



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC AND EVIDENTIARY HEARING, AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 22-104

September 12, 2022

Petition of Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company for authorization and approval to issue revenue bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$32,000,000 pursuant to St. 1975, c. 775, §§ 5(p), 9, 11, and 17.

On August 12, 2022, Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (“MMWEC” or “Company”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) requesting approval and authorization to issue revenue bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$32,000,000 pursuant to St. 1975, c. 775, §§ 5(p), 9, 11, and 17. The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 22-104.

MMWEC states that it will issue up to \$16,000,000 of long-term revenue bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness, which the Company would use to acquire, construct, and operate and maintain a solar generating facility located on Company-owned property in Ludlow, Massachusetts (“Project 2020A”), and to pay outstanding short-term financing utilized for Project 2020A (“Initial Issuance”). MMWEC also states it may issue up to \$16,000,000 in refunding revenue bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness to be issued by the Company to refinance and refund the Initial Issuance if it becomes economically advantageous and in the public interest to do so during the term of the Initial Issuance. The Company explains that the solar generating facility will help MMWEC members that are participating in Project 2020A to meet their greenhouse gas emissions standards by providing them with a renewable, noncarbon emitting resource. MMWEC identifies the following members as participating in this project: Boylston Municipal Light Department, Ipswich Electric Light Department, Mansfield Municipal Electric Department, Marblehead Municipal Light Department, Peabody Municipal Light Plant, and Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department.

Due to certain ongoing safety measures and precautions relating to in-person events put in place as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Company’s filing. The public hearing will be immediately followed by a virtual evidentiary hearing. The Department will conduct the hearings using Zoom videoconferencing on **Wednesday, November 16, 2022**, beginning

at 10:00 a.m. Attendees can join by entering the link, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89630254061>, 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# 896 3025 4061**. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, please send an e-mail by **Wednesday, November 9, 2022**, to kerri.phillips@mass.gov with your name, e-mail address, and mailing address. If you anticipate commenting by telephone, please leave a voicemail message by **Wednesday, November 9, 2022**, at (617) 305-3690 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address.

Any person interested in commenting on the Company's filing may also submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, November 16, 2022**. Any person who otherwise desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 7, 2022**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 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 under 220 CMR 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 CMR 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10. All responses to petitions to intervene must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on the second business day after the petition to intervene was filed. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments or intervene in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient.

All documents must be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and kerri.phillips@mass.gov. In addition, all documents must be sent by e-mail attachment to the Company's attorneys, Nicholas J. Scobbo, Jr., Esq., at nscobbo@ferriterscobbo.com, and Sherry L. Vaughn, Esq., at svaughn@ferriterscobbo.com. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 22-104); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. To the extent a member of the public is unable to send written comments by e-mail, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

All documents submitted in this proceeding will be posted on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "22-104") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Flerom/dockets/bynumber>. At this time, a paper copy of the filing will not be available for public viewing at the Company's offices or the Department. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov.

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Company's attorneys through e-mail, as identified above, or at (617) 737-1800. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Kerri DeYoung Phillips, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at kerri.phillips@mass.gov.