of Norton, Town of Plainville, Town of Rehoboth, Town of Seekonk, City of New Bedford, and City of Fall River for approval of municipal aggregation plans pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §134.

Between July 6, 2015 and July 13, 2015, the City of Attleboro, Town of Acushnet, Town of Somerset, Town of Swansea, Town of Dighton, Town of Fairhaven, Town of Freetown, Town of Norton, Town of Plainville, Town of Rehoboth, Town of Seekonk, City of New Bedford, and City of Fall River (collectively "Municipalities") each filed with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") a petition seeking approval of a municipal aggregation plan ("Plan"). The Department docketed these petitions as D.P.U. 15-93, D.P.U. 15-94, D.P.U. 15-95, D.P.U. 15-96, D.P.U. 15-97, D.P.U. 15-98, D.P.U. 15-99, D.P.U. 15-101, D.P.U. 15-102, D.P.U. 15-103, D.P.U. 15-104, D.P.U. 15-105, and D.P.U. 15-106, respectively.

General Laws c. 164, § 134 authorizes a municipality to procure a contract for electric supply on behalf of electricity consumers within its municipal borders. Eligible consumers not already enrolled with an alternative electric supplier will be automatically enrolled in the municipal aggregation program unless they chose to "opt out" in which case they would remain enrolled on basic service provided by their electric distribution company (i.e., Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, or NSTAR Electric Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy depending on the consumer's location).

To implement each aggregation program, the Municipalities each seek Department approval of their respective Plans. The Municipalities' filings include a form competitive electric service agreement, which will be negotiated with potential competitive suppliers. The Municipalities also seek a waiver, on behalf of any competitive supplier selected by the Municipalities, of certain information disclosure requirements contained in G.L. c. 164, § 1F(6) and 220 C.M.R. § 11.06(4)(c).

The Department will conduct a public hearing at the Department's offices, located at One South Station, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, on **Wednesday, August 26, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.**, to receive comments on the Plan. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the public hearing noted above or submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, August 25, 2015**.

An original hard copy of all written comments must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Two copies of all written comments must also be sent to Jonathan Goldberg, Hearing Officer, at the Department of Public Utilities. One copy of all written comments should also be sent to the Good Energy, L.P.'s ("Good Energy") attorney, Scott J. Mueller, Esq., Scott J. Mueller Law Office, 12 Bulkley Road, Sudbury, Massachusetts 01776. The Municipalities have retained Good Energy as their agent in these proceedings.

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 to the Hearing Officer, Jonathan Goldberg, [Jonathan.Goldberg@state.ma.us](mailto:Jonathan.Goldberg@state.ma.us); or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number(s) of the proceeding(s) (e.g., D.P.U. 15-93); (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: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

A copy of the Municipalities' petitions are available for public viewing at the Department's offices, One South Station, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, during regular business hours. A copy of each Municipality's petition is also available for public viewing at its municipal offices, as follows:

Town of Acushnet, 122 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743  
City of Attleboro, 77 Park Street, Attleboro, MA 02703;  
Town of Somerset, 140 Wood Street, Somerset, MA 02726;  
Town of Swansea, 81 Main Street, Swansea, MA 02777;  
Town of Dighton, 979 Somerset Avenue, Dighton, MA 02715;  
Town of Fairhaven, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719;  
Town of Freetown, 3 North Main Street, Freetown, MA 02702;  
Town of Norton, 70 East Main Street, Norton, MA 02766;  
Town of Plainville, 142 South Street, Plainville, MA 02762;  
Town of Rehoboth, 148 Peck Street, Rehoboth, MA 02769;  
Town of Seekonk, 100 Peck Street, Seekonk, MA 02771;  
City of New Bedford, 133 William Street, New Bedford, MA 02740;  
City of Fall River, One Government Center, Fall River, MA 02722

In addition, electronic filings are available on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. Any person desiring further information regarding the

Municipalities' filings should contact counsel for Good Energy, Scott J. Mueller, Esq., at (978) 460-0693. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Jonathan Goldberg, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.

