

**Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light
Department**

Board of Commissioners



May 13, 2026

NOTICE OF MEETING
WAKEFIELD MUNICIPAL LIGHT & GAS DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DATE: May 13, 2026
CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 PM
LOCATION: 480 North Ave, Wakefield, MA 01880

This meeting will be in person at 480 North Ave in Wakefield. The public is NOT required to physically attend this meeting. Every effort will be made to allow the public to view and or listen to the meeting in real time. Persons who wish to do so are invited to click on the following link

Zoom Meeting

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**WMGLD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
480 North Ave
Wakefield, Massachusetts 01880**

**May 13, 2026
6:30 PM
AGENDA**

- A. **Call to Order**

- B. **Opening Remarks**
 - Chair's Remarks – Tom Boettcher
 - Commissioners Reports
 - Town Council Liaison Comments
 - Public Comments

- C. **Secretary's Report**
 - 1 Approval of April 2, 2026 Minutes
 - 2 Approval of April 7, 2026 Minutes

- D. **Old Business**
 - 1 General Manager's Report
 - 2 Project Updates
 - A. Energy Park
 - 3. Law Enforcement Use of Poles
 - 4. Large Load Policy/Rate discussion

- E. **New Business**
 - 1. APPA National Conference
 - 2. Board Reorganization
 - 3. Draft Schedule on Goals/Objectives Reporting

- F. **Any other matter not reasonably anticipated by the Chair**

- G. **Executive Session**
 - 1. Employee Association Affiliation
 - 2. General Manager Compensation

- H. **Adjournment**

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Sharon Daly
Elton Prifti
John J. Warchol

Peter D. Dion, General Manager

**WAKEFIELD MUNICIPAL GAS & LIGHT DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF GAS & LIGHT COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

April 2, 2026

IN ATTENDANCE:

Comms., Chair Thomas Boettcher
Jennifer Kallay, Secretary
Sharon Daly
Elton Prifti
Jack Warchol

Peter Dion, General Manager
Mark Cousins, Finance Manager
Dave Polson, Engineering and Operations Manager
Sylvia Vaccaro, Minute Secretary

PLACE:

Zoom Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

Commr. Boettcher called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm. He advised the meeting was being recorded

Members of the Public

None

Town Council Liaison

Not present

CHAIR REMARKS: None

COMMISSIONERS REMARKS: None

Old Business

Proposed 2026 Goals and Objectives

Commr. Kallay stated that since the last Board meeting, the subcommittee (Commr. Kallay & Commr. Daly) met with management to review potential improvements on the 2026 Goals and Objectives. It became clear there are several moving pieces, and that it would be more effective to work through them together as a group. She shared a summary of the key considerations ranging from process to scoring as well as a detailed matrix outlining the proposed changes. The goal for the night was to walk through these at a high level, and align on the key perspectives, and identify any considerations for next steps. Commr. Daly noted that this year was the first time the Board shared the scoring behind the performance goals with the General Manager. As a result, it has prompted discussion around both the process and scoring matrix.

Pete said that he appreciated seeing the scoring matrix because it raised some issues about how we establish goals moving forward. He also stated that we need to come to an understanding of the scoring mechanism itself. If the current system is going to remain in place, then the management team had some concerns that will directly impact how metrics are set, particularly depending on whether we incorporate bandwidths or allow for broader scoring ranges with both higher and lower outcomes. He noted that one key concern raised by the subcommittee is that if higher scores above the midpoint are given, could it potentially allow for a bonus of greater than 6%. Pete said that he understands that concern but under the broader issue of fairness: if points can be taken away for underperformance, there should also be an opportunity to earn additional credit for exceeding expectations. He pointed to how the Energy Park and a Class II gas leak that came in October 2025 had equal weighting under the current system.

Pete spoke with former colleagues at Eversource, their approach includes a range of outcomes such as "fails to meet," "partially meets," "meets expectations," "exceeds expectations," and "high performer." This type of structure allows for a more comprehensive and balanced assessment of performance across each goal.

The subcommittee and WMGLD management agreed with these Process Improvements:

- A separate Board meeting dedicated to evaluation/goal setting early in the year (January/February).
- A more productive mid-year review, whereby Management identifies and documents goals that are at risk and subcommittee and management discuss

and document updates to goals (e.g., additional efforts) and potential changes to measures (targeted and as needed).

The subcommittee and management had discussed improvements to the scoring scale. A discussion ensued as to how each category was scored and the reasoning behind it. Pete suggested that perhaps instead of a score of a 5 indicating meeting a goal change it to exceeding the goal and make a score of 4 as meeting the goal.

Pete addressed the Board's concerns about safety in the field and supports moving to an independent third-party field safety audit observation program. However, implementation requires a formal procurement process and given that we are already in the second quarter, this cannot be done immediately. We need to set minimum number of times a year that they're going to come observe in an unannounced way, implement reporting protocols, and develop corrective action processes. The earliest we would be able to collect this baseline data would be in the Fall of 2026, so it would not be appropriate to tie this metric to performance scoring until the program is fully operational and baseline data is established.

Commr. Warchol suggested implementing a confidential employee questionnaire administered by a third-party to provide staff with an opportunity to evaluate management performance and gather candid feedback. Mark will contact Great Blue to see if they offer this service. He will report back to the Board with his findings.

Pete will provide the Board with his proposed scoring and weighting methodology to assess its impact on overall performance outcomes.

At Commr. Warchol's request, a retrospective analysis of 2025 results will be conducted using the proposed framework. This includes a revised scoring scale, where a score of 4 reflects meeting the goal, and a 5 represents exceeding the goal (extra credit).

The analysis will be completed under two scenarios:

1. Current equal weighting structure
2. Proposed redistributed weighting structure

Commr. Boettcher and the other Commrs. expressed their appreciation for the work of Pete and the staff and apologized if that recognition did not come across at the last Board meeting.

Any other matter not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

Pete expressed his appreciation for Commr. Warchol's years of service and suggested that the Board host a dinner in his honor.

Executive Session if necessary

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Commr. Warchol at 9:30 pm and seconded by Commr. Daly.

Roll Call Vote:

Commr. Kallay	Aye	Commr. Warchol	Aye
Commr. Daly	Aye	Commr. Boettcher	Aye
Commr. Prifti	Aye		

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

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**WAKEFIELD MUNICIPAL GAS & LIGHT DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF GAS & LIGHT COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

April 7, 2026

IN ATTENDANCE:

Comms., Chair Thomas Boettcher
Jennifer Kallay, Secretary
Sharon Daly
Elton Prifti
Jack Warchol

Peter Dion, General Manager
Mark Cousins, Finance Manager
Dave Polson, Engineering and Operations Manager
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None

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Not present

CHAIR REMARKS

Commr. Boettcher expressed his appreciation to Commr. Warchol for his 21 years of dedicated service on WMGLD Board of Commissioners, noting that his contributions have been invaluable and that he will be greatly missed.

COMMISSIONERS REMARKS

Commr. Kallay stated that there is one candidate running for the WMGLD Light Board in the election scheduled for April 28, 2026.

She provided an update on the Massachusetts Light Commission Association (MLCA) meeting held on March 26, 2026, during which the pool loan mechanism implemented by Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Company (MMWEC) was reviewed. She also noted that the April meeting will include a legislative update on the energy affordability bill that passed the House in February of this year. The May 28 meeting will be Commissioners 101 for new commissioners. June’s discussion will be on PURMA.

Commr. Kallay stated that Commr. Warchol’s suggestion to include the General Manager’s report within the agenda was an excellent idea and requested that it be added going forward.

A motion to insert the General Manager’s report before Old Business in the agenda was made by Commr. Daly and seconded by Commr. Prifti.

Roll Call Vote:

Commr. Kallay	Aye	Commr. Warchol	Aye
Commr. Daly	Aye	Commr. Boettcher	Aye
Commr. Prifti	Aye		

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

Secretary’s Report

Approval of March 4, 2026, Minutes before the Board for approval. Commr. Kallay provided minor edits.

A motion to approve the March 4, 2026, minutes as amended was made by Commr. Daly and seconded by Commr. Prifti.

Roll Call Vote:

Commr. Kallay	Aye	Commr. Warchol	Aye
Commr. Daly	Aye	Commr. Boettcher	Aye
Commr. Prifti	Aye		

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

General Manager's Report

Pete noted that accounts receivables are at a peak due to the winter months, as well as the ongoing winter shut-off moratorium period, which is scheduled to end in April. Receivables are expected to begin declining as normal collection activities are reinstated.

Pete met with the Superintendents from both the WMHS and NEMT. Commr. Kallay inquired about what needs and visions were learned from meeting with superintendents from both WMHS and NEMT and if that can be shared with the board so that we can have a more informed discussion moving forward. Pete stressed that both have their own set of visions and needs. He stated that as previously mentioned, WMGLD received a grant that has allowed us to bring on a grad student from Tufts. She is focused specifically on the educational and curriculum development components of the project. The next phase will involve collaboration with curriculum coordinators at both schools to explore how the project can be integrated into existing curriculum frameworks. The current grant supports labor related to curriculum development and coordination efforts. In addition, DEED grant funding remains available to support materials and resources. Nicole is scheduled to present the progress on the curriculum to the board at the June meeting.

Old Business

Project Updates

A. Energy Park

Dave explained that the crews are working on cutting over service. He reported that the vendor confirmed a May delivery date for the switchgear, and that a workaround will ensure the schools' commitment date is still met. He reported that LightShift is addressing timing issues with the controller. In the meantime, our crews will focus on pulling cable and making switchgear connections. He added that the next several weeks will involve a great deal of fieldwork. Dave reported that there are no issues at this time, work is progressing as planned, and all involved are focused on meeting commitment dates with vendors and customers.

Commr. Kallay wondered if the microgrid controls for both schools would run in a similar way. Pete stated that it is one microgrid with 2 different controllers. Dave explained that the high school prioritized leveraging system output and was staged accordingly. The vocational school initially chose to operate the system manually but later learned that the high

school was leveraging it to support the BMS. As a result, the vocational school is now interested in adopting a similar approach. WMGLD was proactive in installing fiber optics in anticipation of this potential need. Additionally, obtaining an occupancy permit from the fire department requires that the facility have emergency backup in place. It is also important to note that the high school can act as an emergency heating and cooling center the controls are different for each school.

2. 2026 Goals and Objectives

Pete presented the board with the two revised versions of the document reflecting the updates he made to the scoring and weighting, as requested during the previous meeting.

