

**Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light  
Department**

**Board of Commissioners**



**June 3, 2026**

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

**DATE:** June 3, 2026  
**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** 480 North Ave, Wakefield, MA 01880

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**Zoom Meeting**

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

**June 3, 2026  
6:30 PM  
AGENDA**

- A. **Call to Order**
  
- B. **Opening Remarks**
  - Chair's Remarks – Jennifer Kallay
  - Commissioners Reports
  - Town Council Liaison Comments
  - Public Comments
  
- C. **Secretary's Report**
  - 1 Approval of May 13, 2026 Minutes
  
- D. **Old Business**
  - 1 General Manager's Report
  - 2 Project Updates
    - A. Energy Park
  - 2. Heat Pump Rate Results
  - 3. Upcoming Board Meeting Topics
  
- E. **New Business**
  - 1. Expanding the Natural Gas Moratorium
  - 2. Employee Survey Goals
  
- F. **Any other matter not reasonably anticipated by the Chair**
  
- G. **Executive Session – If necessary**
  
- H. **Adjournment**

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Jennifer Kallay , Chair  
Elton Prifti , Secretary  
Sharon Daly  
Thomas Boettcher  
Lili Allen

Peter D. Dion, General Manager

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

**May 13, 2026**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Comms., Chair Thomas Boettcher  
Jennifer Kallay, Secretary  
Sharon Daly  
Elton Prifti  
Lili Allen

Peter Dion, General Manager  
Mark Cousins, Finance Manager  
Dave Polson, Engineering and Operations Manager  
Joe Collins, Business Analyst  
Olivia Tully, Business Analyst  
Mike Capraro, 1<sup>st</sup> Class Lineman  
Mike McCarthy, Legal Counsel  
Sylvia Vaccaro, Minutes Secretary

**PLACE:**

**480 North Ave Wakefield, MA & Zoom Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Commr. Boettcher called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He advised the meeting was being recorded.

**Members of the Public**

None

**Town Council Liaison**

Not present

**CHAIR REMARKS:** Commr. Boettcher welcomed Commr. Allen to the Board. He mentioned the MMWEC conference was both informative and timely. He stated that the information presented at the conference about forecasted loads of data centers was conservative. He also said that the Board will be reorganized tonight and enjoyed his tenure as Chair.

**COMMISSIONERS REMARKS:** Commr. Kallay noted that the Massachusetts Light Commission Association (MLCA) has an upcoming meeting on May 28, 2026, during which a presentation for new commissioners will be held (Commissioner's 101). The June 25, 2026 presentation will be by the Public Utilities Risk Management Association (PURMA).

She mentioned that Commr. Jean-Jaques Yarmoff from Marblehead had submitted on behalf of Marblehead Municipal Light Department (MMLD) a proposal to Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) to study economics and business models for networked geothermal in MLP territories. It was accepted, and MAPC has a grant for it from Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) for this work. A virtual kickoff will be held on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 2pm. He will be reaching out to MLPs to see if anyone is interested in joining this call and learning more about potential roles for different MLPs should they be interested and a timeline and scope. Pete said that WMGLD also applied for, with MMLD, a grant from Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MACEC) on a similar topic.

## **Secretary's Report**

Approval of April 2, 2026, Minutes before the Board for approval.

**A motion** to approve the April 2, 2026, minutes was made by Commr. Kallay and seconded by Commr. Prifti.

**Vote:** The motion was approved unanimously 4-0.

Approval of April 7, 2026, Minutes before the Board for approval.

**A motion** to approve the April 2, 2026, minutes was made by Commr. Kallay and seconded by Commr. Prifti.

**Vote:** The motion was approved unanimously 4-0.

## **Old Business**

### **General Manager's Report**

Pete provided an overview of recent activities.

- 100 new housing units coming online in Wakefield this year
- Gas dead main work was completed
- There was a customer issue with paving a private way following gas, water, and sewer work. WMGLD will be coordinating with the DPW. This will be added to the issues section next month.
- WMGLD participates (along with the Boylston and Marblehead MLPs) in all of MMWEC's generation projects (including Stony Brook and Peabody gas peaking plants). This has saved WMGLD ratepayers 2.1 million dollars this winter. \$436,000.00 was saved by utilizing the Peabody peaking plant.

## **Project Updates**

### **A. Energy Park**

Pete stated that the project is currently in the testing mode for the microgrid. The microgrid needs to be working properly so the Northeast Metro Tech School (NEMT) can obtain their occupancy permit. Full load testing will begin next week. He noted that the timing of the transfer works properly so that they can obtain their occupancy permits. He explained that the system must transition from grid-following to grid-forming inverter mode when supporting and supplying power to the high school, and that the speed of that transition is critical. He also noted that if the battery is discharged and unavailable, they must ensure the generator starts quickly and comes online properly. He stated that all these coordination issues are currently being worked through and that Vinny McMahan, Dave Polson, and PLM have spent a significant amount of time onsite and are doing a great job. He added that they currently anticipate meeting their targets. He also stated that full-load testing is planned for next week, when a load bank will be brought in to conduct testing under load conditions. Commr. Prifti inquired on the delivery date of the switchgear. Dave said that it is being delivered on May 18<sup>th</sup> and will be installed after the load testing. Pete mentioned that the MLPs from Hull and Hingham recently toured the Energy Park.

## **Law Enforcement's Use of Utility Poles**

Counsel Mike McCarthy explained that the Massachusetts Tort Claims Act provides liability immunity to the Board and WMGLD when exercising discretionary policy functions, and that this situation would fall within that category. He noted that the Board would not be exercising direct control over the cameras, as that responsibility would rest with the police department. He further explained that the Tort Claims Act generally caps liability at \$100,000. In addition, Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 164 governing municipal light plants provides further protection similar to

those afforded by non-profit directors, including an aggregate liability cap of \$20,000 for claiming arising from a single incident. He stated that, under these facts and circumstances, he strongly believed the Board would enjoy immunity related to the operation of the cameras on the poles. Commr. Kallay inquired if Counsel McCarthy was familiar with proposed legislation or rulemaking regarding pole attachment, referencing language on page 37 of the board packet concerning a joint rulemaking by Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) and Department of Telecommunications and Cable (DTC) to update Massachusetts utility pole attachment regulations. Counsel McCarthy responded that he had not reviewed any proposed or new regulations but would be happy to look at them. He added that, in general, the governing statutes would take precedence over any regulations. Pete mentioned that an MMWEC subcommittee is working on comments on this proposed regulation making sure that public utilities are protected.

### **Large Load Policy/Rate discussion**

Pete suggested that the Board invite the new Town Council Liaison to the next meeting to begin engaging in discussions with the town about large loads. He added that Joe found a conference at Boston College in the early fall that the two of them plan to attend because it focused specifically on this topic. He noted that the issue of large loads is currently on everyone's mind and continues to evolve, but from the Board's perspective, the key next step is identifying the liaison, inviting that person to a future meeting, and beginning discussions about what a potential policy might look like while also involving the town. Commr. Allen added that Everett, Lowell, and Malden all have moratoriums on data centers. Pete stated that we have a unique opportunity because we have some capacity and are able to design a policy that will attract a potential data center that would be beneficial to the ratepayers and not overwhelm our system capacity. He also mentioned that WMGLD's largest customer is going to be closing up shop soon.

