

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

D.P.U. 09-44

July 13, 2009

Petition of Whitinsville Water Company to the Department of Public Utilities for a general rate increase as set forth in M.D.P.U. Nos. 20 and 21.

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

On June 15, 2009, Whitinsville Water Company ("Whitinsville" or "Company") filed with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") a petition for an increase in its total annual revenue of approximately \$1,144,240, with the increase phased-in over two years in approximately equal amounts. The proposed increase represents an overall increase of 62.25 percent in the Company's currently effective revenues. The proposed percentage increases will vary from the average depending on the volume used. For example, if the Company's petition is approved, the rates for a 5/8-inch meter customer using 2,400 cubic feet per quarter will increase from \$106.99 to \$132.41 or 23.76 percent on January 1, 2010, and to \$164.00 or an additional 23.86 percent on January 1, 2011. Bill impacts for non-residential customers and those customers served by the Northbridge Water Department will vary. For specific impacts, please contact the Company as shown below.

The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 09-44 and has suspended the effective date of the proposed rate increase until May 1, 2010, to investigate the propriety of Whitinsville's proposed rate increase. The Company last received a general rate increase in February 2008.

The Department will hold a public hearing on the proposed rate increase on **Tuesday, August 18, 2009, at 7:00 pm.** at Northbridge Town Hall, 7 Main Street, Northbridge, Massachusetts. Persons interested in commenting on the Company's filing may appear at the public hearing or file written comments with the Department by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, August 19, 2009.** A procedural conference will be held at the Department's offices at 2:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 9, 2009.**

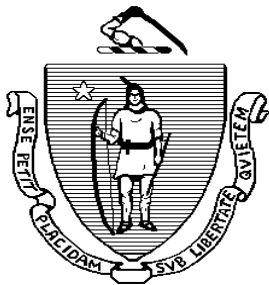
Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, not later than 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, August 25, 2009.** Two (2) copies of all written documents must also be provided to Laurie Ellen Weisman, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, and one (1) copy of all written

documents must be served on legal counsel for the Company, Eric J. Krathwohl Esq., Rich May, 176 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110-2223. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 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 pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All written documents should also 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 (laurie.e.weisman@state.ma.us); or (2) on a 3.5" disk or CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail, disk label, or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 09-44); (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 will be available for public viewing during normal business hours at the Department's offices. The Company's petition will also be available for public viewing at the Company's offices, 44 Lake Street, Whitinsville, Massachusetts, and at the Whitinsville Social Library, 17 Church Street, Whitinsville, Massachusetts. Any person desiring further information on the Company's petition should contact Eric J. Krathwohl Esq., Rich May, 176 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110-2223, 617-556-3800.

Any person desiring further information regarding this notice may contact:
Laurie Ellen Weisman, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station,
Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, 617-305-3500.



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ORDER OF NOTICE

Whitinsville Water Company ("Company") is required to publish the attached Notice of Filing and Public Hearing in the Blackstone Valley Tribune and the Worcester Telegram & Gazette once at least twenty-one (21) days prior to **August 18, 2009**, and again seven (7) days prior to said date. In addition, the Company shall serve a copy of the attached notice, by first-class mail, postage pre-paid, at least fourteen (14) days prior to **August 18, 2009**, on the service list for Whitinsville Water Company, D.T.E. 06-64 (2007), on the Chairmen, Boards of Selectmen, and Town Clerks of the Towns of Northbridge and Sutton (along with a request that a copy of the notice be posted in each town hall), and on any person who has filed a request for notice with the Company. The Company shall provide the Department with return of service and proof of publication at the time of the public hearing.

By Order of the Department,

/s/

Mark D. Marini, Secretary