Commr. Kallay noted that the change in weighting does not appear to have a significant impact. However, she requested clarification on how many rows are affected by this adjustment, particularly in relation to those eligible for a bonus, as this ultimately drives the overall score. She expressed concern that the current approach may be too broad and emphasized the need for a more targeted framework. Specifically, she stated that it should be clearly defined where performance is not being achieved and where bonus eligibility appropriately applies. She stated that the current method applies uniformly across all rows. This may not be appropriate in all cases. She emphasized that she wants more clarity during mid-year and year end reviews. Pete noted that with respect to the goal, if the objective is simply to complete the action, then completion would warrant a score of four. However, if the action is not only completed but clearly exceeded, that would justify a higher score. For example, consider the heat pump rate- something no other municipal utility in Massachusetts currently offers. Not only was it evaluated and approved, but it was also implemented and successfully adopted by a thousand customers. That level of achievement goes beyond simply completing the action and would merit a score of five. Ultimately, the determination rests with the board's judgement, but there will be instances where the distinction between meeting expectations and exceeding them is clear. Commr. Kallay expressed her concern that if changes are made, we should avoid creating a structure that becomes overly broad or difficult to manage- like expanding to a long list of items that are all treated inconsistently. That would become unwieldy. Pete stated that there is a great deal more than what was presented we've focused on highlighting the most significant items. For example, the \$2.8 million grant and the state award were important to bring forward, which is why we included those along with a few others. Commr. Kallay stated that her perspective is that this ultimately comes down to a trust issue. Pete acknowledged that it is also a trust issue from management's side. He said he wanted to be honest about how the last meeting came across. The focus was heavily on identifying areas to derate, but there was little acknowledgment of where we truly achieved. The department had a strong year – securing a \$2.8 million grant, receiving a state award, progressing the Energy Park and implementing a heat pump rate that others

have not done. Those are significant accomplishments. Instead, it felt like the discussion was geared more toward finding ways to reduce the 6% rather than giving a balanced evaluation. Commissioner Warchol stated that the entire performance award is a bonus for exemplary performance and that the Board builds up to a final score by awarding points as they progress through the evaluation. Both Commrs. Kallay and Boettcher stated that it was not the intention of the board to come in and just derate and only comment on the negative. Both the board and management agreed to disagree.

A motion to approve the 2026 performance goals as amended, including revisions to the rating and weighting matrix was made by Commr. Daly and seconded by Commr. Prifti.

Roll Call Vote:

Commr. Kallay	Aye	Commr. Warchol	Aye
Commr. Daly	Aye	Commr. Boettcher	Aye
Commr. Prifti	Aye		

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

3. Large Load Policy/Rate discussion

The issue of large spot loads created by data centers is being reviewed at the national level. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has asked regional ISOs how they are managing the wide-ranging impacts. In response, ISO New England surveyed utilities to identify existing and emerging large loads, defining “large loads” as 20 megawatts (MW), with some variability. A key concern for both FERC and ISO is the gap between proposed and actual load. For example, a project may request 25 MW of capacity, but only realizes 12 MW. WMGLD has seen this before when DRT initially proposed a 16 MW project, but ultimately only used about 4 MWs. At this stage, guidance remains in development. Utilities are contributing to a live, collaborative document, but no formal framework has been finalized. This uncertainty remains a primary concern moving forward. Pete noted that if we align with our past practice, new load customers would be required to pay for any required capital investment for system upgrades triggered by large loads and would not be a burden on WMGLD ratepayers.

New Business

1. Discussion of Public Utilities Risk Management Association (PURMA), Insurance, risk analysis, and mitigation.

Commr. Kallay noted that MLCA is considering organizing a presentation by PURMA for all commissioners. This session would provide a general overview of PURMA's role, including the types of coverage offered, common issues commissioners encounter, and key risks and considerations they should be aware of. It would not be tailored to any specific utility system. In addition, individual systems have the option to request more customized presentations that address their specific coverage, rights, and any system-specific questions. She inquired whether there is interest in supporting a dedicated WMGLD presentation from PURMA. Pete mentioned that he, Mark, and Joe met with Nicole, the PURMA representative and compared WMGLD's PURMA and local policies, including auto coverage. With local rates now higher, he said that we plan to move our vehicle coverage to PURMA. She also recommended a few additional policies for consideration. Pete will contact Nicole to schedule a presentation for the board.

2. Policy regarding use of Utility Poles for 3rd party surveillance devices

Commr. Boettcher raised concerns regarding the Flock cameras being installed on utility poles and questioned the potential liability for WMGLD. He suggested it may be beneficial to have legal counsel review the matter and potentially draft a policy outlining guideline and defining the scope of such use.

Any other matter not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

Executive Session if necessary

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Commr. Daly at 8:15 pm and seconded by Commr. Kallay.

Roll Call Vote:

Commr. Kallay	Aye	Commr. Warchol	Aye
Commr. Daly	Aye	Commr. Boettcher	Aye
Commr. Prifti	Aye		

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.



MARCH 2026 WMGLD COMMISSIONER'S DASHBOARD

Outages (Elec)

	SAIFI	CAIDI
Jan	0.10	40
Feb	0.17	44
Mar	0.40	33
Cal YTD	0.22	39

CYTD Pipe Replacement

	Replaced	System Total
4"	2,659	168,744
6"	149	161,624
8"	-	87,774

New Services on the System

	Electric	Gas
Jan	15	-
Feb	22	-
Mar	16	1

Solar Generation 130 Customers

	Generated	Back to WMGLD
CYTD	277,574	89,208
Comm'l	13,146,209	3,262,415
Res	4,707,943	3,044,321
Inception	17,854,152	6,306,736

Monthly & Annual Peaks

	Prior Year	Current Year
Jan	29.2 Mw	32.8 Mw
Feb	27.5 Mw	31.0 Mw
Mar	25.1 Mw	30.7 Mw

Summer YTD Peak

	6/20/24	6/24/25
	41.2 Mw	44.5 Mw

Winter YTD Peak

	1/20/25	1/25/26
	29.2 Mw	32.8 Mw

All Time Peak

	1/2/14	8/2/06
	36.5 Mw	50.7 Mw

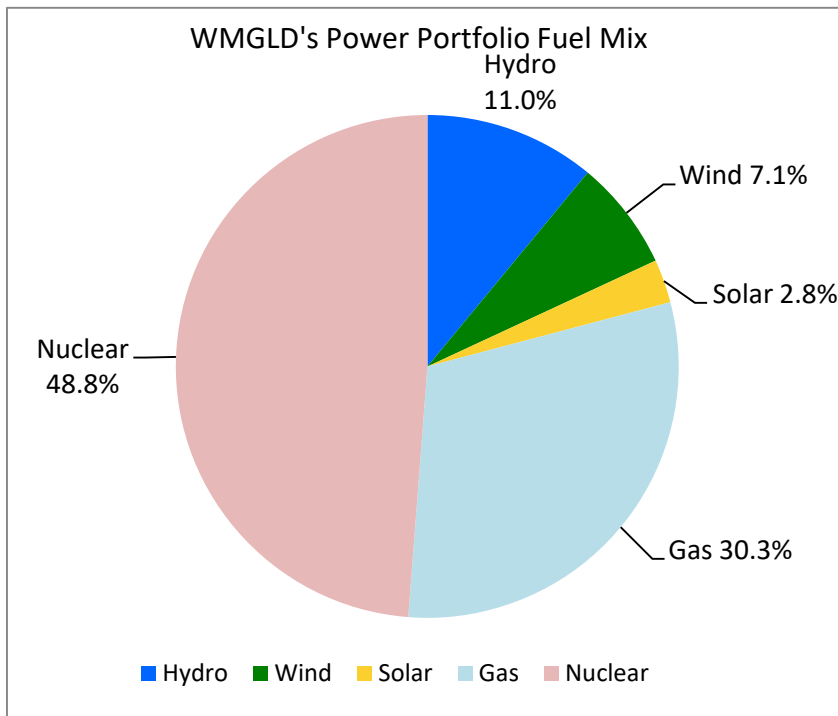
CONSERVATION BUDGET

YTD FY26 Conservation Revenue Billed	\$	656,128
YTD FY26 Paid out to Customers:		
252 Appliances & Thermostats	\$	(23,118)
51 Air Sealing (insulation/windows)		(66,565)
64 Heating & Cooling		(153,108)
15 Residential Solar		(130,847)
109 Cordless Yard Equipment		(6,583)

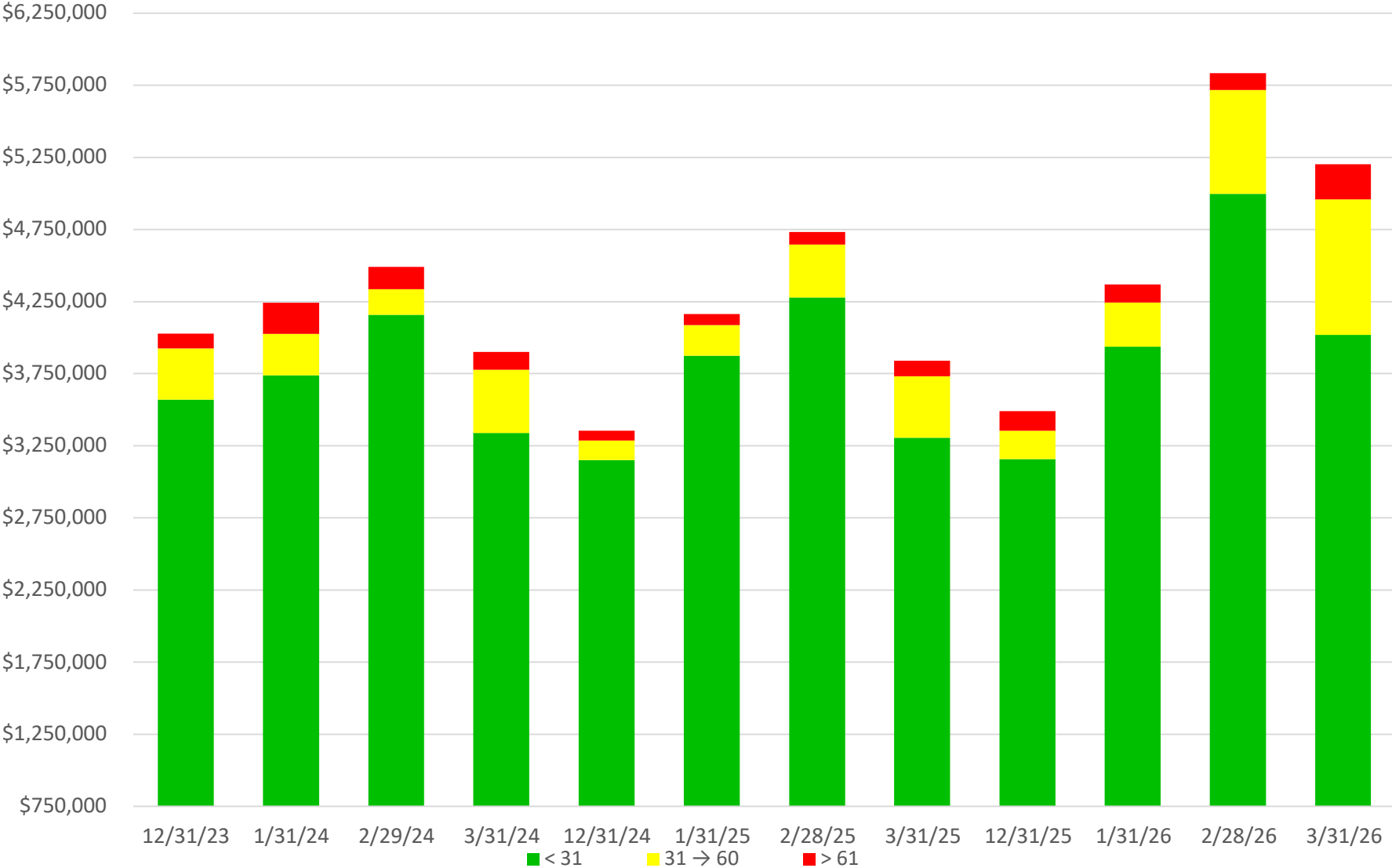
GREEN CHOICE RATE	March	CYTD
Green Choice Revenues	\$ 1,106	\$ 3,998
KwH billed on GC Rate	68,418	241,512
Number of Customers		109

