



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 24-OGAF-BERK

March 29, 2024

Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.00 for approval of its 2024 off-peak gas adjustment factor filing, effective May 1, 2024.

On March 15, 2024, The Berkshire Gas Company (“Company” or “Berkshire”) 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 filing includes the Company’s off-peak GAF for effect May 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024, as well as the reconciliation of its 2023 off-peak period gas costs. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 24-OGAF-BERK.

The Company submitted a proposed off-peak GAF of \$0.2922 per therm for all customers. If the Department approves the Company’s GAF as proposed, a typical residential heating (R-3) customer will see an average monthly bill increase of \$1.98, or 4.23 percent, compared to the 2023 off-peak period. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as shown below.

Berkshire 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.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, April 12, 2024**. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, Mathieu Cunha, at Mathieu.Cunha@mass.gov, and the Company’s attorney, Brendan P. Vaughan, Esq. at Brendan.Vaughan@keeganwerlin.com. Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

All documents should be submitted to the Department in PDF format by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and Mathieu.Cunha@mass.gov. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 24-OGAF-BERK); (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 through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "24-OGAF-BERK") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>. In addition, one copy of all written comments should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Brendan P. Vaughan, Esq. at Brendan.Vaughan@keeganwerlin.com.

The Company's filing and all subsequent related documents submitted to the Department or issued by the Department will be available on the Department's website as referenced above as soon as is practicable. 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), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at Andrea.R.Casul@mass.gov.

For further information regarding the Company's filing please contact the Company's attorney, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Mathieu Cunha, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at Mathieu.Cunha@mass.gov.