



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 08-27

June 4, 2008

Petition of Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts for a General Rate Increase as set forth in M.D.P.U. No. 1.

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On May 14, 2008, Aquarion Water Company ("Aquarion" or "Company") filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for a \$3,070,511 general rate increase, which represents an overall increase of 24.8 percent in the Company's currently effective rates. The Company last received a general rate increase in April 2001. If the Company's petition is approved as presented, a typical residential customer in Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, and Norwell would receive an increase of approximately \$32.64 per quarter, or 21.36 percent. A typical residential customer in Millbury and Oxford would receive an increase of approximately \$27.18 per quarter, or 33.45 percent. Bill impacts for non-residential customers will vary. For specific impacts, please contact the Company as shown below. The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 08-27 and has suspended the effective date of the proposed rate increase until April 1, 2009, in order to investigate the propriety of Aquarion's request.

A copy of the petition is available for public review at the Aquarion's offices at 900 Main Street, Hingham, Massachusetts, 02043, and at the offices of the Department, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. For further information on the Company's petition, please contact Larry Bingaman, senior vice president, Aquarion, at 781-740-6694.

The Department has scheduled public hearings to receive comment on Aquarion's proposal:

**Wednesday, July 9, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.**

Oxford Town Hall (Rear)

Senior Center

325 Main Street

Oxford, Massachusetts

**Wednesday, July 16, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.**

Hull High School  
Auditorium  
180 Main Street  
Hull, Massachusetts

Persons interested in commenting on the Company's filing may appear at the public hearing or file written comments with the Department by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, July 18, 2008. A procedural conference will be held at the Department's offices at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 2008.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, not later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 18, 2008. Two (2) copies of all written documents must also be provided to Carol Pieper, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, and one (1) copy of all written documents must be sent to legal counsel for the Company, Steven V. Camerino, McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, P.A., 11 South Main Street, Suite 500, Concord, New Hampshire 03301. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 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 pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All documents should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dpu.efiling@state.ma.us) and the hearing officer ([carol.pieper@state.ma.us](mailto:carol.pieper@state.ma.us)); or (2) on a 3.5" disk or CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail, disk label, or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 08-27); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be created in either Corel WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, or Adobe Acrobat (version 7 or higher). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel (version 2000). The Department strongly encourages filers to avoid submitting scanned files but will accept them for posting when an alternative version does not exist in electronic format. In addition, if the petitioner, applicant, or any other participant has already filed a document relevant to this proceeding, such as the initial petition, application, or filing, without providing an electronic copy of that document, such entity is directed to do so in compliance with the above electronic filing requirements as soon as practicable. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice may contact: Carol Pieper,

Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, tel. (617) 305-3500.