

July 28, 2023

Mark D. Marini, Secretary Department of Public Utilities One South Station, 5th Floor Boston, MA 02110

Re: Investigation of the Department of Public Utilities, on its own motion, instituting a rulemaking pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 2, and 220 CMR 2.00, to amend 220 CMR 100.00 and 220 CMR 101.00; D.P.U. 22-100

Dear Mr. Marini:

On behalf of the Northeast Gas Association ("NGA") and its accompanying Massachusetts-based natural gas Distribution Company Members, specifically, The Berkshire Gas Company; Eversource Gas Company of Massachusetts and NSTAR Gas Company each d/b/a Eversource Energy; Holyoke Gas and Electric Department; Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty; Middleborough Gas and Electric Department; Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid; Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil; Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department; and Westfield Gas and Electric Light Department, NGA submits this brief letter in lieu of reply comments on behalf of the gas distribution companies in Massachusetts, filed in accordance with the directives of the Department of Public Utilities, as issued on April 27, 2023.

NGA, collaboratively with the Massachusetts gas distribution companies noted above, have reviewed the additional comments filed by APGA and NEGWA as part of this docket. We appreciate and support the comments filed by APGA and note that the comments offered by NEGWA do not raise any new issues from those previously addressed by NGA in its additional comments as filed on June 30, 2023. Therefore, NGA rests on its comments as previously provided and reserves the right to provide additional reply comments should any forthcoming stakeholder reply comments submitted under this docket raise new issues that warrant comment.

Thank you for your attention to this filing.



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Very truly yours,

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