### **New Business**

#### **APPA National Conference**

Pete mentioned that the APPA National Conference is being held in Boston this year. The agenda was shared with the Board. He stated that there are options for commissioners to attend one day or all three days. Pete said that if any of the commissioners are interested in attending any part of it, please look at the agenda and let him know, as plans need to be finalized soon. He said members of the staff will attend at different times throughout the event, so WMGLD will be there for specific sessions and events. He noted that WMGLD will be hosting a tour of the Energy Park sponsored by Lightshift on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **Board Reorganization**

**A motion** to nominate Commr. Kallay as Chair and Commr. Prifti was made by Commr. Daly and seconded by Commr. Prifti.

**Vote:** The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

## **Draft Schedule on Goals/Objectives Reporting**

Commr. Kallay clarified that the request is not necessarily for additional mid-year reviews, but rather for an estimated schedule identifying when specific goal-related items or deliverables are expected to come before the Board throughout the year. She noted that in prior years, the Board typically conducted a mid-year review in September largely because there are usually no meetings in August. She suggested that, if helpful, staff could provide informal updates in July and October as part of regular meeting agendas. Pete stated he will pencil in updates to future agendas.

## **Any other matter not reasonably anticipated by the Chair**

**A motion** to leave public session and enter Executive Session to discuss Employee Association Affiliation and General Manager Compensation and return to public session for the sole purpose of adjourning was made by Commr. Boettcher at 7:32 pm and seconded by Commr. Prifti.

**Vote:** The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

## **Executive Session**

Employee Association Affiliation  
General Manager Compensation

**A motion** to leave executive session and return to public session was made by Commr. Boettcher at 7:56 pm and seconded by Commr Prifti.

**Vote:** The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

## **Adjournment**

**A motion** to adjourn was made by Commr. Boettcher at 7:57 pm and seconded by Commr. Kallay.

**Vote:** The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

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APRIL 2026 WMGLD COMMISSIONER'S DASHBOARD

Outages ( Elec )

	SAIFI	CAIDI
Feb	0.17	44
Mar	0.40	33
Apr	0.10	56
Cal YTD	0.19	43

CYTD Pipe Replacement

	Replaced	System Total
4"	475	168,269
6"	28	162,099
8"	-	87,774

New Services on the System

	Electric	Gas
Feb	22	-
Mar	16	-
Apr	8	4

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
Feb	27.5 Mw	31.0 Mw
Mar	25.1 Mw	30.7 Mw
Apr	21.8 Mw	23.9 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

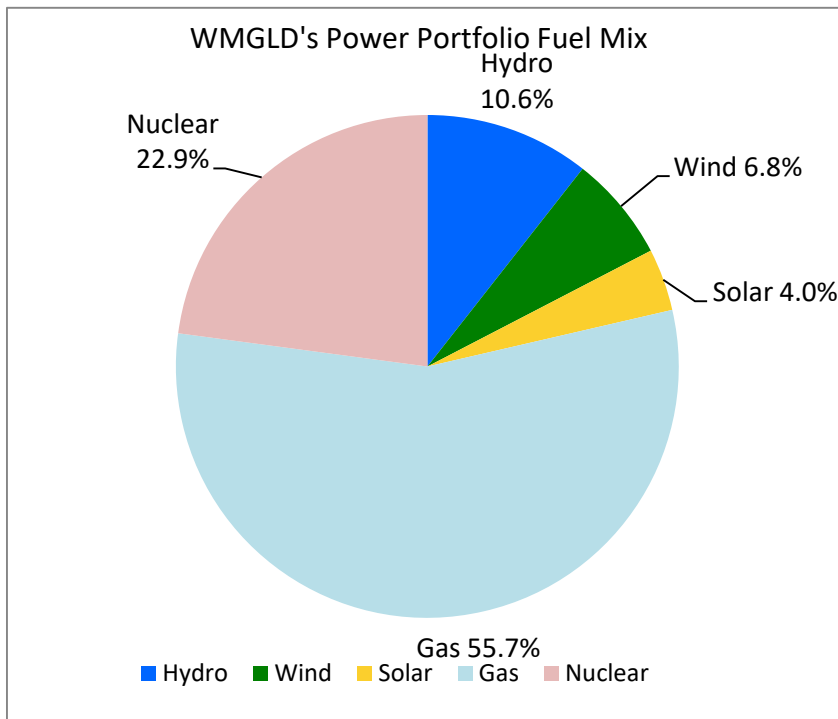
CONSERVATION BUDGET

YTD FY26 Conservation Revenue Billed	\$	720,556
YTD FY26 Paid out to Customers:		
267 Appliances & Thermostats	\$	(25,158)
57 Air Sealing ( insulation/windows )		(73,529)
65 Heating & Cooling		(155,048)
15 Residential Solar		(130,847)
126 Cordless Yard Equipment		(7,638)

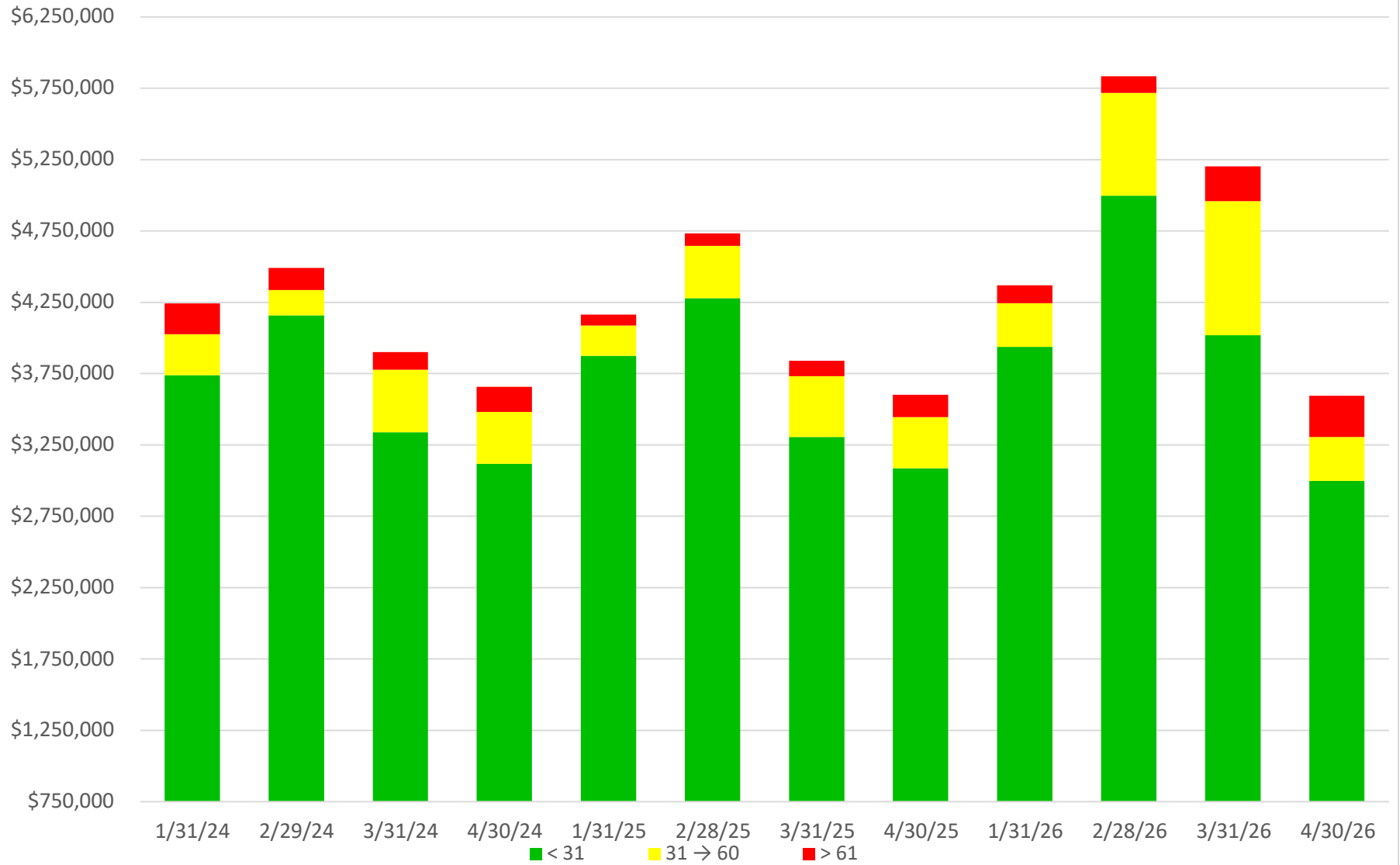
GREEN CHOICE RATE	April	CYTD
Green Choice Revenues	\$ 987	\$ 4,986
KwH billed on GC Rate	61,051	302,563
Number of Customers		109

