

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 26-PGAF-BERK

August 28, 2026

Petition of The Berkshire Gas Company pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2026/2027 local distribution adjustment factor and peak gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2026.

On August 3, 2026, The Berkshire Gas Company ("Company" or "Berkshire") filed with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") its seasonal local distribution adjustment factor ("LDAF") filing, pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.11. On August 13, 2026, the Company submitted a revised LDAF filing. The proposed LDAF rates include the residential assistance adjustment factor ("RAAF"), remediation adjustment factor ("RAF"), Attorney General consultant expense factor ("AGCEF"), energy efficiency surcharge ("EES"), winter relief adjustment factor ("WRAF"), and pension adjustment factor ("PAF"). The proposed rates are for effect November 1, 2026. The proposed LDAF rates also include the gas system enhancement adjustment factor ("GSEAF") that was approved in The Berkshire Gas Company, D.P.U. 25-GSEP-02 (April 30, 2026), for effect May 1, 2026. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 26-PGAF-BERK.

The table below summarizes the proposed rates in dollars per therm:

<u>Rate Class</u>	<u>LDAF</u>
Residential (R-1, R-3)	\$0.5880
Residential Low-income (R-2, R-4)	\$0.4536
Small Commercial & Industrial("C&I")	\$0.3930
Medium C&I	\$0.3159
Large C&I	\$0.2530
X-Large C&I	\$0.0246

The Company proposes an EES of \$0.3000 for residential customers and \$0.1536 for C&I customers. In addition, the Company will include a credit of \$0.1348 per therm for residential customers for January and February 2027. The Berkshire Gas Company, D.P.U. 25-170, at 15 (July 31, 2026). If the Department approves the Company's LDAFs as proposed, a typical residential heating customer will see an **average winter monthly bill increase of \$19.25, or 6.88 percent**, compared to the LDAF in effect November 1, 2025. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as shown below.

The Company is required to file its peak gas adjustment factor ("GAF") filing in this docket no later than September 17, 2026, at least 45 days prior to the date on which the proposed

GAFs are to be effective (November 1, 2026). The Company may, at any time during the peak period, submit an amended GAF filing. The amended GAF filing must be submitted seven business days before the first billing cycle of the month in which it is proposed to take effect.

Any person interested in commenting on the **LDAF** filing may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, September 25, 2026**, using the method described below. Any person interested in commenting on the **GAF** filing may submit written comments no later than the close of business on **Friday, October 2, 2026**, using the method described below. 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 documents should be submitted to the Department in .pdf format by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and Mathieu.Cunha@mass.gov. In addition, one copy of all written comments should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Brendan P. Vaughan, Esq. at Bvaughan@keeganwerlin.com. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 26-PGAF-BERK); (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 online [File Room](#) as soon as practicable (enter "26-PGAF-BERK" on the line for Docket No.). Please note that in the interest of transparency any public comments will be posted to our website as received, 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. 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), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at eeadiversity@mass.gov or (617) 626-1282.

For further information regarding the Company's filing please contact the Company's attorney, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Mathieu Cunha, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at Mathieu.Cunha@mass.gov.

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English

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Português (Portuguese)

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繁體中文 (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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简体中文 (Simplified Chinese)

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Kreyòl Ayisyen (Haitian Creole)

ATANSYON: Gen sèvis tradiksyon ak/oswa entèpretasyon ki disponib sou demann. Tanpri voye imèl bay Kaylee Burgess nan dpu.ej@mass.gov pou mande sèvis lang, ki enfòm lang ou pi pito a ak enfòmasyon kontak ou.

Français (French)

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Русский (Russian)

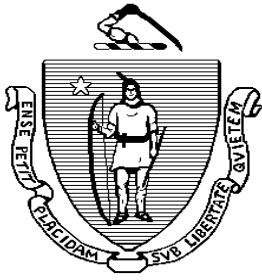
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한국어 (Korean)

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Kaylee Burgess에게 dpu.ej@mass.gov로 이메일을 보내 선호하는 언어와 연락처 정보를 명시하여 언어 서비스를 요청하십시오.



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The Company shall prominently display the notice on its website from three business days following receipt of the notice from the Department through the end of the comment period. The Company shall provide the Department with return of service and proof of website posting at the close of the comment period.

By Order of the Department,

/s/
Peter A. Ray, Secretary