

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

ORDER OF NOTICE

D.P.U. 26-115

August 19, 2026

Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company for approval of its annual pension adjustment factor rate adjustment and reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2026.

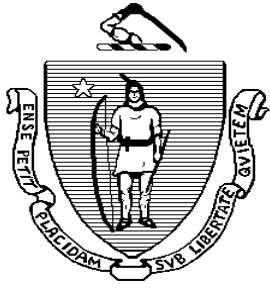
The Berkshire Gas Company ("Company") is required to serve a copy of the attached Notice of Filing and Request for Comments no later than **Monday, August 24, 2026**, on: (1) the service lists in The Berkshire Gas Company, D.P.U. 25-PGAF-BERK; The Berkshire Gas Company, D.P.U. 25-112; and The Berkshire Gas Company, D.P.U. 25-170; and (2) 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 close of the comment period. The Company shall provide return of service and proof of website posting at the close of the comment period.

By Order of the Department,

/s/

Peter A. Ray, Secretary



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NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

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On August 3, 2026, The Berkshire Gas Company ("Company") filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of its annual pension and post-retirement benefits other than pensions adjustment factors ("PAFs"). The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 26-115.

The PAF is a component of the Company's Local Distribution Adjustment Factor ("LDAF"), pursuant to its Local Distribution Adjustment Clause tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 633. The Company's proposed LDAF for effect November 1, 2026, is currently under review in D.P.U. 26-PGAF-BERK.

The Company proposes the following PAFs for effect November 1, 2026:

Rate Class	PAF (per therm)
Residential	\$0.0077
Small Commercial & Industrial ("C&I")	\$0.0055
Medium C&I	\$0.0022
Large C&I	\$0.0010
Extra Large C&I	\$0.0000

If the Department approves the PAFs as proposed, the Company states that customers will experience the following PAF-related bill impacts:

- the average residential non-heating customer (R-1) using on average 15 therms of gas per month during the peak period (November 1 through April 30) will experience a PAF-related bill increase of \$0.17 (or 0.30 percent);
- the average residential non-heating customer (R-1) using on average 10 therms of gas per month during the off-peak period (May 1 through October 31) will experience a PAF-related bill increase of \$0.11 (or 0.29 percent);

- the average residential non-heating low-income customer (R-2) using 15 therms of gas per month during the peak period (November 1 through April 30) will experience an average monthly PAF-related bill increase of \$0.12 (or 0.30 percent);
- the average residential non-heating low-income customer (R-2) using 11 therms of gas per month during the off-peak period (May 1 through October 31) will experience an average monthly PAF-related bill increase of \$0.09 (or 0.29 percent);
- the average residential heating customer (R-3) using on average 130 therms of gas per month during peak period (November 1 through April 30) will experience a PAF-related bill increase of \$1.47 (or 0.45 percent);
- the average residential heating customer (R-3) using on average 26 therms of gas per month during the off-peak period (May 1 through October 31) will experience a PAF-related bill increase of \$0.30 (or 0.42 percent);
- the average residential heating low-income customer (R-4) using 118 therms per month during the peak period (November 1 through April 30) will experience an average monthly PAF-related bill increase of \$1.00 (or 0.45 percent);
- the average residential heating low-income customer (R-4) using 24 therms per month during the off-peak period (May 1 through October 31) will experience an average monthly PAF-related bill increase of \$0.20 (or 0.42 percent); and
- bill impacts for C&I gas customers will vary. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as shown below.

The bill impacts described above are isolated to the impact of the proposed changes in the PAFs. The Company has proposed other changes to its rates effective November 1, 2026, in D.P.U. 26-PGAF-BERK, which will have an impact on customers' gas bills.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Thursday, September 10, 2026**, using the method described below. 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 A. Ray, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Thursday, September 10, 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 1.101(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 CMR 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All documents should be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and laurie.e.weisman@mass.gov. In addition, one copy of all documents should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Kerri A. Gowaski, Esq., at kerri.gowaski@avangrid.com. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 26-115); (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 "26-115" on the line for "Docket No."). Please note that in the interest of transparency any public 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. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments or intervene in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient.

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For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Company's attorney, Kerri A. Gowaski, Esq., at kerri.gowaski@avangrid.com. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Laurie Ellen Weisman, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at laurie.e.weisman@mass.gov.

Translation and Interpretation Services

English

ATTENTION: Translation and/or interpretation services are available upon request. Please email Kaylee Burgess at dpu.ej@mass.gov to request language services, specifying your preferred language and contact information.

Português (Portuguese)

ATENÇÃO: Disponibilizamos nossos serviços de tradução e/ou interpretação de acordo com a sua demanda. Para solicitar um serviço linguístico, envie um e-mail para Kaylee Burgess através do endereço dpu.ej@mass.gov, informando o idioma desejado e seus dados para contato.

繁體中文 (Traditional Chinese)

提醒您：您可依照需求申請筆譯和/或口譯服務。請以電郵聯絡 Kaylee Burgess (dpu.ej@mass.gov) 來申請語言服務請求，請在電郵內註明需要的語言和聯絡資訊。

Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese)

LƯU Ý: Các dịch vụ biên dịch và/hoặc phiên dịch có sẵn theo yêu cầu. Vui lòng gửi email đến Kaylee Burgess theo địa chỉ dpu.ej@mass.gov để yêu cầu dịch vụ ngôn ngữ, nêu rõ ngôn ngữ ưa thích của quý vị và thông tin liên lạc

(Arabic) العربية

يُرجى الانتباه: تتوفر خدمات الترجمة و/أو الترجمة الفورية عند الطلب. لطلب خدمات لغوية يرجى التواصل مع Kaylee Burgess بإرسال رسالة إلكترونية إلى العنوان dpu.ej@mass.gov، تحدد فيها اللغة المفضلة لديك وتذكر معلومات الاتصال.

ខ្មែរ (Khmer)

ជូនចំពោះ៖ សេវាកម្មប្រែក្លាយ និង/ឬបកប្រែផ្ទាល់ គឺមានតាមការស្នើសុំ។ សូមផ្ញើអ៊ីមែលទៅ Kaylee Burgess តាម dpu.ej@mass.gov ដើម្បីស្នើសុំសេវាកម្មប្រែក្លាយ ដោយបញ្ជាក់ភាសាដែលអ្នកចង់បាន និងព័ត៌មានទំនាក់ទំនង។

Español (Spanish)

ATENCIÓN: Los servicios de traducción y/o interpretación están disponibles bajo solicitud. Por favor envíe un correo electrónico a Kaylee Burgess en dpu.ej@mass.gov para solicitar los servicios de idiomas, especificando su idioma preferido e información de contacto.

简体中文 (Simplified Chinese)

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Kreyòl Ayisyen (Haitian Creole)

ATANSYON: Gen sèvis tradiksyon ak/oswa entèpretasyon ki disponib sou demann. Tanpri voye imèl bay Kaylee Burgess nan dpu.ej@mass.gov pou mande sèvis lang, ki enfòm lang ou pi pito a ak enfòmasyon kontak ou.

Français (French)

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Русский (Russian)

ВНИМАНИЕ!

Услуги письменного и/или устного перевода предоставляются по запросу. Для запроса услуг перевода обращайтесь к Kaylee Burgess по адресу dpu.ej@mass.gov. В запросе укажите язык перевода и контактную информацию.

한국어 (Korean)

주의: 요청 시 번역 및/또는 통역 서비스가 제공됩니다.

Kaylee Burgess에게 dpu.ej@mass.gov로 이메일을 보내 선호하는 언어와 연락처 정보를 명시하여 언어 서비스를 요청하십시오.