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 April 30, 2026




# Dashboard – June 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)

Environment  
Lifetime

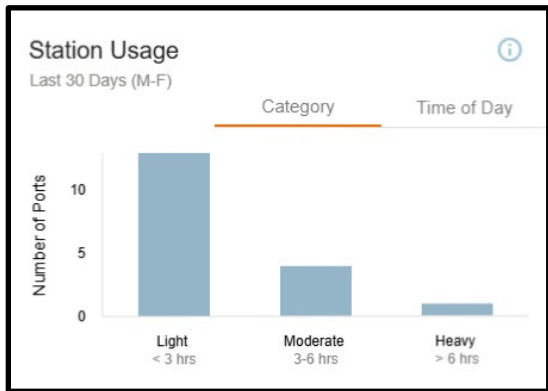
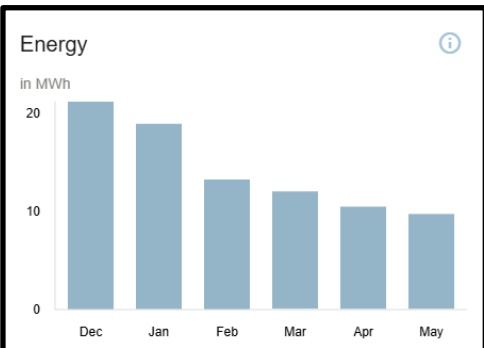
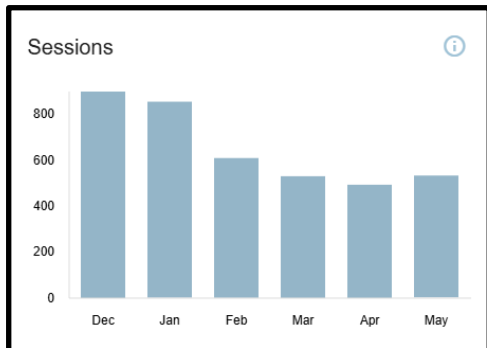
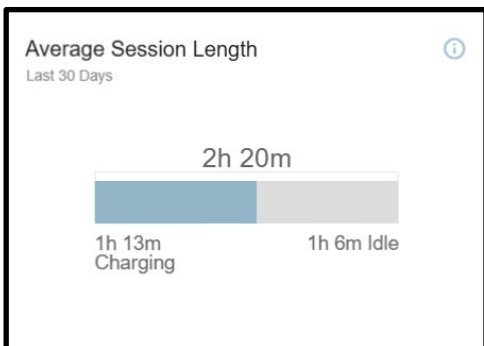
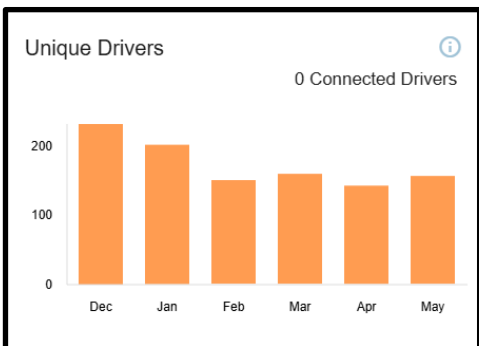
Here's how EV charging has helped:



You've avoided 500,397kg greenhouse gas emissions



That's like planting 12,831 trees and letting them grow for 10 years



<b>EV Charging Stations</b>				
<b>Utility Billing and Town Revenue</b>				
<b>May-26</b>				
<b>Locations</b>	<b>Utility Billing</b>	<b>KWh</b>	<b>Town Revenue From Charge Point</b>	<b>KWh</b>
Vets Field	\$241.60	1096	\$273.25	1,096
Civic Center	\$236.39	1074	\$338.61	1,074
Public Parking Lot	\$398.56	1842	\$535.60	1,842
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$876.55</b>	<b>4012</b>	<b>\$1,147.46</b>	<b>4,012</b>
<b>EV Charging Stations</b>				
<b>Usage and Revenue</b>				
<b>May-26</b>				
<b>Locations</b>			<b>Revenue From Charge Point</b>	<b>KWh</b>
Quannapowitt			\$3,557.89	5,430

<b>COMMISSIONER REQUESTS LOG</b>	<b>Requested By</b>	<b>Request Date</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
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
Board meeting topic schedule linked to annual goals	JK	5/13/26	In Progress

**Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department  
Customer Issues Log**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Resolution</b>
May 6, 2025	Customer at Evan's Place reached out about a paving issue on the street.	WMGLD is working with the DPW to coordinate a plan to resolve the issue.
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 June, 2026

### Major New Customer Projects 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 COMPLETE**
  - **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 - Working**
- **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. – 424 64 Residential apts – Permitting Stage –**
- **525 Salem St – 2.5MW EV Charging Station – Site Cleared, construction starting Q2 2026**
- **119,127,135 Nahant St. – 60 Residential units proposed, owner coordinating demo of 3 buildings (#119 still occupied as of 5/26/2026)**

#### 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**

- The Main St project in Greenwood has been completed. Main installation for all contracted 2026 spring work has been completed. Main tie ins and service reconnections for spring work has begun.
- 402 meters were replaced this year with a target of 904 for the year.
- There are currently 1611 inside gas services and 3601 outside services. 19 services have been moved outside and 16 coated steel services have been replaced so far this year.
- Leaks    Class 1 – 0\*    Class 2 – 0    Class 3 – 7

## **Financial Reports**

Monthly Financials for through February and Consumption Reports through April 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 May 18-22, 2026 – **COMPLETED**
- 2 Padmount Switches - **DELIVERED** May 26, 2026
- Connect 2 newly delivered switches – **June/July 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/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
- Meetings held with WMHS and NEMT Superintendents to understand their vision and needs – **COMPLETE**
- Meetings held 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, 100% 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 Residents signed-up – **Working**
- Public Tree Planting Program (Utility Friendly Trees) – 50 Trees Planted – **Planned for the 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**

### **Grant 40101(d) MassCEC/DOE: Resiliency Project (Multi-year 2026 – 2030)**

- Phase 1 – Upgrade underground feeders 0012 & 0014 from Beebe Substation to Nahant St. – **Contract awarded to State Electric planned start date June/July 2026**

**Board of Commissioners  
June 3, 2026  
Agenda Item No D-2**

**Heat Pump Rate**

Staff will review the financial and operating results of the first winter season with the Heat Pump Rate A and B

**Information for Discussion and Possible Vote**

**Board of Commissioners  
June 3, 2026  
Agenda Item No D-3**

**Board Calendar and Goals Updates**

Enclosed is a tentative calendar of key items for Board meetings including key topic areas associated with the 2026 Goals.

