



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 23-ERP-02

June 13, 2023

Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company for approval of its 2023 annual gas Emergency Response Plan filed pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 85B and 220 CMR 19.04(1).

On May 15, 2023, The Berkshire Gas Company (“Company”) filed its 2023 gas Emergency Response Plan (“ERP”) with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”). This filing was made pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 85B and 220 CMR 19.04(1). The purpose of ERPs is to ensure that each gas company is adequately and sufficiently prepared to restore service to its customers in a safe and reasonably prompt manner during an emergency event. 220 CMR 19.00. The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 23-ERP-02.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **July 19, 2023**. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, timothy.m.federico@mass.gov, and the Company’s attorney, Brendan Vaughan, Esq. at bvaughan@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 email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and timothy.m.federico@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 23-ERP-02); (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 “23-ERP-02”) at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Flerom/dockets/bynumber>. In addition, one copy of all written comments and petitions to intervene should be emailed to the Company’s attorney, Brendan Vaughan, Esq. at bvaughan@keeganwerlin.com.

The 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 for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at Gabriella.Knight@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 Timothy Federico, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at timothy.m.federico@mass.gov.