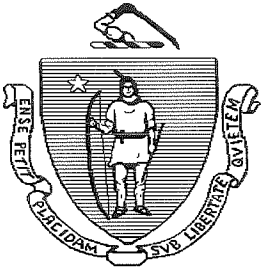


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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 21-29

March 23, 2021

Petition of Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company for authorization and approval to issue revenue bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$170,000,000 pursuant to St. 1975, c. 775, §§ 5(p), 9, 11, and 17.

On March 1, 2021, Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (“Company”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) requesting approval to issue revenue bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$170,000,000 pursuant to St. 1975, c. 775, §§ 5(p), 9, 11, and 17. The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 21-29.

The Company states that it will issue up to \$85,000,000 of long-term revenue bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness, which the Company would use to construct, own and operate a fast-starting nominal 60 megawatt dual fuel simple cycle peaking electric generating unit in Peabody (“Initial Issuance”). The Company also states it may issue up to \$85,000,000 in refunding revenue bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness to be issued by the Company to refinance and refund the Initial Issuance if it becomes economically advantageous and in the public interest to do so during the term of the Initial Issuance.

On March 10, 2020, Governor Baker issued a state of emergency related to COVID-19 for the entire Commonwealth. Due to the state of emergency, the Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Company’s filing. The public hearing will be immediately followed by a virtual evidentiary hearing. The Department will conduct the hearings using Zoom videoconferencing on **Monday, April 26, 2021**, beginning at **10:00 a.m.** Attendees can join by entering the link, <https://zoom.us/j/92556370131>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at 1-646-558-8656 (not toll free) and then enter the Meeting ID# 925 5637 0131. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, please send an email by **Monday, April 19, 2021** to Lauren.Morris@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address. If you anticipate commenting by telephone, please leave a voicemail message by **Monday, April 19, 2021** at 617-305-3627 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address.

The Department will also accept written comments on the Company's petition. Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **April 26, 2021**. At this time, all filings will be submitted only in electronic format in recognition of the difficulty that parties and the Department may have filing and receiving original copies. Ordinarily, all parties would follow Sections B.1 and B.4 of the Department's Standard Ground Rules (D.P.U. 15-184-A, App. 1 (March 4, 2020)); however, until further notice, parties must retain the original paper version and the Department will later determine when the paper version must be filed with the Department Secretary. Importantly, all large files submitted must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20 MB.

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 **Wednesday, April 7, 2021**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, 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 must be submitted to the Department in pdf format by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and Lauren.Morris@mass.gov. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 21-29); (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 as soon as practicable at <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. 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) for people with disabilities contact Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us. In addition, one copy of all written comments should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Nicholas Scobbo, Jr., Esq., at nscobbo@ferriterscobbo.com.

The Company's filing and all subsequent related documents, pleadings and/or filings submitted to the Department and/or issued by the Department will be available on the Department's website as soon as is practicable at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (insert 21-29). A paper copy of the filing will not be available for public viewing at the Company's offices or the Department due to the state of emergency. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Nicholas Scobbo, Jr., Esq., at nscobbo@ferriterscobbo.com. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Lauren Morris, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at Lauren.Morris@mass.gov.