**Information for Discussion**

### **WMGLD Gas Moratorium**

In 2018, the WMGLD Board of Commissioners voted to implement a moratorium on gas services to multifamily new construction. That policy decision has had a major impact by significantly increasing the number of residences in Wakefield that heat and cool with electricity. Based on current State and Local goals, staff is recommending an expansion of the moratorium.

### **Information for Discussion and Vote**

### **Employee Survey Goals**

One of the WMGLD goals for 2026 is to evaluate conducting an employee survey. Staff has solicited pricing from GreatBlue, who has experience conducting such a survey. There are questions that need to be answered relative to the goals and scope of the survey and what is expected to be done with the results if conducted.

### **Information for Discussion**

# APPENDICIES

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

	3/31/2025	3/31/2026
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Sinking Fund - Self Insurance	\$ 206,117.81	\$ 215,022.75
Depreciation Fund	194,518.88	199,379.34
Consumer Deposits	999,142.73	1,050,618.61
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>1,399,779.42</b>	<b>1,465,020.70</b>
Operating Cash	2,508,732.24	1,358,209.77
Depreciation Fund	2,894.47	2,966.79
Consumer Deposits	356,723.45	358,069.76
Petty Cash	525.00	525.00
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>2,868,875.16</b>	<b>1,719,771.32</b>
Accounts Receivable-Rates	4,041,425.58	4,988,981.62
Accounts Receivable-Other	1,303,705.28	1,262,477.80
Inventory	1,247,600.23	803,978.90
Prepayments Other	532,039.65	492,186.67
Prepayments Power	4,899,036.70	5,075,010.73
Other Deferred Debits	2,558,854.68	2,409,544.73
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>14,582,662.12</b>	<b>15,032,180.45</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>18,851,316.70</b>	<b>18,216,972.47</b>
Distribution Plant	21,744,549.65	25,950,803.94
General Plant	1,564,534.06	1,363,484.91
<b>Net Fixed Assets</b>	<b>23,309,083.71</b>	<b>27,314,288.85</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 42,160,400.41</b>	<b>\$ 45,531,261.32</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 152,505.29	\$ 167,114.16
Consumer Deposits	1,355,866.18	1,408,688.37
Other Accrued Liabilities	12,498.49	7,846.91
Reserve for Uncollectable Accounts	93,373.36	96,954.90
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>1,614,243.32</b>	<b>1,680,604.34</b>
Compensated Absences	391,167.51	561,065.18
MMWEC Pooled Loan Debt	6,792,272.65	11,250,908.48
OPEB Liability	975,204.00	712,340.00
Pension Liability	6,772,500.00	6,091,500.00
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<b>14,931,144.16</b>	<b>18,615,813.66</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>16,545,387.48</b>	<b>20,296,418.00</b>
Retained Earnings	5,692,206.60	1,155,197.90
Year to Date Income	2,961,375.48	3,033,626.63
Sinking Fund Reserve-Self Ins	206,117.81	215,022.75
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
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>25,615,012.93</b>	<b>25,234,843.32</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$ 42,160,400.41</b>	<b>\$ 45,531,261.32</b>

**Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department**  
**Budget vs Actual - Electric Division**  
**For the Nine Months Ending, March 31, 2026**

	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE		
	FY 2026	FY 2025	FY 2026	YTD Budget
<b>Energy Revenue (Net of Discounts)</b>				
Residential Sales	\$ 1,647,889.23	\$ 13,804,968.32	\$ 15,437,579.12	\$ 13,519,000.00
Commercial Sales	1,267,503.28	10,401,954.07	11,400,567.41	10,496,000.00
Street Lighting	14,845.00	141,097.00	133,605.00	141,097.00
Municipal Sales	122,042.15	1,178,498.70	1,215,241.33	1,195,000.00
Private Area Lighting	7,466.00	67,224.14	67,200.54	66,755.00
Green Choice Revenue	1,106.31	11,467.68	11,270.10	-
<b>Total Energy Revenue</b>	<b>3,060,851.97</b>	<b>25,605,209.91</b>	<b>28,265,463.50</b>	<b>25,417,852.00</b>
<b>Other Revenues</b>				
Unbilled Revenue	-	-	-	-
Interest Income-Consumer Deposits	4,039.61	38,263.84	38,645.39	90,000.00
Interest Income-Depreciation Fund	386.12	3,666.93	3,699.76	-
Interest Income-Self Ins Sinking Fund	698.75	7,505.65	6,595.45	-
Interest Income-MMWEC	5,339.29	88,190.17	82,512.91	-
Income ( Exp ) - Merchandise & Jobbing	(21,475.71)	(457,598.92)	(576,470.70)	75,001.00
Other Revenues-Temp Services	100.00	900.00	400.00	751.00
Sales Tax	55,977.66	553,530.23	592,319.63	562,500.00
Conservation Charge	69,244.59	587,575.67	656,127.65	598,046.00
Reconnect Fees	-	1,300.00	1,650.00	2,250.00
Comcast & RCN Pole Fees	12,562.27	79,101.13	40,438.36	104,999.00
Insurance Reimbursements	-	5,815.63	31,031.38	-
EV Chargers	4,659.23	37,515.08	37,809.00	-
Other Electric Revenue	15,601.28	139,147.09	137,461.50	171,751.00
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>147,133.09</b>	<b>1,084,912.50</b>	<b>1,052,220.33</b>	<b>1,605,298.00</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3,207,985.06</b>	<b>26,690,122.41</b>	<b>29,317,683.83</b>	<b>27,023,150.00</b>
<b>Power Costs</b>				
Purchased Power	(1,398,908.27)	(13,643,622.60)	(14,949,877.17)	(14,725,144.00)
Power Expense Generation	(12,088.07)	(13,435.98)	(94,494.11)	(436,802.00)
Power Expense Battery	(45,045.78)	(45,692.26)	(210,728.77)	(208,321.00)
<b>Total Power Costs</b>	<b>(1,456,042.12)</b>	<b>(13,702,750.84)</b>	<b>(15,255,100.05)</b>	<b>(15,370,267.00)</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 1,751,942.94</b>	<b>\$ 12,987,371.57</b>	<b>\$ 14,062,583.78</b>	<b>\$ 11,652,883.00</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
<b>Miscellaneous Operating Expenses</b>				
Depreciation Expense	(265,520.55)	(1,955,678.96)	(2,333,176.48)	(2,281,559.00)
Sales Tax	(52,000.00)	(557,506.91)	(588,340.74)	(585,000.00)
Interest Expense-Consumer Deposits	(4,545.37)	(44,160.06)	(43,536.15)	(30,001.00)
Interest Expense-Leased Property	-	-	(18,320.93)	-
Interest Expense-Sub + MMWEC	(10,151.63)	(111,587.21)	(116,189.88)	(109,985.00)
<b>Total Misc Operating Expenses</b>	<b>(332,217.55)</b>	<b>(2,668,933.14)</b>	<b>(3,099,564.18)</b>	<b>(3,006,545.00)</b>
<b>Distribution Expenses</b>				
Supervision and Engineering	(57,797.58)	(253,980.20)	(307,937.02)	(262,499.00)
Substation Salaries and Expense	(73,385.27)	(592,890.88)	(940,687.47)	(750,001.00)
Customer Installation Expenses	(702.31)	(6,295.76)	(5,956.31)	(9,000.00)
Distribution Operations Expense	(57,540.06)	(566,667.66)	(594,028.23)	(607,500.00)
<b>Total Distribution Expenses</b>	<b>(189,425.22)</b>	<b>(1,419,834.50)</b>	<b>(1,848,609.03)</b>	<b>(1,629,000.00)</b>

**Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department**  
**Budget vs Actual - Electric Division**  
**For the Nine Months Ending, March 31, 2026**

