



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 17-107

March 2, 2018

Petition of Milford Water Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §94, and G.L. c. 165, §2, for Approval of a General Rate Increase as set forth in M.D.P.U. No. 23 and M.D.P.U. No. 24.

On June 15, 2017, Milford Water Company (“MWC” or “Company”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for a general rate increase of \$1,895,773, which represents an overall increase of 29.6 percent over the Company’s currently effective rates. MWC last received a general rate increase in 2013. See Milford Water Company, D.P.U. 12-86 (2013). The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 17-107 and suspended the effective date of the proposed rate increase to investigate the propriety of the Company’s request.

If the Company’s petition is approved as presented, a typical residential customer in Milford using 2,000 cubic feet per quarter would receive an increase of approximately \$34.35 per quarter, or 29.6 percent. Bill impacts will vary based on customer class and volume used. Individual customers may contact the Company as shown below for specific bill impact information. Additionally, the Company proposes to revise its tariffs to allow the Company to bill customers on either a monthly or quarterly basis.

The Department (1) granted the Company’s requests to suspend this proceeding to allow the Town of Milford (“Town”) and the Company to negotiate the purchase of the Company by the Town, (2) postponed the public hearing originally scheduled for September 5, 2017, to accommodate the purchase negotiation, and (3) suspended the effective date of the proposed rate increase until September 1, 2018.

To receive comment on the Company’s filing, the Department has rescheduled its public hearing for **Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Milford Town Hall, 52 Main Street, Milford, Massachusetts 01757. Any person interested in commenting on this matter may appear at the public hearing or file written comments with the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, April 6, 2018**.

Reasonable accommodations at the public hearing for people with disabilities are available upon request. Contact the Department’s ADA Coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3642 to make such a request. Include a

description of the accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can. Also include a way the Department can contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be able to be accommodated.

All comments should be addressed to: Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing.

In addition to the above requirement, one (1) copy of all materials filed with the Department should be sent to each of the following: (1) David Biele, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110; (2) Eric J. Krathwohl, Esq., Rich May, P.C., 176 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 (counsel of the Company); (3) John J. Geary, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Ratepayer Advocacy, One Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02108; and (4) Gerald Moody, Esq., Town of Milford, 52 Main Street, Milford, Massachusetts 01757.

Further, in addition to paper filings with the Department, all documents must be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us and the Hearing Officer, david.biele@state.ma.us; or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 17-107); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

A copy of the Company's filing is available for inspection during regular business hours at the following locations: (1) the Company's office, 66 Dilla Street, Milford, Massachusetts 01757; and (2) the Milford Town Library, 80 Spruce Street, Milford, Massachusetts 01757. These filings are also available on the Department's website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact Department's ADA Coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3642.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's petition should contact the Company's counsel, Eric J. Krathwohl, Esq., Rich May, P.C., 176 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 at (617) 556-3857. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact David Biele, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.