



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 26-69

June 25, 2026

Petition of the Town of Bernardston for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.

On June 15, 2026, the Town of Bernardston ("Town") filed a request with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134. General Laws c. 164, § 134 authorizes a municipality to procure electric supply on behalf of consumers within its municipal borders through a municipal aggregation program ("Program"). Eligible electricity consumers not already enrolled with a competitive electric supplier would be automatically enrolled in the Program unless they choose to opt out, in which case they would continue to receive basic service provided by their electric distribution company, Eversource Energy. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 26-69.

The Town has retained Colonial Power Group, Inc. to serve as its consultant in this proceeding and to assist in the implementation of the Program.

The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Town's filing. The Department will conduct the hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on **Monday, August 24, 2026**, beginning at **2:00 p.m.** Attendees can join by entering the link, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89837609385> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at 646-931-3860 (not toll free) and then enter the **Meeting ID# 898 3760 9385**. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, to the extent possible, please send an email by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, August 21, 2026**, to annemarie.belle@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address.

Alternatively, any person who desires to comment on this matter may submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Monday, August 24, 2026**. Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by

email, a paper copy may be sent to Peter A. Ray, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

All written comments or other documents should be submitted to the Department in **PDF format** by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and annemarie.belle@mass.gov. In addition, all written comments should be emailed to counsel for the consultant, Audrey Eidelman Kiernan, Esq. and Rebecca Zachas, Esq., at akiernan@kolawpc.com and rzachas@kolawpc.com. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 26-69); (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>. The e-mail must also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Importantly, all large files must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20MB.

The Town's filing and all related documents submitted to or issued by the Department will be available at the Department's website as soon as is practicable at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "26-69"). To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) for people with disabilities, contact the Department's ADA coordinator at eeadiversity@mass.gov.

Translation and/or interpretation are available upon request. To request translation and/or interpretation in a language other than English, please contact Paralegal Specialist Kaylee Burgess at dpu.ej@mass.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, August 17, 2026**.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Town's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Audrey Eidelman Kiernan, Esq. and Rebecca Zachas, Esq., at akiernan@kolawpc.com and rzachas@kolawpc.com. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Annemarie Belle, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at annemarie.belle@mass.gov.

Translation and Interpretation Services

English

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Português (Portuguese)

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(Traditional Chinese)

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Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese)

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(Arabic) العربية

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ខ្មែរ (Khmer)

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Español (Spanish)

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中文 (Simplified Chinese)

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Kreyòl Ayisyen (Haitian Creole)

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Français (French)

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Русский (Russian)

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한국 (Korean)

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