

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

ORDER OF NOTICE

D.P.U. 21-50 April 16, 2021

Notice of Inquiry by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion into procedures for enhancing public awareness of and participation in its proceedings.

The Department Secretary shall, no later than twenty-eight (28) days prior to June 14, 2021, publish the attached Notice of Inquiry ("Notice") in the following newspapers: (1) either the Boston Globe or the Boston Herald; (2) The Eagle-Tribune; (3) The Sun; (4) The Republican (formerly The Springfield Union News & Sunday Republican); (5) the Telegram & Gazette; (6) the Sentinel & Enterprise; (7) The Enterprise; (8) The Berkshire Eagle; (9) Greenfield Recorder; (10) Daily Hampshire Gazette; (11) The Patriot Ledger; (12) the Cape Cod Times; (13) the Spanish version of the attached Notice in El Mundo; (14) the Spanish version of the attached Notice in the Portuguese Times.

Within the same time frame, the Department Secretary shall serve a copy of the Notice in English, Spanish, and Portuguese on the following: companies regulated by the Department and stakeholders who have previously requested notice from the Department of Department filings. The Department Secretary's service may be by electronic distribution, which the Department finds reasonable and consistent with the public interest.

Finally, companies regulated by the Department shall prominently display the Notice in English, Spanish, and Portuguese on their website from three business days following receipt of the Notice from the Department through the end of the comment period. On or before June 14, 2021, the Department Secretary shall provide the Hearing Officer with return of service and proof of publication of the Notice. At the same time, the Department Secretary shall provide appropriate verification that the Notice and Orders were made available for viewing according to this Order of Notice.

By Order of the Department,
/s/
Mark D. Marini, Secretary