Natural Gas Peak Usage

Current Year Peak (Nov '25 → May '26)	1,307,683 CCF
Prior Year Peak (Nov '24 → May '25)	1,274,416 CCF
All-Time Peak - Jan '18	1,370,554 CCF

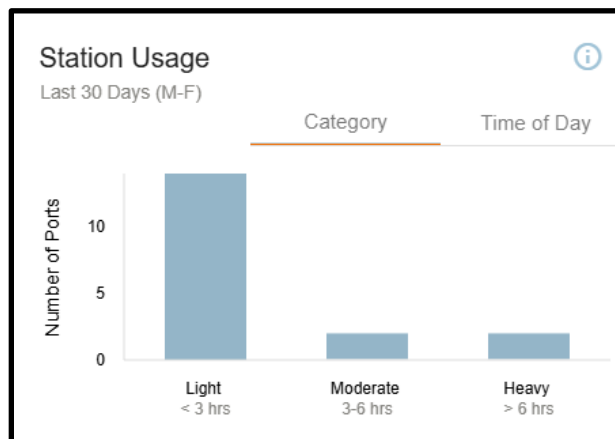
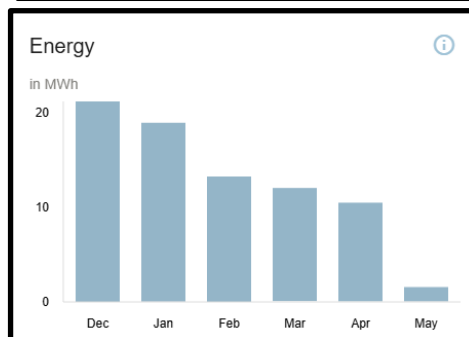
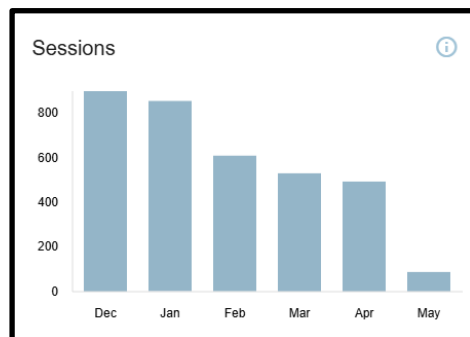
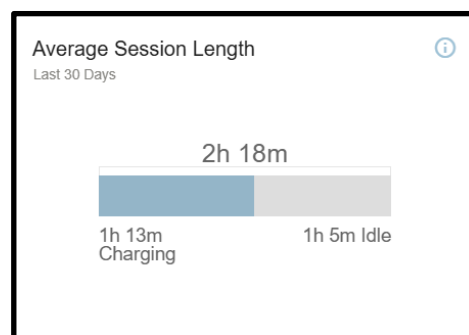
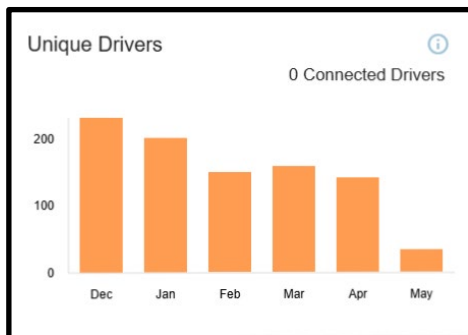
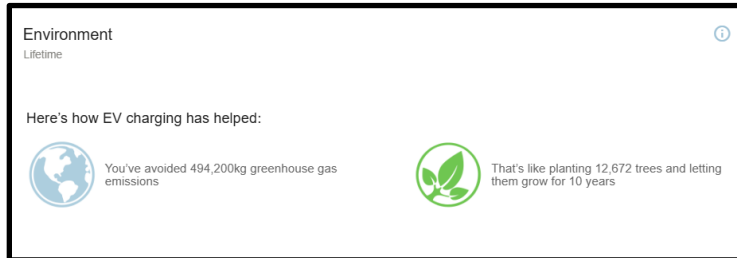


Receivables Aging - As of March 31, 2026



Dashboard – May 2026

Lincoln St. - level 3 (1 plug)
 Civic Center – Level 2 (2 plugs)
 Vets Field – Level 2 (2 plugs)
 Quannapowitt Pkwy @ Lowell St – Level 3 (2 plugs)
 North Ave Garage – level 2 (4 plugs)
 North Ave Garage – level 3 (1 plug)



EV Charging Stations				
Utility Billing and Town Revenue				
Apr-26				
Locations	Utility Billing	KWh	Town Revenue From Charge Point	KWh
Vets Field	\$209.60	922	\$252.70	922
Civic Center	\$237.74	1080	\$340.24	1,080
Public Parking Lot	\$399.15	1802	\$463.42	1,696
Totals	\$846.49	3804	\$1,056.36	3,698
EV Charging Stations				
Usage and Revenue				
Apr-26				
Locations			Revenue From Charge Point	KWh
Quannapowitt			\$3,884.56	5,907

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS LOG	Requested By	Request Date	Completion Date
Share Community Solar Design Spreadsheet	JW, TB	6/21/23	7/7/23
Presentation on ISO-NE Load Shedding Requirements	JW	9/6/23	In progress
Update Community Solar Powerpoint	JW, SD, TB	12/6/23	12/28/23
Update Grant Summary Sheet to Include Matching Funds	EP, JK	6/17/24	6/26/24
Update service form and renter deposit obligation clarity	JW	7/17/24	8/28/24
Review of renter deposit requirement	JW, JK	7/17/24	10/2/24
Energy Park meeting with National Grid	SD	10/1/25	10/15/25
Review of renter deposit requirement	JW, JK	7/17/24	10/2/24
Energy Park meeting with National Grid	SD	10/1/25	10/15/25
Data on specialized energy code adoption	TB	12/24/25	1/14/26

Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department
Customer Issues Log

Date	Issue	Resolution
October 10, 2025	Landlord of 12 Spaulding St. reached out with a complaint related to the WMGLD shutoff procedure regarding one of their tenants. Reached out to the Chair of the Board of commissioners.	The Chair discussed with WMGLD management and responded to the landlord with the shutoff procedures and why they were implemented. WMGLD believes this issue to be resolved.
December 12, 2024	Customer from Whittemore Terrace expressed concern with temporary binder left in front of his driveway in relation to the gas main replacement project underway in the area. Additionally a customer on Chestnut St. relayed to WMGLD that debris from the project was funneling down to his house.	WMGLD resolved the binder issue promptly, both with a temporary and long-term resolution in the days following the customer expressing his concern. WMGLD relayed to both customers that project work in that area would be concluding soon.
November 22, 2024	Customer reached out to Board of Commissioners to express the desire to change gas utility bill structure to mirror Investor Owned Utilities bills and had questions about how gas rates are derived	WMGLD management referred customer to November 2024 board meeting with our gas supplier. Customer attended December meeting where questions were answered. WMGLD improved clarity of rates on the website following the December meeting.
November 4, 2024	Customer that was delinquent on utility payments contacted WMGLD and the Board of Commissioners with disapproval with the possibility of being shutoff and questioned the notification process.	WMGLD followed all appropriate shutoff notification procedures to the customer. Ultimately, WMGLD made the decision to delay the shutoff to this customer as they work to pay off their delinquent balance.

General Manager's Report

The following is the General Manager's Report for May, 2026

Major New Customer Projects -

Working:

- **330 Salem St. – 19 Residential units – Working**
- **200 Quannapowitt – 440 Apartments / 3 buildings / parking garage – Working**
 - WMGLD installing conduit on QP to meet customer installed MH – Working
 - Site contractor Installing 6 MHs, 3200' of ductback, 2 switch bases and 4 transformer foundations - COMPLETE
 - 4 Transformers set in-place
 - Temporary Power (construction) – Q2/2024 (COMPLETED 5/23/2024)
 - Permanent Power * meeting scheduled with developer to discuss revised dates.
 - Building 1 – 8/1/2025 64 units COMPLETE
 - Building 3a – 1/26/2026 160 units and garage COMPLETE
 - Building 3b – 4/20/2026 130 units COMPLETE
 - Building 2 – 7/22/2026 86 units WORKING
 - Full Occupancy: Q3 2026
 - All OH to UG completed on QP Lowell St site
 - Working on culvert crossing on QP North Ave side
- **46 Crescent St. - 56 Residential units – Site Cleared**
- **460-472 Main St – 16 residential apartments - Site Cleared**
- **401-405 Main St – business space renovation in progress, no residents**
- **Putnam Ave Pump Station – major upgrade to larger pump system by MWRA**

Permitting:

- **10 Broadway St. – 124 64 Residential apts – Permitting Stage –**
- **525 Salem St – 2.5MW EV Charging Station – Site Cleared, construction starting Q2 2026**

Planning:

- **369–371 Main St – 20 residential apartments and rehab of the existing commercial space (former Santander Bank – on-hold)**
- **154 Salem St – Timberwood Cir subdivision – 13 townhouses – Planning**
- **32 Nahant St – 32 Units**
- **100-200 Edgewater – early stage of planning for 400 apartment units**
- **50 Quannapowitt – Storage unit building in vacant grass lot - Planning**

Gas Department

- Main installation was completed on Greenwood section of Main Street. Main tie ins and service reconnections and will continue through early Spring. Main installation for all contracted 2026 spring work has been completed.
- 315 meters were replaced this year with a target of 901 for the year.
- There are currently 1623 inside gas services and 3590 outside services. 8 services have been moved outside and 11 coated steel services have been replaced so far this year
- Leaks Class 1 – 0* Class 2 – 0 Class 3 – 11

Financial Reports

Monthly Financials for through February and Consumption Reports through March are enclosed.

