

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 26-GC-18

July 23, 2026

Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between The Berkshire Gas Company and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.

On July 2, 2026, The Berkshire Gas Company (“Company”) filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”), pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03, a request for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement (“Agreement”) between the Company and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst (“Customer”) for service to the Customer’s fuel plant at 200 Mullins Way, Amherst, Massachusetts, 01003. The filing consists of the following: (1) an explanatory cover letter; (2) a copy of the Agreement; (3) a marginal cost analysis; (4) a comparison of the proposed contract rate to the Company’s otherwise applicable filed tariff rate; (5) a copy of the prior Firm Transportation Service Agreement that the Agreement is intended to replace (“2004 Agreement”); (6) a copy of the Customer’s air quality plan permits; (7) a comparative cost analysis; and (8) an affidavit declaring that the Customer has a decarbonization strategy. Accompanying the filing are (1) a motion for protective treatment and (2) a plain language summary and outreach plan. The Department has docketed the petition as D.P.U. 26-GC-18.

The Company proposes a 60-month Agreement, effective September 1, 2026, subject to the Department’s review and approval. This Agreement supersedes the 2004 Agreement, which went into effect June 30, 2004, for a term of roughly 22 years. It was approved by the Department on February 14, 2005.¹ The Agreement sets terms for the delivery of natural gas to the Customer’s facilities, including minimum pipe pressure, and requires the Customer to pay the Company a monthly Customer Charge calculated based on the Company’s T-54 rate tariff currently in effect. The Company has agreed to work with the Customer on developing decarbonization strategies. The Customer asserts that it has dual fuel capability and can use No. 2 ultralow sulfur diesel fuel oil as a competitive alternative to natural gas. The Company explains that the negotiated rate in effect for the Agreement exceeds the Company’s marginal cost to provide this service to the Customer.

¹ The 2004 contract was amended on August 21, 2015. The Berkshire Gas Company, D.P.U. 04-GC-31 (2015)

The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the company's filing. The Department will conduct the public hearing on August 4, 2026, beginning at 2 p.m. Attendees can join by entering the link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87121108426>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio only access to the hearing, attendees can dial in at 1 (309) 205 3325 (not toll free) and then enter the Webinar ID number: 871 2110 8426. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, please send an email by August 3, 2026 to Mathieu.Cunha@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address. In addition, any person who desires to provide written comment on this matter may submit their comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on August 6, 2026. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, Mathieu.Cunha@mass.gov, and the Company's attorneys, Kevin Penders, Esq., at KPenders@keeganwerlin.com and Joseph Kelley, jkelley@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 Peter Ray, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

Any person who desires to participate otherwise in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene no later than 5:00 p.m. on **August 6, 2026**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03. Receipt by the Department 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. All responses to petitions to intervene must be filed by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the second business day after the petition to intervene was filed.

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. 26-GC-18); (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 online [File Room](#) (enter "26-GC-18" on the line for Docket No.). In addition, one copy of all written comments and petitions for leave to intervene should be emailed to the Company's attorneys, Kevin Penders, Esq., at KPenders@keeganwerlin.com and Joseph Kelley, jkelley@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 eeadiversity@mass.gov or (617) 626-1282.

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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English

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繁體中文 (Traditional Chinese)

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Español (Spanish)

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简体中文 (Simplified Chinese)

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Kreyòl Ayisyen (Haitian Creole)

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Русский (Russian)

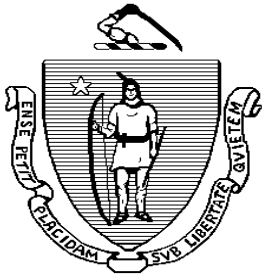
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The Berkshire Gas Company ("Company") is required to serve a copy of the attached Notice of Filing and Request for Comments no later than **July 28, 2026**, on: (1) the service list for The Berkshire Gas Company, D.P.U. 25-170; and (2) on any person 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.

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/
Peter Ray, Secretary