	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE		
	FY 2026	FY 2025	FY 2026	YTD Budget
<b>Maintenance Expenses</b>				
Supervision and Engineering	(30,626.90)	(191,945.60)	(208,987.24)	(206,249.00)
Maintenance of Station Equipment	-	-	(394.17)	(9,000.00)
Maintenance of Other Equipment	-	(74.08)	-	-
Maintenance of Overhead Lines	(325,967.58)	(1,202,298.25)	(1,213,024.54)	(1,387,499.00)
Maintenance of Underground Lines	-	(4,174.35)	(1,428.48)	(9,000.00)
Maintenance of Line Transformers	-	-	-	(7,501.00)
Maintenance of Street Lighting	-	-	-	(3,749.00)
Maintenance of Meters	(702.31)	(17,281.35)	(33,640.19)	(14,999.00)
Maintenance of Distribution Plant	(1,586.11)	(13,239.47)	(12,269.62)	(18,000.00)
<b>Total Maintenance Expenses</b>	<b>(358,882.90)</b>	<b>(1,429,013.10)</b>	<b>(1,469,744.24)</b>	<b>(1,655,997.00)</b>
<b>Customer Account Expense</b>				
Meter Reading Expense	(6,330.97)	(44,587.50)	(56,400.89)	(48,749.00)
Customer Records & Collection Exp	(133,131.13)	(766,738.58)	(924,054.26)	(869,999.00)
<b>Total Customer Account Exp</b>	<b>(139,462.10)</b>	<b>(811,326.08)</b>	<b>(980,455.15)</b>	<b>(918,748.00)</b>
<b>Administrative and General Expenses</b>				
Community Relations & Advertising	-	(183,351.13)	(125,651.40)	(112,500.00)
Administrative Salaries and Expense	(29,290.06)	(175,482.12)	(234,686.58)	(198,751.00)
Business Mgr, Office Salaries & Exp	(14,706.05)	(119,773.12)	(135,575.42)	(127,499.00)
MIS Salaries and Expense	(58,872.75)	(424,005.31)	(424,572.56)	(405,000.00)
Outside Services	-	(18,450.00)	(23,250.00)	-
Conservation & Rebates	(41,254.50)	(488,659.88)	(701,837.17)	(598,046.00)
Property & Liability Insurance, Damages	(12,518.42)	(107,340.86)	(114,051.64)	(120,001.00)
Employee Pensions and Benefits	(106,051.53)	(1,150,204.80)	(1,049,148.76)	(1,049,999.00)
General Administrative Expense	(95.82)	(56,285.58)	(50,053.84)	(300,001.00)
Maintenance of General Plant	(9,991.73)	(122,486.73)	(75,735.79)	(120,001.00)
<b>Total Admin &amp; General Expenses</b>	<b>(272,780.86)</b>	<b>(2,846,039.53)</b>	<b>(2,934,563.16)</b>	<b>(3,031,798.00)</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss) Before Surplus Adjustments</b>	<b>\$459,174.31</b>	<b>\$3,812,225.22</b>	<b>\$3,729,648.02</b>	<b>\$1,410,795.00</b>
<b>Surplus Adjustments</b>				
<b>Additions</b>				
Sale of Scrap	-	49,684.64	-	22,500.00
MMWEC Refund	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Additions to Surplus</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,684.64</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,500.00</b>
<b>Subtractions</b>				
Interest on Sinking Fund	698.75	7,505.65	6,595.45	5,999.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	61,815.00	548,109.00	556,335.00	556,330.00
Plant Removal Costs	-	344,919.73	133,090.94	104,999.00
<b>Total Subtractions from Surplus</b>	<b>62,513.75</b>	<b>900,534.38</b>	<b>696,021.39</b>	<b>667,328.00</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 396,660.56</b>	<b>\$ 2,961,375.48</b>	<b>\$ 3,033,626.63</b>	<b>\$ 765,967.00</b>

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

	3/31/2025	3/31/2026
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Sinking Fund - Self Insurance	\$ 206,117.80	\$ 215,022.74
Consumer Deposits	125,618.41	138,487.40
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>331,736.21</b>	<b>353,510.14</b>
Consumer Deposits	215,148.59	196,570.60
Petty Cash	175.00	175.00
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>215,323.59</b>	<b>196,745.60</b>
Accounts Receivable-Rates	1,719,598.62	2,275,649.36
Inventory	1,023,883.02	799,008.10
Prepayments Miscellaneous	32,707.63	32,103.42
Other Deferred Debits	848,171.25	803,667.48
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>3,624,360.52</b>	<b>3,910,428.36</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>4,171,420.32</b>	<b>4,460,684.10</b>
Distribution Plant	28,522,993.55	28,581,764.24
General Plant	656,905.65	841,600.46
<b>Net Fixed Assets</b>	<b>29,179,899.20</b>	<b>29,423,364.70</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 33,351,319.52</b>	<b>\$ 33,884,048.80</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 5,280.21	\$ 26,394.81
Consumer Deposits	340,767.00	335,058.00
Other Accrued Liabilities	7,101.60	8,674.07
Reserve for Uncollectable Accounts	93,373.36	96,954.90
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>446,522.17</b>	<b>467,081.78</b>
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
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<b>2,821,764.95</b>	<b>2,609,267.61</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>3,268,287.12</b>	<b>3,076,349.39</b>
Retained Earnings	1,907,715.04	2,669,493.20
Year to Date Income ( Loss )	911,161.89	(1,671,672.20)
Sinking Fund Reserve-Self Ins	206,117.80	215,022.74
Contribution in Aid of Construction	13,600.00	13,600.00
Investment in Fixed Assets	27,044,437.67	29,581,255.67
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>30,083,032.40</b>	<b>30,807,699.41</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$ 33,351,319.52</b>	<b>\$ 33,884,048.80</b>

**Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department**  
**Income Statement - Gas Division**  
**For the Nine Months Ending, March 31, 2026**

