The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 26-GSEP-02 November 24, 2026

Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company for Approval of its 2027 Gas System Enhancement Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for rates effective May 1, 2027.

On October 31, 2026, The Berkshire Gas Company ("Berkshire" or "Company") submitted to the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") its 2027 gas system enhancement plan ("GSEP") to address aging natural gas pipeline infrastructure. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 26-GSEP-02.

Berkshire states that its 2027 revenue requirement is $3,830,518, which represents the cumulative cost to replace eligible leak-prone infrastructure through the end of calendar year 2027. The Company proposes to collect this amount through the gas system enhancement adjustment factors ("GSEAFs"). The Company states that its proposed revenue requirement does not exceed the 2.0 percent cap.

According to the Company, its proposed 2027 GSEP is consistent with the requirements of G.L. c. 164, § 145, which allows gas distribution companies to accelerate the replacement of eligible infrastructure to improve public safety or infrastructure reliability, and to reduce or potentially reduce lost and unaccounted for natural gas. Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, on May 1, 2028, the Company will submit to the Department the amount recovered through the GSEAFs for reconciliation with actual 2027 calendar year GSEP costs.

The Company states that approval of the GSEAFs will result in a monthly bill decrease of $4.49 or 1.42 percent for the average residential heating customer using 130 therms per month during the peak months, and a monthly bill decrease of $1.40 or 1.87 percent for the average residential heating customer using 26 therms per month during the off-peak months. For commercial and industrial customers, average monthly bill impacts are a decrease ranging from 0.62 percent to 2.79 percent. For customer-specific bill impacts, contact the Company's attorney(s) listed below.

The Company proposes the following GSEAFs by rate class sector for effect May 1, 2027:

Rate Class Sector	Proposed GSEAF ($/Therm)
Residential (R-1 through R-4)	$0.0689
Small Commercial & Industrial ("C&I") (G-41/G-51	$0.0582
Medium C&I (G-42/G-52)	$0.0397
Large C&I (G-43/G-53)	$0.0288
Extra Large C&I (T-54)	$0.0020

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Monday, January 4, 2027**, 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 **Friday, December 4, 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 is filed.

All documents should be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and elyssa.klein@mass.gov. In addition, one copy of all documents should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Kerri A. Gowaski, Esq., UIL Holdings Corporation, at kerri.gowaski@avangrid.com and Joseph Kelley, Esq., Keegan Werlin LLP, at jkelley@keeganwerlin.com. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 26-GSEP-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 "26-GSEP-02" 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 attorneys, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Elyssa Klein, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at elyssa.klein@mass.gov.

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