Project Updates

Energy Park:

- Bill H3995 – update: Signed by the Governor on November 14, 2023 – **COMPLETE**
- Town Council meeting – **12/11 to sign easement**
- Conservation Commission - **accepted easement on 1/2/2023**
- Generator, switchgear, and padmount switch Bids: **Awarded**
- Finalizing the operating plan, design and engineering documents – **Working**
- Battery vendor Delorean/Lightshift and MMWEC contract language – **COMPLETED**
- DPW Storm Water Advisory Board – **Approval letter received 5/1/2024**
- Site Clearing – **(COMPLETED)**
- Site Work Scheduled Q4 2024, equipment foundations, manholes, ductbank, fencing –**removing ledge, site drainage and retaining wall. – COMPLETE**
- Battery Installation and operation – Phase 1 **COMPLETE** as of June 2025 Phase 2 for Microgrid Q2 of 2026
- Generator Installation and operation – Phase 1 **COMPLETE** as of Dec 2025 Phase 2 for Microgrid Q2 of 2026
- Microgrid and SCADA integration Phase 1 - Q1-Q2 2026 - **Working**
Phase 2 - Q3-Q4 2026
- Load bank testing scheduled May 2026
- 2 Padmount Switches scheduled to be delivered May 2026
- OH and UG Work Scheduled to convert from temp to permanent connections

NEMT:

- Poles and associated wire relocated to facilitate the construction of the access road – **COMPLETED**
- Temporary Services provided for construction trailers – **COMPLETED**
- Finalized the permanent utility service design – **COMPLETED**
- Solar design - working with Neo Virtus, Solect, and NEMT design team – **99% Completed**
- Procurement process for long lead time items – (3) Transformers – **Received, Tested & Installed - Complete**
- Temporary construction power – **Completed**
- Permanent power - **COMPLETE** (in temporary mode, awaiting completion of Energy Park)
- Occupancy - **September 2026**
- Electric Service – Hemlock Road ductbank from Energy Park to point

- of interconnection – **COMPLETE**
- Metering installation: **Complete**,

WMHS:

- Permanent power – **Complete** (*waiting for electrician to hook up*)
- Solar design - working with Neo Virtus, Solect, and NEMT design team – **99% Completed**
- Procurement process for long lead time items – (3) Transformers – **Received, tested & installed – COMPLETE**
- Temporary service for construction of the new building – **Completed**
- Permanent and emergency power for testing and commissioning: **Q3/Q4 2026**
- Substantial completion / occupancy: **Students and Staff January 2027**
- Electric Service – Hemlock Road ductbank from Energy Park to point of interconnection – **Complete**

Energy Park / WMGLD / NEMT Educational Support and development

- MassCEC. University of Lowell, Tufts, BU – Fellow Program with Graduate Student - GRANT AWARDED
- Meeting with WMHS and NEMT Superintendents to understand their vision and needs – Meetings and work working
- Meetings started with curriculum coordinators for WMHS (4/2026) and NEMT (5/5/2026)

Major Projects:

Solar Projects:

- **NEMT and WMHS** – construction starting Q2 2026, expected to finish by Q1 2027

Electric Meter Inspections - Progress

- Commercial – CT Testing: 158 of 161 locations inspected and tested, 98% completed

Pole replacements:

- Verizon replacing Poles & WMGLD crews transferring – **On-going**

Vegetation:

- Tree Trimming for 2026 scheduled to start February – Area 3 (Greenwood) - confirmed with Mayer Tree – **COMPLETED**
- Residential Tree Planting Program (Utility Friendly and Shade Trees) - 54 new residents signed-up. Completed the carryover trees from last year – **Planned for the Spring and Fall**

- Public Tree Planting Program (Utility Friendly Trees) – 50 Trees Planted – **Planned for the Spring & Fall**

Substations:

- **Beebe Substation** – Relay upgrades on main breakers and NGrid communications project - **Working**
- **Beebe and Wallace Subs** – 3V0 protection – **Planning**
- **All Stations** – coordination study for entire system – **Working**

Town Projects:

- **Vets Field Lighting** – Upgrade lighting at Vets field with LED fixtures and install secondary cable – **70% complete, on hold**
- **Downtown Redevelopment** – waiting on plans from town engineer. Planning to redevelop Richardson Ave to Nahant St and Main St to Vernon St. Approx. start in 2028 - **Planning**

Summer Preparation, Monitoring & Load Balancing:

- **Distribution transformer additions** and replacements based on transformer load management – **On-going**
- **Padmount Inspections** – lining up replacements or painting for various padmount transformers

Hurricane Preparation / Survey:

- Overheat circuit patrols: Evaluating wire, equipment, hardware, poles and vegetation – corrective action scheduled as needed – To be **Scheduled**
- As needed repairing rust, rot and repainting – **To be Scheduled**
- **IR Survey OH Distribution System & Substation Yard:**
 - Survey to be scheduled
- Follow-up corrective action – **as needed**

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Law Enforcement Use of Pole Attachments

WMGLD General Counsel Mike McCarthy will review the policy of allowing law enforcement to attach cameras to utility poles upon request including risks or liabilities that could incur.

Information for Discussion

**Board of Commissioners
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Agenda Item No D-4**

Large Load Policies/Rates

Staff and the Board will continue to discuss trying to develop a Large Load/Data Center Marketing Policy and/or Rate to potential attract a large load to Wakefield.

Information for Discussion

**Board of Commissioners
May 13, 2026
Agenda Item No E-1**

APPA National Conference

The 2026 APPA National Conference will be in Boston this year. The agenda is included and there are options to attend just a portion of the event. WMGLD will be hosting a tour of the Energy Park sponsored by Lightshift on Sunday, June 28.

Information for Discussion and Vote

**Board of Commissioners
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Agenda Item No E-2**

Board Reorganization

Following the Town's annual election, the Board of Commissioners typically elects new officers for the coming year.

Information for Discussion and Vote

**Board of Commissioners
May 13, 2026
Agenda Item No E-3**

Draft Schedule for Goals and Objectives Reporting

The Board would like to discuss a reporting and review schedule for the 2026 Goals and objectives.

Information for Discussion

APPENDICIES

**Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department
Comparative Balance Sheet - Electric Division**

	2/28/2025	2/28/2026	
ASSETS			
Sinking Fund - Self Insurance	\$ 205,331.27	\$ 214,324.00	
Depreciation Fund	194,106.74	198,999.06	
Consumer Deposits	995,102.77	1,046,579.00	
Total Investments	1,394,540.78	1,459,902.06	
Operating Cash	1,278,420.02	2,805,742.30	
Depreciation Fund	2,888.34	2,960.95	
Consumer Deposits	359,763.41	347,596.87	
Petty Cash	525.00	525.00	
Total Cash	1,641,596.77	3,156,825.12	
Accounts Receivable-Rates	4,494,862.54	5,399,961.76	
Accounts Receivable-Other	1,303,705.28	1,252,602.57	
Inventory	1,233,493.61	788,508.01	
Prepayments Other	779,042.29	735,291.27	
Prepayments Power	4,898,431.17	5,067,030.12	
Other Deferred Debits	2,555,376.22	2,400,208.53	
Total Other Assets	15,264,911.11	15,643,602.26	
Total Current Assets	18,301,048.66	20,260,329.44	
Distribution Plant	21,524,877.82	25,866,979.39	
General Plant	1,584,618.85	1,374,521.33	
Net Fixed Assets	23,109,496.67	27,241,500.72	
Total Assets	\$ 41,410,545.33	\$ 47,501,830.16	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Accounts Payable	\$ 113,955.68	\$ 129,090.07	
Consumer Deposits	1,354,866.18	1,394,175.87	
Other Accrued Liabilities	7,329.39	3,444.68	
Reserve for Uncollectable Accounts	93,373.36	96,954.90	
Total Current Liabilities	1,569,524.61	1,623,665.52	
Compensated Absences	391,167.51	561,065.18	
MMWEC Pooled Loan Debt	6,872,926.68	11,386,217.14	
OPEB Liability	975,204.00	712,340.00	
Pension Liability	6,772,500.00	6,091,500.00	
Total Long Term Liabilities	15,011,798.19	18,751,122.32	
Total Liabilities	16,581,322.80	20,374,787.84	
Retained Earnings	5,304,130.99	3,444,756.21	
Year to Date Income	2,564,447.23	2,636,966.07	
Sinking Fund Reserve-Self Ins	205,331.27	214,324.00	
Contribution in Aid of Construction	3,705,337.66	3,705,337.66	
Investment in Fixed Assets	13,049,975.38	17,125,658.38	
Total Equity	24,829,222.53	27,127,042.32	
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 41,410,545.33	\$ 47,501,830.16	

Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department
Budget vs Actual - Electric Division
For the Eight Months Ending, February 28, 2026

	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE		
	FY 2026	FY 2025	FY 2026	YTD Budget
Energy Revenue (Net of Discounts)				
Residential Sales	\$ 2,100,349.02	\$ 12,414,377.10	\$ 13,789,689.89	\$ 12,255,000.00
Commercial Sales	1,582,334.57	9,257,607.48	10,133,064.13	9,515,000.00
Street Lighting	14,845.00	125,419.00	118,760.00	125,419.00
Municipal Sales	144,045.13	1,059,300.53	1,093,199.18	1,083,000.00
Private Area Lighting	7,466.00	59,758.14	59,734.54	59,340.00
Green Choice Revenue	1,445.29	10,359.31	10,163.79	-
Total Energy Revenue	<u>3,850,485.01</u>	<u>22,926,821.56</u>	<u>25,204,611.53</u>	<u>23,037,759.00</u>
Other Revenues				
Unbilled Revenue	-	-	-	-
Interest Income-Consumer Deposits	4,219.04	34,223.88	34,605.78	80,000.00
Interest Income-Depreciation Fund	370.07	3,248.66	3,313.64	-
Interest Income-Self Ins Sinking Fund	635.61	6,719.11	5,896.70	-
Interest Income-MMWEC	9,747.09	82,298.09	77,173.62	-
Income (Exp) - Merchandise & Jobbing	(418.59)	(633,998.35)	(554,994.99)	66,668.00
Other Revenues-Temp Services	100.00	800.00	300.00	668.00
Sales Tax	78,494.12	494,159.57	536,341.97	500,000.00
Conservation Charge	81,724.53	522,203.58	586,883.06	531,597.00
Reconnect Fees	-	1,200.00	1,650.00	2,000.00
Comcast & RCN Pole Fees	-	79,101.13	27,876.09	93,332.00
Insurance Reimbursements	-	5,815.63	31,031.38	-
EV Chargers	4,649.54	33,596.75	33,149.77	-
Other Electric Revenue	15,905.81	125,642.06	121,860.22	152,668.00
Total Other Revenue	<u>195,427.22</u>	<u>755,010.11</u>	<u>905,087.24</u>	<u>1,426,933.00</u>
Total Revenue	<u>4,045,912.23</u>	<u>23,681,831.67</u>	<u>26,109,698.77</u>	<u>24,464,692.00</u>
Power Costs				
Purchased Power	(2,155,039.40)	(12,324,345.35)	(13,550,968.90)	(13,349,144.00)
Power Expense Generation	(13,357.07)	(12,111.85)	(82,406.04)	(388,269.00)
Power Expense Battery	(45,071.09)	(40,781.34)	(165,682.99)	(185,174.00)
Total Power Costs	<u>(2,213,467.56)</u>	<u>(12,377,238.54)</u>	<u>(13,799,057.93)</u>	<u>(13,922,587.00)</u>
Gross Profit	<u>\$ 1,832,444.67</u>	<u>\$ 11,304,593.13</u>	<u>\$ 12,310,640.84</u>	<u>\$ 10,542,105.00</u>
Operating Expenses				
Miscellaneous Operating Expenses				
Depreciation Expense	(265,520.55)	(1,702,159.71)	(2,067,655.93)	(2,028,052.00)
Sales Tax	(91,352.47)	(498,136.25)	(536,340.74)	(530,000.00)
Interest Expense-Consumer Deposits	(4,507.56)	(38,859.78)	(38,990.78)	(26,668.00)
Interest Expense-Leased Property	(2,267.54)	-	(18,320.93)	-
Interest Expense-Sub + MMWEC	(11,650.46)	(99,691.28)	(106,038.25)	(97,765.00)
Total Misc Operating Expenses	<u>(375,298.58)</u>	<u>(2,338,847.02)</u>	<u>(2,767,346.63)</u>	<u>(2,682,485.00)</u>
Distribution Expenses				
Supervision and Engineering	(25,829.74)	(221,825.29)	(250,139.44)	(233,332.00)
Substation Salaries and Expense	(62,994.15)	(526,713.88)	(867,302.20)	(666,668.00)
Customer Installation Expenses	(611.17)	(5,812.24)	(5,254.00)	(8,000.00)
Distribution Operations Expense	(68,755.09)	(511,174.21)	(536,488.17)	(540,000.00)
Total Distribution Expenses	<u>(158,190.15)</u>	<u>(1,265,525.62)</u>	<u>(1,659,183.81)</u>	<u>(1,448,000.00)</u>

Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department
Budget vs Actual - Electric Division
For the Eight Months Ending, February 28, 2026

	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE		
	FY 2026	FY 2025	FY 2026	YTD Budget
Maintenance Expenses				
Supervision and Engineering	(20,497.85)	(167,273.60)	(178,360.34)	(183,332.00)
Maintenance of Station Equipment	(394.17)	-	(394.17)	(8,000.00)
Maintenance of Other Equipment	-	(74.08)	-	-
Maintenance of Overhead Lines	(128,348.25)	(918,964.52)	(887,056.96)	(1,233,332.00)
Maintenance of Underground Lines	-	(4,174.35)	(1,428.48)	(8,000.00)
Maintenance of Line Transformers	-	-	-	(6,668.00)
Maintenance of Street Lighting	-	-	-	(3,332.00)
Maintenance of Meters	(611.17)	(16,797.83)	(32,937.88)	(13,332.00)
Maintenance of Distribution Plant	(1,222.35)	(12,272.43)	(10,683.51)	(16,000.00)
Total Maintenance Expenses	(151,073.79)	(1,119,556.81)	(1,110,861.34)	(1,471,996.00)
Customer Account Expense				
Meter Reading Expense	(5,424.83)	(39,480.57)	(50,069.92)	(43,332.00)
Customer Records & Collection Exp	(72,806.77)	(675,358.73)	(790,923.13)	(773,332.00)
Total Customer Account Exp	(78,231.60)	(714,839.30)	(840,993.05)	(816,664.00)
Administrative and General Expenses				
Community Relations & Advertising	(8,415.20)	(176,837.33)	(125,651.40)	(100,000.00)
Administrative Salaries and Expense	(25,097.43)	(150,037.63)	(205,396.52)	(176,668.00)
Business Mgr, Office Salaries & Exp	(16,203.00)	(107,545.25)	(120,869.37)	(113,332.00)
MIS Salaries and Expense	(60,039.66)	(328,004.23)	(365,699.81)	(360,000.00)
Outside Services	-	(18,450.00)	(23,250.00)	-
Conservation & Rebates	(56,871.72)	(439,702.67)	(660,582.67)	(531,597.00)
Property & Liability Insurance, Damages	(12,518.42)	(95,232.38)	(101,533.22)	(106,668.00)
Employee Pensions and Benefits	(128,724.99)	(1,034,499.42)	(943,097.23)	(933,332.00)
General Administrative Expense	(32.36)	(49,864.31)	(49,958.02)	(266,668.00)
Maintenance of General Plant	(11,215.58)	(112,041.73)	(65,744.06)	(106,668.00)
Total Admin & General Expenses	(319,118.36)	(2,512,214.95)	(2,661,782.30)	(2,694,933.00)
Net Income (Loss) Before Surplus Adjustments	\$750,532.19	\$3,353,609.43	\$3,270,473.71	\$1,428,027.00
Surplus Adjustments				
Additions				
Sale of Scrap	-	49,684.64	-	20,000.00
MMWEC Refund	-	-	-	-
Total Additions to Surplus	-	49,684.64	-	20,000.00
Subtractions				
Interest on Sinking Fund	635.61	6,719.11	5,896.70	5,332.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	61,815.00	487,208.00	494,520.00	494,515.00
Plant Removal Costs	-	344,919.73	133,090.94	93,332.00
Total Subtractions from Surplus	62,450.61	838,846.84	633,507.64	593,179.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 688,081.58	\$ 2,564,447.23	\$ 2,636,966.07	\$ 854,848.00

**Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department
Comparative Balance Sheet - Gas Division**

	2/28/2025	2/28/2026	
ASSETS			
Sinking Fund - Self Insurance	\$ 205,331.26	\$ 214,323.99	
Consumer Deposits	124,608.42	137,477.50	
Total Investments	329,939.68	351,801.49	
Consumer Deposits	216,408.58	197,593.00	
Petty Cash	175.00	175.00	
Total Cash	216,583.58	197,768.00	
Accounts Receivable-Rates	2,154,978.43	2,770,552.23	
Inventory	843,708.95	806,150.21	
Prepayments Miscellaneous	112,162.08	109,951.01	
Other Deferred Debits	848,171.25	803,667.48	
Total Other Assets	3,959,020.71	4,490,320.93	
Total Current Assets	4,505,543.97	5,039,890.42	
Distribution Plant	28,167,172.68	28,714,991.27	
General Plant	654,353.41	851,724.69	
Net Fixed Assets	28,821,526.09	29,566,715.96	
Total Assets	\$ 33,327,070.06	\$ 34,606,606.38	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,473.75	\$ 19,503.74	
Consumer Deposits	341,017.00	335,070.50	
Other Accrued Liabilities	5,795.80	7,561.38	
Reserve for Uncollectable Accounts	93,373.36	96,954.90	
Total Current Liabilities	441,659.91	459,090.52	
Compensated Absences	239,196.95	341,321.61	
OPEB Liability	325,068.00	237,446.00	
Pension Liability	2,257,500.00	2,030,500.00	
Total Long Term Liabilities	2,821,764.95	2,609,267.61	
Total Liabilities	3,263,424.86	3,068,358.13	
Retained Earnings	2,901,748.65	3,869,711.66	
Year to Date Income (Loss)	(101,472.38)	(2,140,643.07)	
Sinking Fund Reserve-Self Ins	205,331.26	214,323.99	
Contribution in Aid of Construction	13,600.00	13,600.00	
Investment in Fixed Assets	27,044,437.67	29,581,255.67	
Total Equity	30,063,645.20	31,538,248.25	
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 33,327,070.06	\$ 34,606,606.38	

Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department
Income Statement - Gas Division
For the Eight Months Ending, February 28, 2026

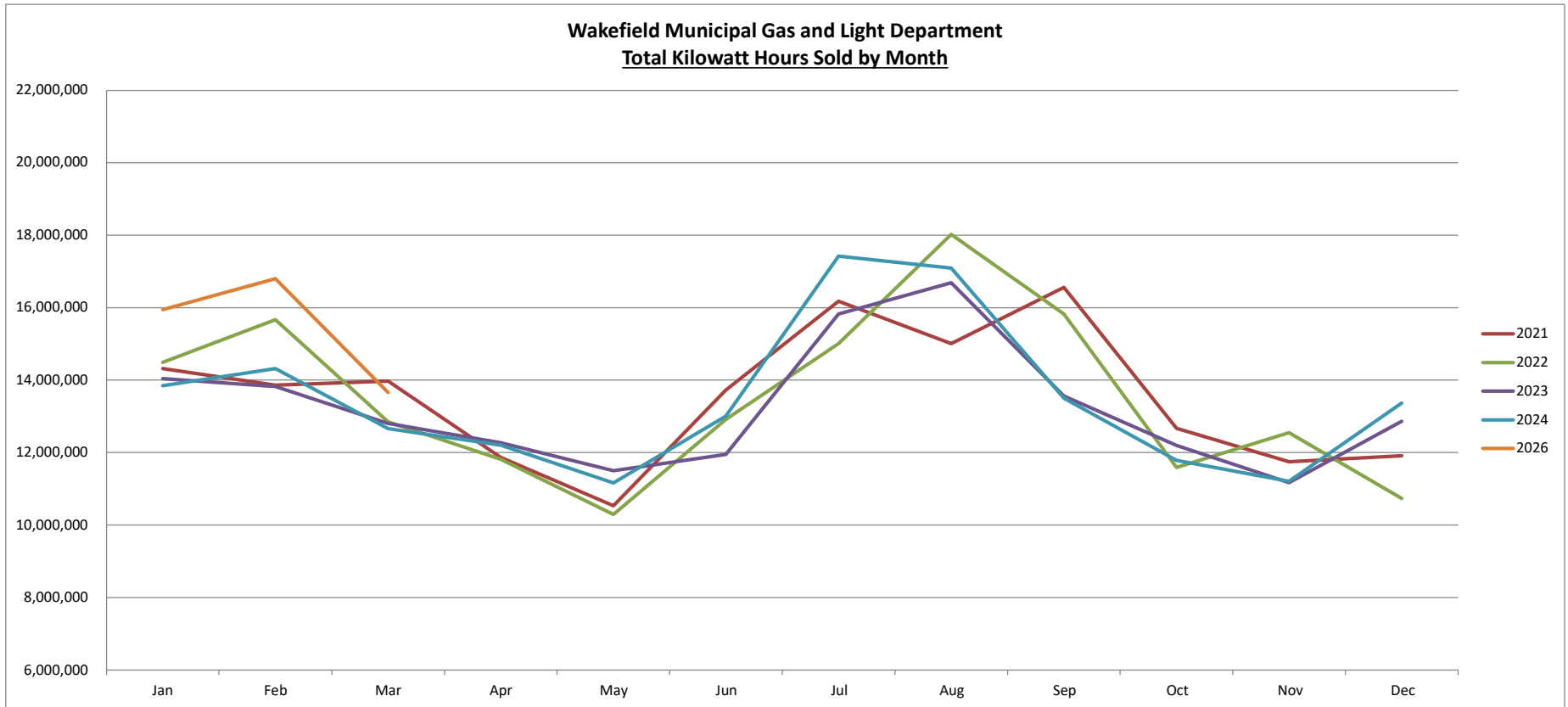
	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE		
	FY 2026	FY 2025	FY 2026	YTD Budget
Energy Revenue (Net of Discounts)				
Residential Sales	\$ 2,195,847.36	\$ 5,612,017.59	\$ 6,289,478.75	\$ 7,705,000.00
Commercial Sales	582,045.79	1,545,933.20	1,685,973.86	2,130,000.00
Municipal Sales	238,615.59	647,185.66	651,382.78	734,000.00
Total Energy Revenue	3,016,508.74	7,805,136.45	8,626,835.39	10,569,000.00
Other Revenues				
Unbilled Revenue	-	-	-	-
Interest Income-Consumer Deposits	1,054.75	8,555.96	8,651.47	13,332.00
Interest Income-Self Ins Sinking Fund	635.61	6,719.10	5,896.69	-
Income from Merchandise & Jobbing	107.94	4,107.48	13,182.94	16,668.00
Special Gas Charges	422.10	3,582.43	5,422.10	6,668.00
Sales Tax	25,852.64	70,167.44	75,825.51	73,332.00
Reconnect Fees	-	50.00	50.00	-
Insurance Reimbursements	-	-	-	-
Other Gas Revenue	677.06	1,030,288.43	82,815.90	83,332.00
Total Other Revenue	28,750.10	1,123,470.84	191,844.61	193,332.00
Total Revenue	3,045,258.84	8,928,607.29	8,818,680.00	10,762,332.00
Cost of Gas Purchased	(1,552,249.81)	(5,259,035.21)	(6,792,901.64)	(5,732,000.00)
Gross Profit	\$ 1,493,009.03	\$ 3,669,572.08	\$ 2,025,778.36	\$ 5,030,332.00
Operating Expenses				
Miscellaneous Operating Expenses				
Depreciation Expense	(207,538.01)	(1,481,784.42)	(1,597,542.62)	(1,576,664.00)
Sales Tax	(30,035.74)	(70,154.85)	(75,825.51)	(73,332.00)
Interest Expense-Consumer Deposits	(1,126.90)	(9,714.95)	(9,747.70)	(6,668.00)
Total Misc Operating Expenses	(238,700.65)	(1,561,654.22)	(1,683,115.83)	(1,656,664.00)
Distribution Expenses				
Supervision and Engineering	(39,286.29)	(195,696.51)	(269,125.53)	(213,332.00)
Station Labor and Expenses	(22,449.51)	(176,435.85)	(145,943.71)	(173,336.00)
Mains and Service	(7,349.07)	(28,029.33)	(40,151.56)	(79,336.00)
Customer Installation Expenses	(24,987.35)	(190,764.23)	(219,445.03)	(196,664.00)
Distribution Operations Expense	(19,894.00)	(51,417.46)	(47,898.47)	(66,668.00)
Total Distribution Expenses	(113,966.22)	(642,343.38)	(722,564.30)	(729,336.00)
Maintenance Expenses				
Maintenance of Mains	(59,679.66)	(373,224.33)	(482,364.51)	(439,996.00)
Maint of Meters and House Regulators	(1,262.50)	(9,476.80)	(11,690.68)	(20,000.00)
Maintenance of Distribution Plant	(131.39)	(19,655.35)	(17,155.29)	(26,668.00)
Total Maintenance Expenses	(61,073.55)	(402,356.48)	(511,210.48)	(486,664.00)
Customer Account Expense				
Meter Reading Expense	(1,808.26)	(13,160.19)	(16,689.91)	(14,660.00)
Customer Record and Collection Expenses	(24,925.21)	(226,150.73)	(257,200.01)	(260,000.00)
Total Customer Account Expenses	(26,733.47)	(239,310.92)	(273,889.92)	(274,660.00)

**Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department
Income Statement - Gas Division
For the Eight Months Ending, February 28, 2026**

	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE		
	FY 2026	FY 2025	FY 2026	YTD Budget
Administrative and General Expenses				
Community Relations & Advertising	(2,805.06)	(37,955.11)	(22,621.55)	(13,332.00)
Administrative Salaries and Expense	(5,847.47)	(47,414.63)	(63,034.05)	(53,332.00)
Business Mgr, Office Salaries & Exp	(4,774.10)	(32,002.50)	(39,357.89)	(40,000.00)
MIS Salaries and Expense	(20,013.21)	(109,309.66)	(121,857.90)	(133,340.00)
Outside Services	-	(36,920.60)	(14,607.72)	(24,000.00)
Property & Liability Insurance, Damages	(2,518.54)	(21,962.79)	(24,060.30)	(25,332.00)
Employee Pensions and Benefits	(42,043.32)	(202,133.02)	(240,704.01)	(240,000.00)
General Administrative Expense	(11.29)	(17,567.65)	(10,661.97)	(66,668.00)
Maintenance of General Plant	(3,720.70)	(37,347.27)	(36,842.53)	(29,332.00)
Total Admin & General Expenses	(81,733.69)	(542,613.23)	(573,747.92)	(625,336.00)
Net Income (Loss) Before Surplus Adjustments	\$970,801.45	\$281,293.85	(\$1,738,750.09)	\$1,257,672.00
Surplus Adjustments				
Additions				
	-	-	-	-
Subtractions				
Interest on Sinking Fund	635.61	6,719.10	5,896.69	5,332.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	20,604.00	162,402.00	164,835.00	164,845.00
Plant Removal Costs	-	213,645.13	231,161.29	273,336.00
Total Subtractions from Surplus	21,239.61	382,766.23	401,892.98	443,513.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$949,561.84	(\$101,472.38)	(\$2,140,643.07)	\$814,159.00

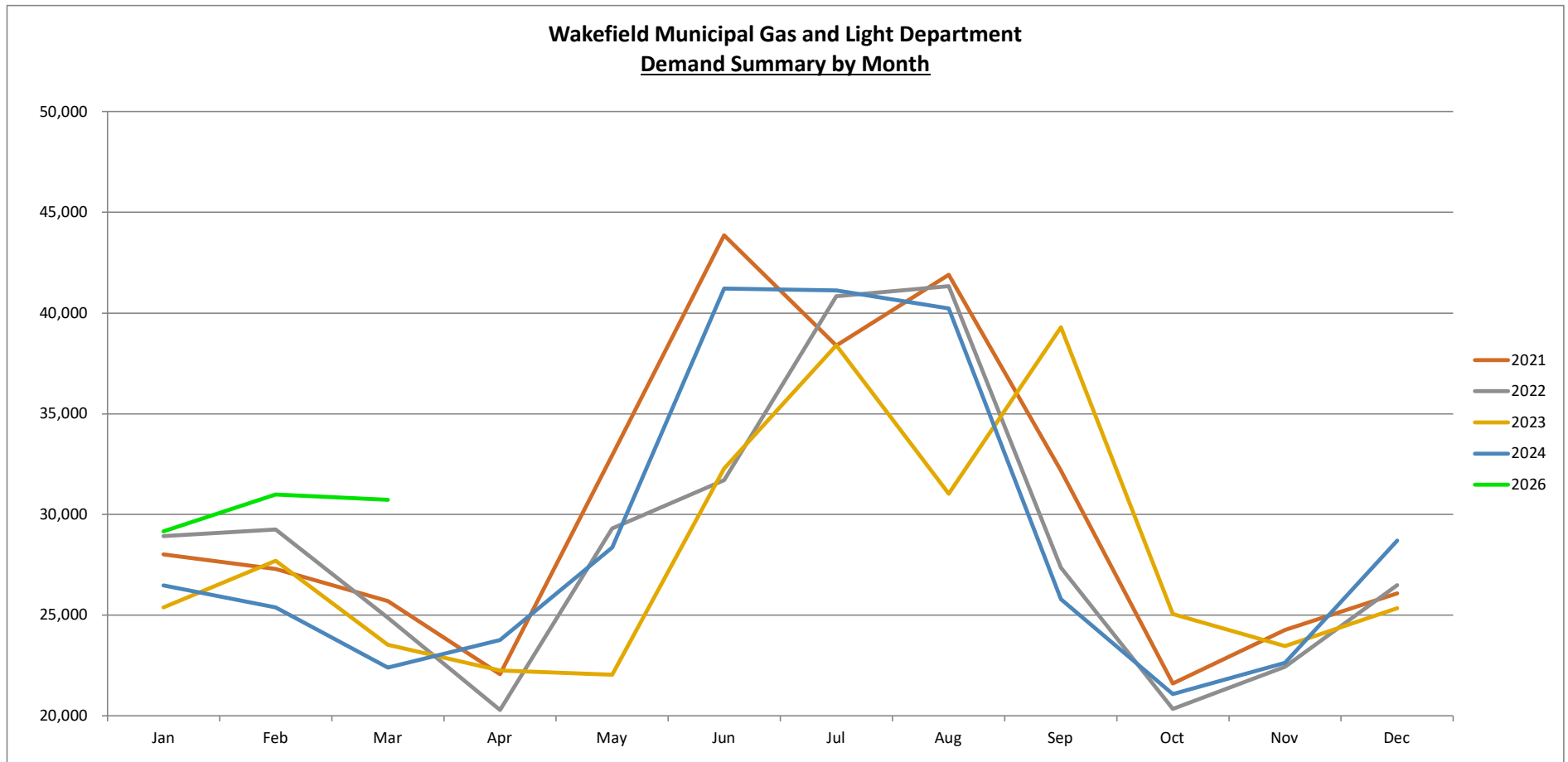
**Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department
Total Kilowatt Hours Sold by Month**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to Date Thru Mar	Annual Total	Increase (Decrease)
2020	14,828,122	14,373,838	13,299,621	11,620,258	10,978,443	12,406,390	15,909,116	18,062,379	14,494,332	12,189,623	11,444,845	12,998,123	162,605,090	162,605,090	(3.3%)
2021	14,315,035	13,860,939	13,975,661	11,872,008	10,531,822	13,728,211	16,181,525	15,008,717	16,563,996	12,671,184	11,747,642	11,913,051	162,369,791	162,369,791	(0.1%)
2022	14,493,854	15,665,202	12,846,264	11,814,998	10,293,528	12,923,009	15,012,617	18,027,075	15,822,886	11,590,549	12,547,838	10,732,987	161,770,807	161,770,807	(0.4%)
2023	14,045,840	13,821,742	12,806,211	12,275,410	11,500,963	11,949,119	15,829,221	16,686,719	13,562,408	12,197,234	11,171,431	12,868,832	158,715,130	158,715,130	(1.9%)
2024	13,850,212	14,323,389	12,666,211	12,206,533	11,166,537	13,006,783	17,427,201	17,094,908	13,501,647	11,779,714	11,203,525	13,367,907	161,594,567	161,594,567	1.8%
2025	14,526,449	15,515,447	13,134,998	12,776,821	11,558,187	14,088,975	13,935,332	18,016,252	13,855,609	11,921,724	13,311,943	11,878,829	164,520,566	164,520,566	1.8%
2026	15,947,365	16,799,358	13,661,709											46,408,432	