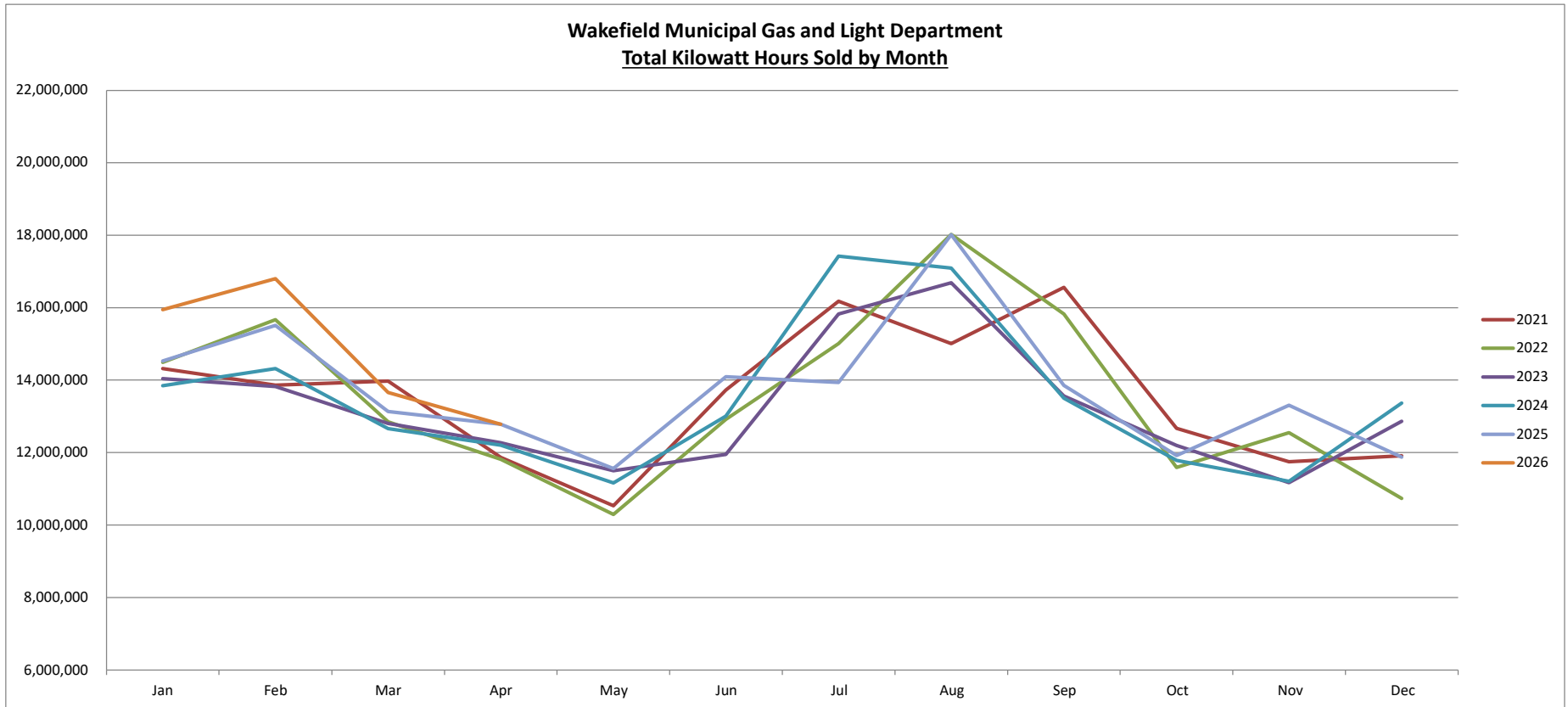
	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE		
	FY 2026	FY 2025	FY 2026	YTD Budget
<b>Energy Revenue (Net of Discounts)</b>				
Residential Sales	\$ 1,435,854.79	\$ 6,979,184.86	\$ 7,725,333.54	\$ 8,854,000.00
Commercial Sales	408,469.35	1,948,612.18	2,094,443.21	2,448,000.00
Municipal Sales	134,435.06	777,964.42	785,817.84	844,000.00
<b>Total Energy Revenue</b>	<b>1,978,759.20</b>	<b>9,705,761.46</b>	<b>10,605,594.59</b>	<b>12,146,000.00</b>
<b>Other Revenues</b>				
Unbilled Revenue	-	-	-	-
Interest Income-Consumer Deposits	1,009.90	9,565.95	9,661.37	14,999.00
Interest Income-Self Ins Sinking Fund	698.75	7,505.64	6,595.44	-
Income from Merchandise & Jobbing	(468.18)	4,091.21	12,714.76	18,751.00
Special Gas Charges	-	4,727.77	5,422.10	7,501.00
Sales Tax	18,108.65	88,414.43	93,934.16	82,499.00
Reconnect Fees	-	50.00	50.00	-
Insurance Reimbursements	-	-	-	-
Other Gas Revenue	95.34	1,331,225.50	82,911.24	93,749.00
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>19,444.46</b>	<b>1,445,580.50</b>	<b>211,289.07</b>	<b>217,499.00</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,998,203.66</b>	<b>11,151,341.96</b>	<b>10,816,883.66</b>	<b>12,363,499.00</b>
<b>Cost of Gas Purchased</b>	<b>(1,009,363.88)</b>	<b>(6,029,278.11)</b>	<b>(7,802,265.52)</b>	<b>(6,588,000.00)</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 988,839.78</b>	<b>\$ 5,122,063.85</b>	<b>\$ 3,014,618.14</b>	<b>\$ 5,775,499.00</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
<b>Miscellaneous Operating Expenses</b>				
Depreciation Expense	(207,538.01)	(1,678,862.17)	(1,805,080.63)	(1,773,747.00)
Sales Tax	(18,000.00)	(88,401.84)	(93,825.51)	(82,499.00)
Interest Expense-Consumer Deposits	(1,136.34)	(11,040.02)	(10,884.04)	(7,501.00)
<b>Total Misc Operating Expenses</b>	<b>(226,674.35)</b>	<b>(1,778,304.03)</b>	<b>(1,909,790.18)</b>	<b>(1,863,747.00)</b>
<b>Distribution Expenses</b>				
Supervision and Engineering	(33,678.57)	(218,405.13)	(302,804.10)	(239,999.00)
Station Labor and Expenses	(19,267.44)	(190,815.24)	(165,211.15)	(195,003.00)
Mains and Service	(6,953.40)	(28,149.06)	(47,104.96)	(89,253.00)
Customer Installation Expenses	(20,957.89)	(205,681.24)	(240,402.92)	(221,247.00)
Distribution Operations Expense	(1,898.88)	(59,271.04)	(49,797.35)	(75,001.00)
<b>Total Distribution Expenses</b>	<b>(82,756.18)</b>	<b>(702,321.71)</b>	<b>(805,320.48)</b>	<b>(820,503.00)</b>
<b>Maintenance Expenses</b>				
Maintenance of Mains	(58,781.10)	(406,045.29)	(541,145.61)	(494,996.00)
Maint of Meters and House Regulators	(4,462.21)	(10,326.80)	(16,152.89)	(22,500.00)
Maintenance of Distribution Plant	(922.87)	(25,138.59)	(18,078.16)	(30,001.00)
<b>Total Maintenance Expenses</b>	<b>(64,166.18)</b>	<b>(441,510.68)</b>	<b>(575,376.66)</b>	<b>(547,497.00)</b>
<b>Customer Account Expense</b>				
Meter Reading Expense	(2,110.31)	(14,862.50)	(18,800.22)	(16,493.00)
Customer Record and Collection Expenses	(44,888.67)	(256,527.31)	(302,088.68)	(292,500.00)
<b>Total Customer Account Expenses</b>	<b>(46,998.98)</b>	<b>(271,389.81)</b>	<b>(320,888.90)</b>	<b>(308,993.00)</b>

**Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department**  
**Income Statement - Gas Division**  
**For the Nine Months Ending, March 31, 2026**

	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE		
	FY 2026	FY 2025	FY 2026	YTD Budget
<b>Administrative and General Expenses</b>				
Community Relations & Advertising	-	(40,126.37)	(22,621.55)	(14,999.00)
Administrative Salaries and Expense	(9,535.01)	(55,665.12)	(72,569.06)	(59,999.00)
Business Mgr, Office Salaries & Exp	(4,962.49)	(36,078.45)	(44,320.38)	(45,000.00)
MIS Salaries and Expense	(19,624.24)	(141,310.01)	(141,482.14)	(150,007.00)
Outside Services	-	(37,039.74)	(14,607.72)	(27,000.00)
Property & Liability Insurance, Damages	(2,518.53)	(24,496.07)	(26,578.83)	(28,499.00)
Employee Pensions and Benefits	(37,976.58)	(220,410.36)	(278,680.59)	(270,000.00)
General Administrative Expense	(31.94)	(17,567.65)	(10,693.91)	(66,668.00)
Maintenance of General Plant	(3,321.68)	(40,828.94)	(40,164.21)	(32,999.00)
<b>Total Admin &amp; General Expenses</b>	<b>(77,970.47)</b>	<b>(613,522.71)</b>	<b>(651,718.39)</b>	<b>(695,171.00)</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss) Before Surplus Adjustments</b>				
<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>\$490,273.62</b>	<b>\$1,315,014.91</b>	<b>(\$1,248,476.47)</b>	<b>\$1,539,588.00</b>
<b>Surplus Adjustments</b>				
<b>Additions</b>				
	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtractions</b>				
Interest on Sinking Fund	698.75	7,505.64	6,595.44	5,999.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	20,604.00	182,702.25	185,439.00	185,450.00
Plant Removal Costs	-	213,645.13	231,161.29	307,503.00
<b>Total Subtractions from Surplus</b>	<b>21,302.75</b>	<b>403,853.02</b>	<b>423,195.73</b>	<b>498,952.00</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$468,970.87</b>	<b>\$911,161.89</b>	<b>(\$1,671,672.20)</b>	<b>\$1,040,636.00</b>

