



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 25-145

October 17, 2025

Petition of Housatonic Water Works Company for authorization to incur long-term indebtedness in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,155,089, pursuant to G.L. c. 165, § 2 and G.L. c. 164, § 14.

On September 30, 2025, Housatonic Water Works Company ("Company") filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department"), pursuant to G.L. c. 165, § 2 and G.L. c. 164, § 14, requesting authorization to incur long-term indebtedness in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,155,089. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 25-145.

The Company requests Department approval to enter into a loan agreement for up to \$1,000,000 with CoBank, ACB, at a fixed interest rate up to eight percent per annum for a 20-year term. In addition, the Company seeks retroactive approval of a \$150,000 loan (plus matured unpaid interest of \$5,089) with the U.S. Small Business Administration it entered into on July 13, 2020, at a fixed interest rate of 3.75 percent per annum for a 30-year term.

The Company states that the loan proceeds will be used to fund the completion of a manganese filtration system that was required as part of a rate settlement between the Company and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that was approved by the Department in Housatonic Water Works Company, D.P.U. 23-65 (2024).

The project is designed to address discoloration caused by the seasonal and episodic presence of manganese in the Company's water supply. The project is currently underway and the Company expects that it will be in service in 2026. A grant provided by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection will reduce the cost of the project to customers by \$350,000. This filing will not directly affect customer rates; the Department will determine the rate impacts in a future filing after the project is complete.

The Department will conduct a public hearing on **Thursday, January 8, 2026, beginning at 2:00 p.m.** to receive comments on the Company's filing. Attendees can join by entering the link, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88173592470> 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# 881 7359 2470**. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, please send an email by **Tuesday, January 6, 2026**, to jennifer.cargill@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address. If you anticipate commenting by telephone, please leave a voicemail message

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Alternatively, any person interested in commenting on this matter also may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, January 9, 2026**. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email as specified below. 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.

Any person who 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, November 7, 2025**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03. Receipt by the Department 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 the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the second business day after the petition to intervene was filed.

All comments and petitions to intervene should be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and jennifer.cargill@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 25-145); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. In addition, one copy of all written comments and petitions to intervene should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Jed Nosal, Esq. at jed.nosal@wbd-us.com and Assistant Attorney General Joseph Rogers at joseph.rogers@mass.gov.

All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "25-145") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>. 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.

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at eeadiversity@mass.gov, 617-626-1282. For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Company's attorney, Jed Nosal, Esq. at jed.nosal@wbd-us.com. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Jennifer Cargill, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at jennifer.cargill@mass.gov.

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