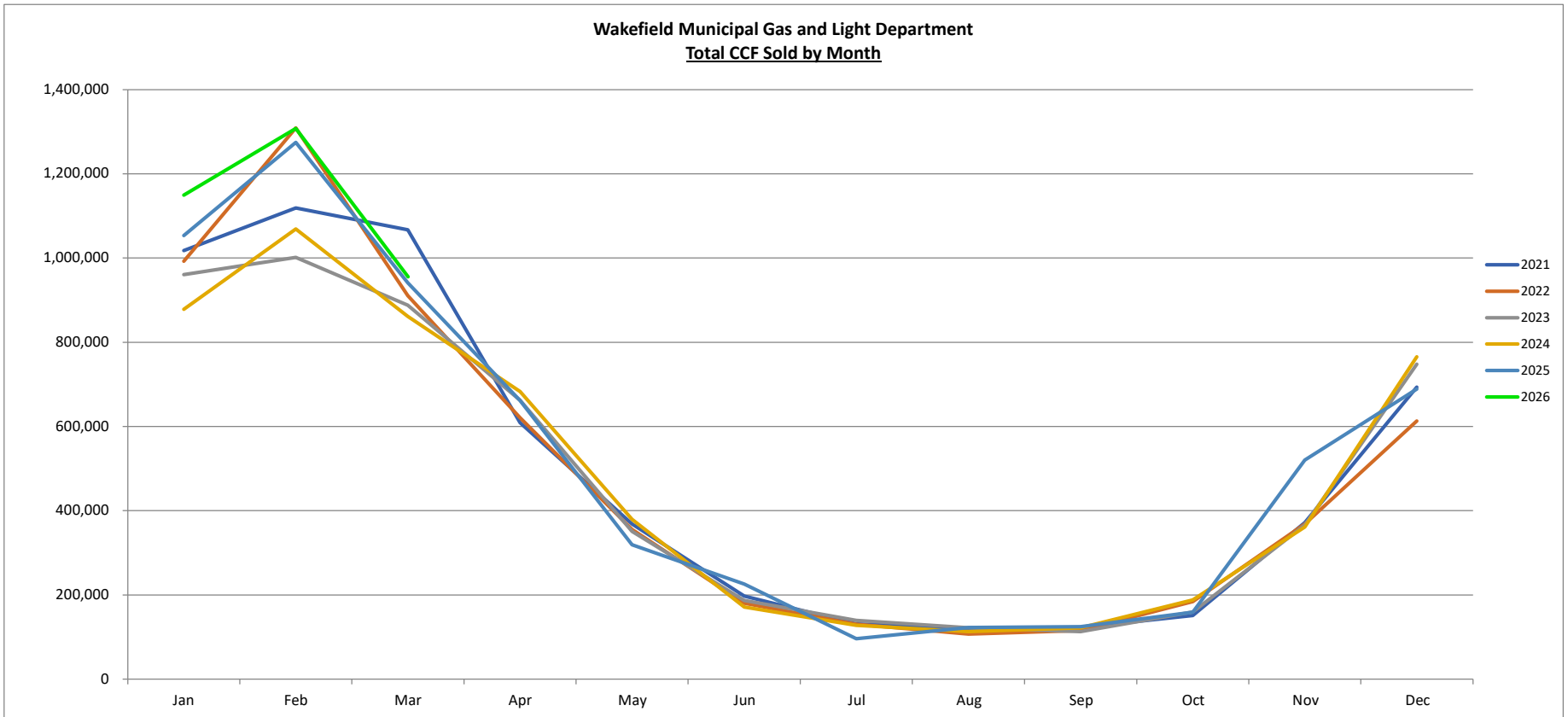
**Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department
Demand Summary by Month**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Peak	Increase (Decrease)
2020	27,031	25,166	23,806	21,823	29,147	36,658	43,966	42,773	31,971	23,789	25,149	27,898	43,966	3.4%
2021	28,023	27,300	25,704	22,075	32,944	43,864	38,381	41,900	32,172	21,605	24,276	26,091	43,864	(0.2%)
2022	28,929	29,248	24,881	20,295	29,315	31,702	40,840	41,328	27,367	20,345	22,445	26,493	41,328	(5.8%)
2023	25,385	27,704	23,537	22,260	22,042	32,290	38,405	31,029	39,294	25,065	23,470	25,351	39,294	(4.9%)
2024	26,477	25,385	22,394	23,772	28,360	41,221	41,126	40,235	25,788	21,084	22,646	28,711	41,221	4.9%
2025	29,165	27,535	25,134	21,790	22,092	44,503	43,327	38,002	27,737	23,857	26,915	31,970	44,503	8.0%
2026	29,165	30,995	30,727										30,995	



**Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department
Total CCF Sold by Month**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to Date Thru Mar	Annual Total	Increase (Decrease)
2021	1,018,323	1,118,751	1,067,083	609,268	368,207	197,298	131,406	120,133	122,771	151,033	371,698	693,323	2,137,074	5,969,294	3.2%
2022	992,152	1,308,855	910,767	620,801	355,552	180,737	130,599	107,477	115,762	184,235	368,178	612,837	2,301,007	5,887,952	(1.4%)
2023	961,207	1,001,593	887,721	662,622	351,528	186,758	139,576	121,858	112,906	159,667	365,980	748,461	1,962,800	5,699,877	(3.2%)
2024	878,703	1,069,156	861,771	682,896	379,922	171,265	127,938	113,034	122,123	188,241	361,413	765,687	1,947,859	5,722,149	0.4%
2025	1,053,414	1,274,416	941,022	661,780	319,636	225,492	96,507	122,303	124,799	159,287	520,206	688,972	2,327,830	6,187,834	8.1%
2026	1,149,331	1,307,683	955,671										2,457,014	3,412,685	





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Happy Friday! With the Run for the Roses set for Churchill Downs this Saturday, the thoroughbreds aren't the only ones racing down the stretch — energy policymakers have been in a full gallop, with regional State Houses, as well as federal and state agencies all advancing initiatives that make this one of the most consequential stretches for local energy policy in recent memory.

On the federal front, [FERC gave Eversource, Avangrid, and other New England transmission owners unit May 20, 2027](#) to distribute \$1.5 billion in ratepayer refunds from its March 18 ruling cutting base transmission return on equity to 9.57 percent. The [Trump administration announced on April 27 it struck a deal to terminate two more offshore wind leases](#) — Bluepoint Wind (off New York and New Jersey) and Golden State Wind (off California) — in exchange for \$885 million in U.S. oil, gas, and LNG investment pledges, continuing the systematic dismantling of the national offshore wind pipeline. It is unclear if the developer, Ocean Winds, will continue to advance their SouthCoast project, currently planned for Massachusetts.

On the positive side, Governor Healey announced on April 27 the [activation of Vineyard Wind's long-term power purchase contracts](#), locking in pricing projected to save Massachusetts customers \$1.4 billion over 20 years at a rate less than half last winter's peak prices. This presents a tangible payoff from the Commonwealth's decade-long investment in offshore wind. Meanwhile, the legal fight continues: Suffolk County Superior Court Judge Peter Krupp's [April 17 preliminary injunction](#) blocked GE Vernova from abandoning its turbine supply contract remains in effect; the parties are scheduled to return to court May 1.

Regionally, Governor Janet Mills [vetoed legislation](#) to establish a moratorium on data centers in Maine, while issuing an [executive order](#) to create a Maine Data Center Advisory Council. On April 20th, the Maine State House failed to override the veto, allowing the measure to fail. Mills also suspended her campaign for US Senate.

The Massachusetts House passed its [\\$63.3 billion FY2027 state budget](#) — up nearly 4 percent over last year — channeling major Fair Share surtax investments into transportation, public schools, and climate programs. House leaders cautioned, however, that a pending income tax rollback ballot question could carve an \$800 million annual hole in state revenues, with energy and infrastructure line items among those most exposed as the bill now heads to the Senate.

Separately, the energy affordability bill [H.5175](#) — passed by the House 128–27 in February — remains in the Senate, where TUE Chair Senator Mike Barrett is

expected to redraft key provisions, including the House's reduction to the Mass Save program.

Finally, Massachusetts gas prices, already elevated by Strait of Hormuz disruptions, ticked up further to [\\$4.01 per gallon](#) this week — crossing \$4 for the first time since last winter's energy crisis.

Save The Dates:

New England Women in Energy and Environment (NEWIEE) Annual Awards Gala: The NEWIEE Annual Awards Gala is on May 7th and brings together 650+ industry executives, government leaders, and nonprofit innovators for an evening of celebration and connection. For more information and to sponsor, please see [here](#).

Boston Climate Week: Boston Climate Week will run from May 10th through May 17th, featuring city-wide events, panels, and workshops aimed at accelerating a more sustainable future. Details are [here](#).

ClimaTech 2026: ClimaTech 2026 returns to the Boston Center for the Arts on May 12th and 13th as a co-presenter of Boston's inaugural Climate Week. Details are [here](#).

NECPUC Annual Symposium: Will be in Samoset, Maine on May 18th through the 20th. FERC Commissioners David Rodney and Lindsay See will be attending along with ISO-NE CEO Vamsi Chadalavada.

NECA New England Energy Conference & Exposition: The Annual conference will take place at the Boston Marriott Copley Place on June 3rd and 4th. Details are [here](#).



Inside The State House

House Passes \$63.3B FY2027 Budget: The [Massachusetts House passed its FY2027 budget last night](#) — a \$63.3 billion spending plan, up nearly 4 percent, with significant Fair Share surtax investments in education and transportation. House leaders warned that a pending income tax rollback ballot question could carve an \$800 million hole in annual revenues, with energy and infrastructure programs among those exposed. The bill now moves to the Senate for its own version.

Senate Redraft of H.5175: Senators are expected to restore Mass Save funding following Chair Barrett’s recent comments that he “can’t find any

serious waste” in the program, which has emerged as a focal point of debate as residents grapple with high energy prices. The Senate is also reconsidering the offshore wind procurement timeline and the repeal of Chapter 503—the 1982 nuclear referendum law.

Competitive Retail Ban: A coalition of mayors—including those from Boston, Worcester, and Cambridge—is [urging the Senate to ban competitive electric suppliers](#) in the final energy package, moving beyond the House's proposed transparency measures.

Nuclear Referendum Debate: The [Sierra Club and other groups testified](#) urging the preservation of the voter-led safeguard on nuclear siting, while proponents point to the Governors' joint commitment to explore advanced nuclear as a clean baseload resource.

Regulatory Tracker

DOER: AMP LDES Track Closes TODAY, May 1: The Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES) Commercialization Track of the [AMP Energy Storage Grant Program](#) closes at 11:59 P.M. EDT tonight. All other AMP tracks remain closed. Questions: customerservice@ampmass.com or 1-877-238-0076.

DOER: Clean Peak Energy Standard: DOER is switching to a more precise data source to determine when electricity demand peaks under the Clean Peak Energy Standard (225 CMR 21.00). Instead of looking at electricity usage hour

by hour, DOER will now use ISO-NE's Five-Minute System Demand database to check every five minutes. The updated Actual Monthly System Peak spreadsheet will be posted to DOER's website.

DOER: Distribution Circuit Multiplier (DCM) Eligible Circuits List

Delayed: The annual DCM Eligible Circuits List — normally published April 15 for the Clean Peak Energy Standard — remains delayed while DOER and the EDCs incorporate additional Capital Investment Project (CIP) circuit data. Updated list expected in coming weeks. Contact Samantha Meserve, DOER Renewable and Alternative Energy Division Director, with questions.

DPU 26-50 – National Grid Gas Rate Case Comment Period Closed

yesterday: National Grid's request for approximately \$342 million in additional annual gas distribution revenue is now before the DPU for consideration after the public comment period closed April 30. Final DPU decision expected November 30, 2026.