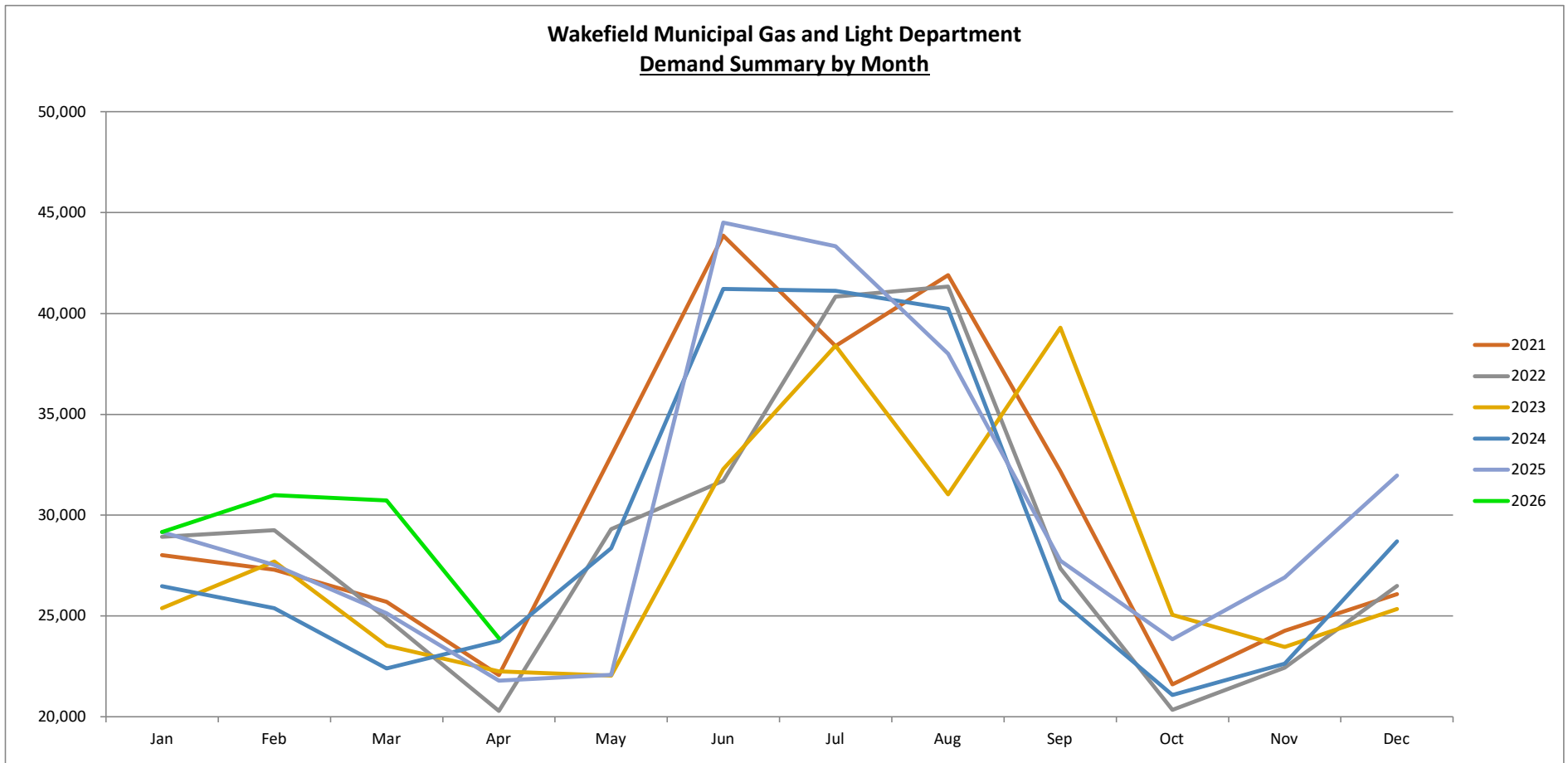
**Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department  
Total Kilowatt Hours Sold by Month**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to Date Thru Apr	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	54,121,839	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	54,023,643	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	54,820,318	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	52,949,203	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	53,046,345	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	55,953,715	164,520,566	1.8%
2026	15,947,365	16,799,358	13,661,709	12,784,344									59,192,776	59,192,776	



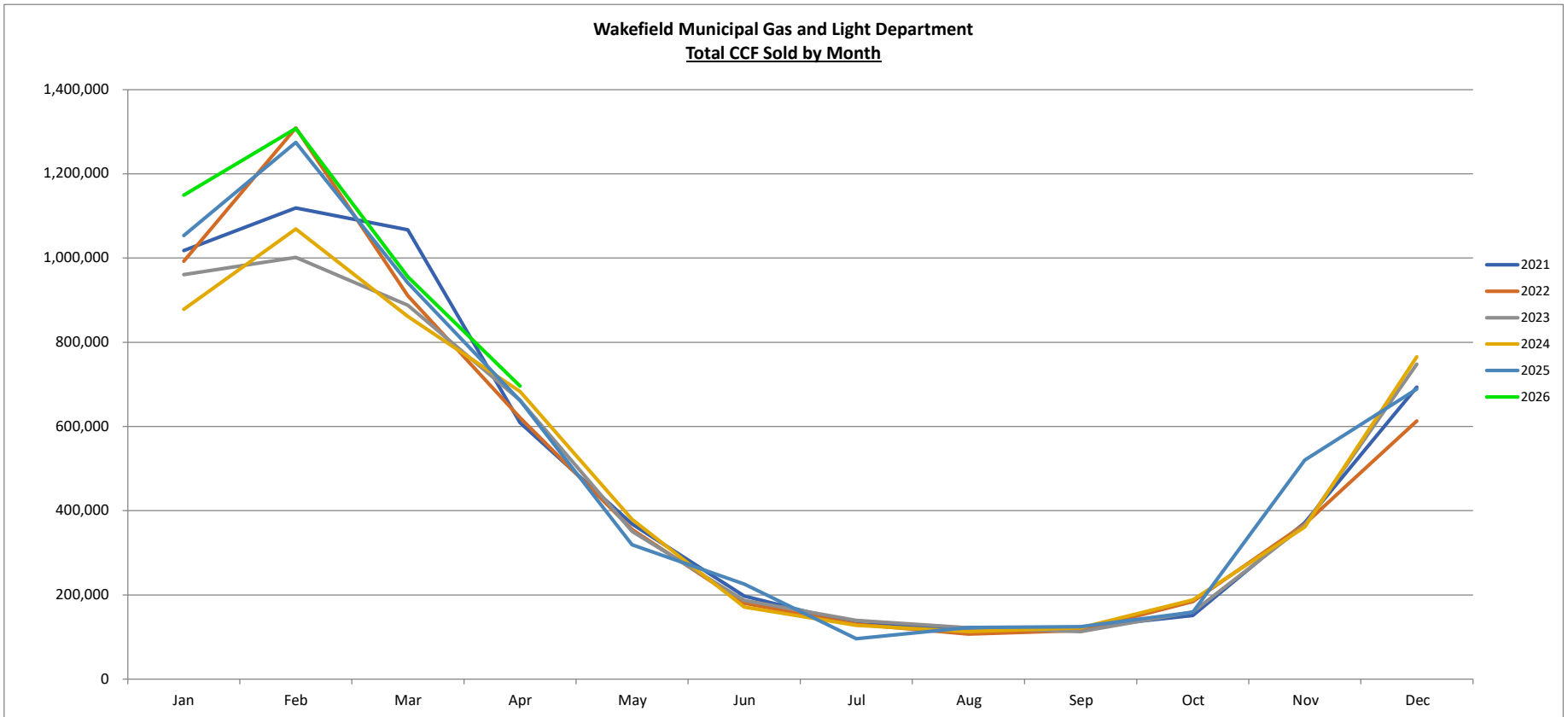
**Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department  
Demand Summary by Month**

