

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 24-PGAF-BERK

September 9, 2024

Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2024/25 local distribution adjustment factor and peak gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2024.

On August 14, 2024, The Berkshire Gas Company (“Company”) filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) its seasonal local distribution adjustment factor filing (“LDAF”), pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.11. The filing includes the residential assistance adjustment factor (“RAAF”), remediation adjustment factor (“RAF”), Attorney General consultant expense factor (“AGCEF”), energy efficiency surcharge (“EES”), and pension adjustment factor (“PAF”). The proposed rates are for effect November 1, 2024. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 24-PGAF-BERK.

The table below summarizes the proposed rates in dollars per therm:¹

<u>Rate Class</u>	<u>LDAF</u>
Residential	\$0.3122
Small C&I	\$0.1463
Medium C&I	\$0.1360
Large C&I	\$0.1175
X-Large C&I	\$0.0106

If the Department approves the Company’s LDAFs as proposed, a typical residential heating customer will see an **average monthly bill decrease of \$6.41 or 2.6 percent** in the winter, compared to the LDAF currently in effect. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as shown below.

The Company is required to file its peak gas adjustment factor filing (“GAF”) filing in this docket no later than September 17, 2024, at least 45 days prior to the date on which the proposed GAFs are to be effective (November 1, 2024). The Company may, at any time during

¹ For presentation purposes, the Company has included the Peak Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factor (“RDAF”) in the proposed LDAF for each rate class. The Company’s current RDAFs are \$0.0443, \$0.0259, \$0.0266, \$0.0236, and \$0.000, respectively, for the residential, small commercial and industrial (“C&I”), medium C&I, large C&I, and extra-large C&I rate classes.

the 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.

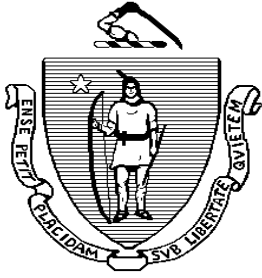
Any person interested in commenting on the **LDAF** filing may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, October 4, 2024**. Any person interested in commenting on the **GAF** filing may submit written comments no later than the close of business on **Friday, October 11, 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-PGAF-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-PGAF-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 Jenyka.Spitz-Gassnola2@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.



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The Berkshire Gas Company (“Company”) is required to serve a copy of the attached Notice of Filing and Request for Comments no later than **September 13, 2024**, on the service lists for D.P.U. 24-OGAF-BERK and D.P.U. 23-PGAF-BERK, 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,

/s/
Mark D. Marini, Secretary