

January 29, 2026

Peter Ray, Secretary
Department of Public Utilities
One South Station, 3rd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: The Berkshire Gas Company, D.P.U. 25-PGAF-BERK

Dear Secretary Ray:

On October 31, 2025, the Department of Public Utilities (the “Department”) issued an Order in the above-captioned matter approving The Berkshire Gas Company’s (“Berkshire” or the “Company”) Local Distribution Adjustment Factors (“LDAFs”) for effect November 1, 2025. On January 23, 2026, the Massachusetts Electric Distribution Companies and Local Distribution Companies (the “Companies”) including Berkshire, filed a letter with the Department indicating their intention to submit proposals for targeted winter relief efforts to lower energy bills for customers this winter (the “Letter”). In the Letter, the Company committed to submitting a proposal that would result in at least a 10 percent decrease in residential customer bills for February and March, 2026 to be collected from customers during the off-peak period of May 2026 through October 2026.

Pursuant to the Letter, on January 26, 2026 the Company filed proposed LDAFs for effect February 1, 2026. Upon consideration of the comments provided in this proceeding and feedback from stakeholders, in an effort to assist its customers in moderating bill impacts due to this winter period, the Company has decided to forgo seeking recovery of the carrying charges associated with the Company’s Winter Rate Reduction Filing. Although loss of these amounts is not insignificant to the Company, the Company has decided that this is the appropriate decision to make in support of its customers.

To effectuate the commitment in the Letter, and to provide rate relief to customers, the Company’s proposal to reduce its LDAF (including Energy Efficiency Charge) for residential customers from the currently-approved rate of \$0.4236 per-therm to the currently-proposed rate of \$0.1292 per-therm as outlined in the Company’s January 26, 2026 filing remains unchanged. However, as indicated in the Company’s response to Information Request DPU-4-1 (1-28-26), the Company is providing Attachment 1 (Rev.) including the proposed revised bill impacts associated with the Company’s LDAFs for residential customers for effect February 1, 2026.¹

¹ Attachment 1 Rev. provides a comparison of total bill components for an average residential customer on Rates R-1 and R-3 at current rates and with rates under the Company’s proposed revised LDAF, which has been updated to include the changes described herein.

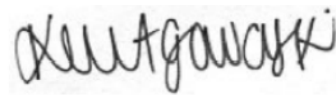
Under the Company's proposed LDAF rate for effect February 1, 2026, an average Residential Non-Heating Customer on Rate R-1 using 17 therms per month will experience a reduction of 10 percent, or a decrease of \$5.10, on their total bill. An average Residential Heating customer on Rate R-3 using 141 therms per month will experience a reduction of 16.5 percent, or a decrease of \$41.65, on their total bill.

The Company is accelerating efforts to promote budget billing programs for residential customers and is guiding customers who have difficulty paying their energy bills towards appropriate assistance programs, such as arrearage management plans and the Home Energy Assistance Programs. Further, the Company's proposal is framed in a way to provide all residential customers, both heating and non-heating, rate relief in a manner that avoids impacts to customers of the implantation of important public policy programs such as energy efficiency.

The Company's proposed bill message to notify customers of this upcoming rate change remains unchanged from its January 26, 2026 correspondence.

Please contact me if there are any questions with respect to this filing. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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