Massachusetts Clean Energy Siting & Permitting Reform - Live July 1:

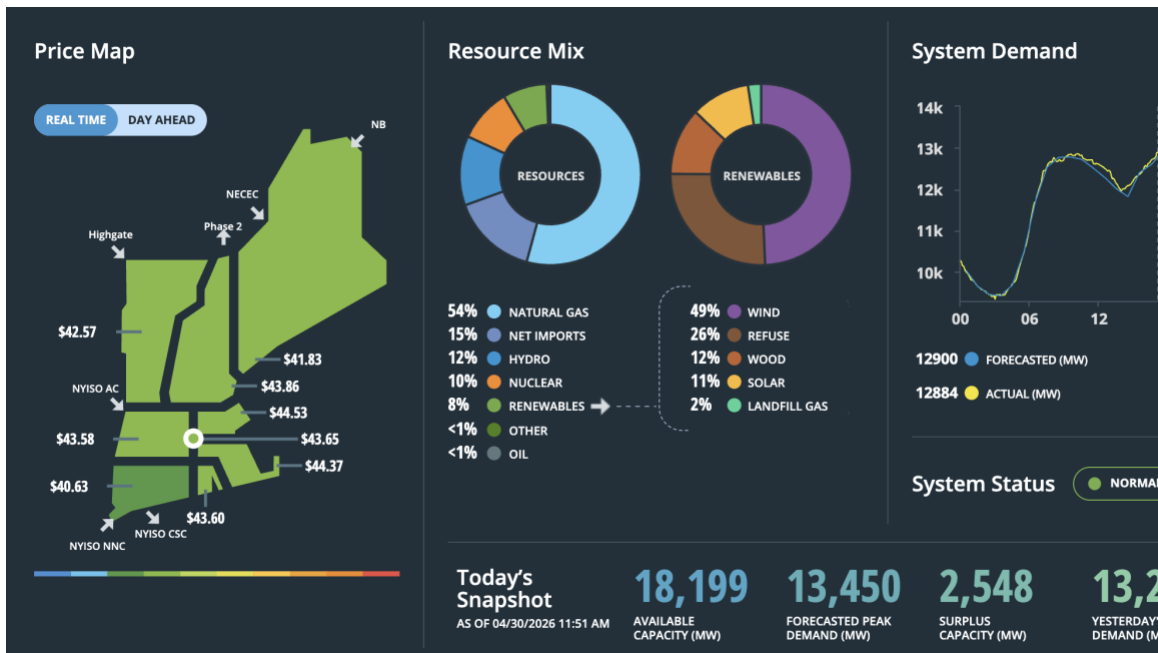
The Healey-Driscoll Administration finalized streamlined siting reforms that consolidate permitting into a [single one-year process](#). The Energy Facilities Siting Board begins accepting applications under the new framework on July 1, 2026, with municipalities required to adopt local procedures by October 1, 2026.

MA D.P.U. 25-20 – Long-Term System Planning Process Proposal: DPU issued a Hearing Officer [memorandum](#) setting the procedural schedule, with initial testimony due May 6, 2026, as Massachusetts seeks to align distribution system planning with its decarbonization trajectory.

MA 83E Round 1 – Energy Storage Procurement: Electric distribution companies have notified the DPU of a revised contract [execution timeline](#) for the first 83E mid-duration energy storage procurement, targeting completion by May 15, 2026.

View

⚡ ISO New England Snapshot: Thursday, April 30th



In the News

Senate Energy Chair Signals Departure from House on \$1B Mass Save

Cut: Senator Michael Barrett characterizes the proposed efficiency funding redirection as a "short-term" fix. (CommonWealth Beacon, April 28)

Mass Save at a Crossroads as Legislative Debate Intensifies: The state's signature energy efficiency program faces significant uncertainty as the Senate weighs the House's proposed \$1 billion budget cut intended for immediate rate relief. Environmental advocates warn that the reduction could derail the Commonwealth's ability to meet binding 2030 climate mandates. (Boston Globe, April 30)

Massachusetts Has a Once-in-a-Decade Chance to Stop Predatory Electric Suppliers: A coalition of local mayors is urging the Senate to adopt a ban on competitive retail electric suppliers, citing predatory practices. (CommonWealth Beacon, April 28)

Governor Healey Activates Vineyard Wind Contracts: The long-term PPA activation is projected to save Massachusetts customers \$1.4B over 20 years. (Mass.gov, April 27)

Maine Governor Vetoes Data Center Moratorium; Override Fails: Governor Janet Mills vetoed legislation to temporarily ban large-scale data centers, citing the importance of a \$550 million project in Jay. On April 29, the Maine State House failed to override the veto, allowing the measure to fail. (WBUR, NewsCenter Maine)

Trump Administration Strikes Deal to Kill Two More Offshore Wind

Leases: Agreements reached for Bluepoint and Golden State Wind in exchange for fossil fuel investments. (Reuters, April 27)

Feds Give New England Utilities Until May 2027 to Repay \$1.5B: FERC extended the refund deadline to May 20, 2027 for Eversource, Avangrid, and others to distribute \$1.5 billion in ratepayer refunds from its March 18 transmission over-earnings ruling. (Boston Globe)

In a First, Renewables Beat Natural Gas on the U.S. Grid: Renewables outgenerated gas across the entire U.S. grid for the first time in March 2026. (Canary Media)

Massachusetts Gas Prices Top \$4 Per Gallon: Regular gas prices have climbed to \$4.01/gallon, driven by supply disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz. Governor Healey has so far declined calls to suspend the state gas tax. (CommonWealth Beacon, AAA)



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Legislative Activity

With the Massachusetts House of Representatives approving its \$63.4 billion FY 2027 budget, it is now the Senate's turn in the budget process.

The Massachusetts Senate Ways & Means Committee is expected to release its own FY 2027 budget next Tuesday. The Senate then typically debates and passes its budget the week before Memorial Day. Negotiators from both chambers will then be assigned to reach a compromise budget in the coming months.

Once the Senate concludes their budget process at the end of May, we then expect them to make public their Energy Affordability Bill.

While we wait for the Senate's draft of an energy bill, State Senator Michael Barrett, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy, [recently provided statements](#) on the direction he is looking to take with the Senate's version. His comments centered around taking a hard look at the House's proposed cuts to energy efficiency and renewable energy

programs. He has also spoken publicly about reforming the Gas System Enhancement Plan (GSEP), as a way of boosting energy affordability.

We will also have to wait and see if the Senate's version retains any of the affordability, consumer-focused, oversight and transparency requirements seen in the House version. Those are in addition to the energy infrastructure, procurement reforms, and nuclear development provisions.

One area Senator Barrett has spoken very strongly about is the House's strengthening of protections against certain third-party electric supplier practices. We expect these provisions to remain in the Senate's bill.

As you may recall, During the energy bill's debate in the House, two amendments were included in the bill's passage, which covered MLP mutual aid. We will be keeping an eye on and advocating for the same in the Senate's version.

In other developments, on April 16th, Governor Healey filed the [Mass Wins Act](#). The legislation's stated intent is to position Massachusetts as a global destination for companies looking to invest, grow, and create jobs in the United States, while strengthening the state's competitiveness, and lowering costs for businesses. One of the notable provisions of the bill is the creation of a **Gridtech Deployment Advisory Board** to accelerate the deployment of innovative grid technologies. The legislation carves out a seat for MMWEC on the board. The board's objectives are to:

- Explore public-private partnerships to test and deploy gridtech solutions.
- Identify and remove barriers in existing utility practices.
- Recommend limited waivers of DPU orders to facilitate gridtech deployment.
- Prioritize solutions that reduce distribution/transmission grid costs and support achievement of statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits.

Over a dozen other pieces of legislation that we have been tracking were accompanied by study orders, effectively killing the legislation for this session:

- H.3486 - An Act Relative to Municipal Light Plant Emergency Mutual Aid
 - *Senate version, S.2252, sent to study December 2025*
- H.3514 - An Act Relative to the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company Board of Directors
 - *Senate version, S.2295, sent to study December 2025*
- H.3544 - An Act Relative to Energy Efficiency Funds Generated by Municipal Light Plants
- H.3466 - An Act Facilitating Public Ownership of Public Utilities
- H.3581 - An Act Supporting Electrical Load Aggregation Programs in the Commonwealth
- H.3457/H.3330 - An Act Relative to Municipal Light Plants (mutual aid)
 - *Senate version, S.2277, sent to study December 2025*

- H.3515 - An Act to Enhance Municipal Choice and Provide Affordable Electricity Options
 - *Senate version, S.2257, sent to study December 2025*
- H.3529 - An Act Relative to Building Energy and Decarbonization
 - *Senate version, S.2294, remains in Senate Ways and Means (December 2025)*
- H.3575 - An Act Relative to the Mass Save Program (point of sale heat pump rebate program)
- H.3570 - An Act to Update Vehicle Emissions Standards
 - *Senate version, S.2326, sent to study December 2025*
- H.3535 - An Act Relative to the Sale of Zero-Emission Vehicles
- H.4144 - An Act Relative to Energy Affordability, Independence and Innovation (Governor's Affordability Bill)
- H.3456 - An Act to Advance Energy Solutions
- H.3539 - An Act Relative to a Tactical Transition to Affordable, Clean Thermal Energy
 - *Senate version, S.2249, remains in Senate Ways and Means (December 2025)*
- H.4689 - An Act Establishing Buffer Zones for Battery Storage Facilities
- H.4690 - An Act Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on the Siting of Lithium Battery Storage Facilities
- H.3446 - An Act Relative to Municipal Voices in Gas Utility Work
 - *Senate version, S.2248, sent to study December 2025*

Notable Retirements

State Representative Jonathan Zlotnik has announced he will not be seeking reelection after he completes his current term. Rep. Zlotnik represents Ashburnham and Templeton.

Representative Zlotnik's announcement is in addition to the previously covered retirement announcements of House Minority Leader Brad Jones, and Assistant Minority Leader Kim Ferguson.

Representative Brad Jones's district includes both Reading and Littleton. Representative Kim Ferguson's district includes Paxton, Princeton, and Holden.

The full tracking report can be viewed by clicking the link below.

[Legislative Tracking Report](#)



Regulatory Developments

Pole Attachment Rulemaking

The DPU and DTC have opened a joint rulemaking procedure to update Massachusetts' utility pole attachment regulations. The proposal would establish new statewide rules for access to utility poles, ducts, and conduits in public rights-of-way, including poles owned by municipal light plants. Issues under review include application timelines, make-ready procedures, pole owner and attacher responsibilities, dispute resolution, and agency coordination, with a stated focus on reducing delays and addressing persistent issues such as double poles. **Comments are due May 12, 2026, and a public hearing is scheduled for May 27, 2026.**

Large Building Energy Reporting

On April 23rd, Mass DOER sponsored a webinar entitled Large Building Energy Reporting 101 for Building Owners. The webinar was a primer for large building owners to understand how to comply with the Massachusetts Large Building Energy Reporting Law ahead of the June 30th reporting deadline. The next webinar, **LBER 201** on May 14th, will dive deeper into building owner tools, resources, and special cases of data entry such as delivered fuels, solar energy, and campus reporting.

As a reminder, MLPs were given a one year "waiver" from compliance, which is currently set to expire on June 30th. MEAM, with lobbyists TSK, have been in discussions with DOER about language changes to the regulations which would put the reporting burden on building owners, and not the MLPs. DOER verbally agreed to the idea behind the language changes, and TSK is working with DOER to move that process forward. As part of that process, DOER has requested a one-page documented process by which the MLPs would ensure that building owners have the data they need to successfully report to the state. The MEAM Legislative Committee has worked with TSK on developing that process. TSK is submitting that document to DOER. We will update you on any new developments on LBER when we receive them.

DPU Investigation into Utility Charges and Bill Transparency

In December 2025, the [Department of Public Utilities](#) opened an [investigation](#) to comprehensively review all delivery charges on electric and gas utility bills. The investigation will examine the causes of bill volatility and promote a greater understanding of rates for customers to take greater control over their energy bills. That process is moving forward with the DPU holding a technical session on April 1st, as well as seeking public comments, which were due April 30th, to questions asked in the opening order of the docket. We are waiting for next steps to be announced.

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