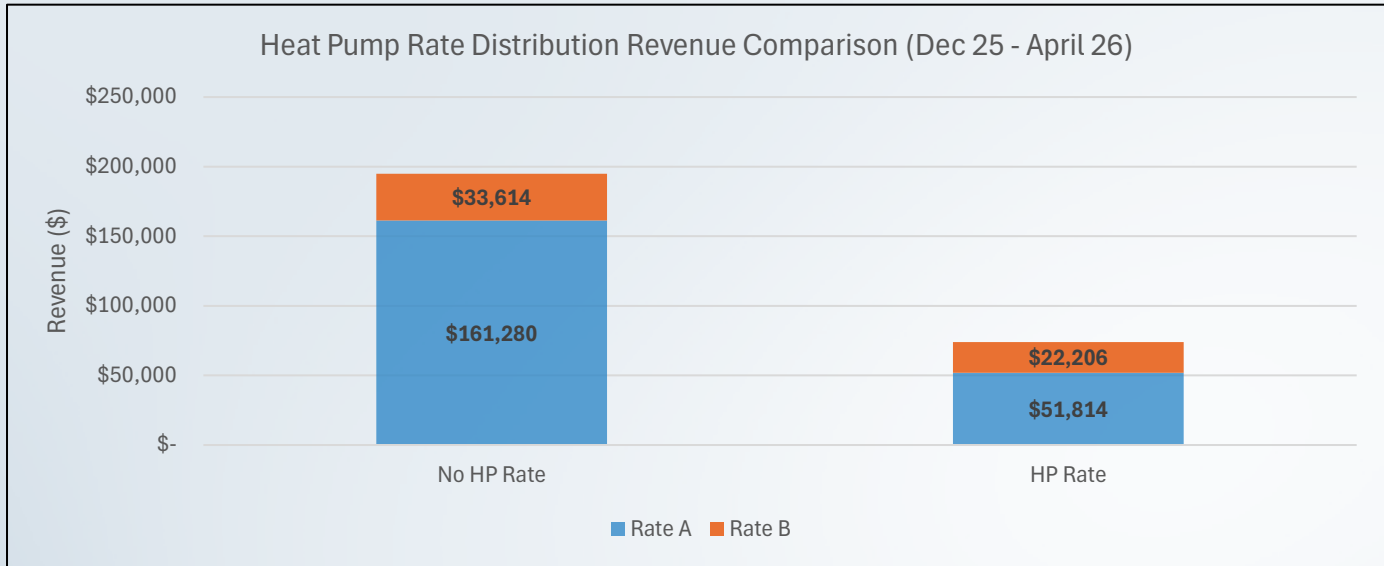
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Peak	Increase (Decrease)
2020	27,031	25,166	23,806	21,823	29,147	36,658	<b>43,966</b>	42,773	31,971	23,789	25,149	27,898	<b>43,966</b>	3.4%
2021	28,023	27,300	25,704	22,075	32,944	<b>43,864</b>	38,381	41,900	32,172	21,605	24,276	26,091	<b>43,864</b>	(0.2%)
2022	28,929	29,248	24,881	20,295	29,315	31,702	40,840	<b>41,328</b>	27,367	20,345	22,445	26,493	<b>41,328</b>	(5.8%)
2023	25,385	27,704	23,537	22,260	22,042	32,290	38,405	31,029	<b>39,294</b>	25,065	23,470	25,351	<b>39,294</b>	(4.9%)
2024	26,477	25,385	22,394	23,772	28,360	<b>41,221</b>	41,126	40,235	25,788	21,084	22,646	28,711	<b>41,221</b>	4.9%
2025	29,165	27,535	25,134	21,790	22,092	<b>44,503</b>	43,327	38,002	27,737	23,857	26,915	31,970	<b>44,503</b>	8.0%
2026	29,165	<b>30,995</b>	30,727	23,906									<b>30,995</b>	



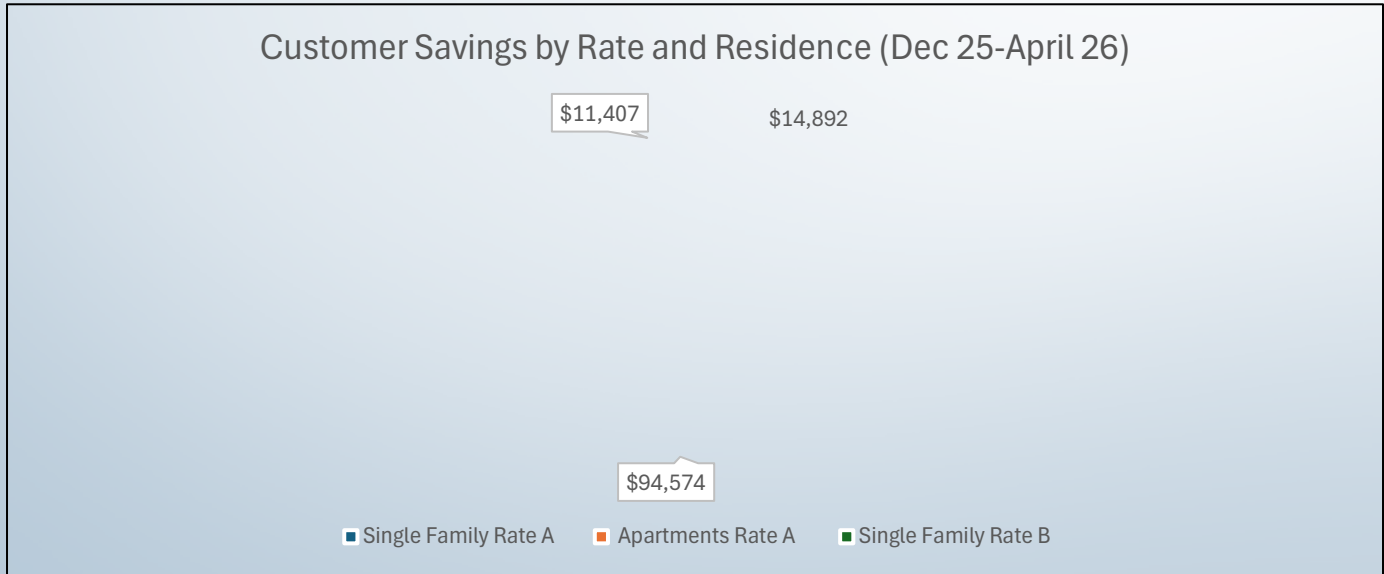
**Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department  
Total CCF Sold by Month**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to Date Thru Apr	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	3,813,425	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	3,832,575	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	3,513,143	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	3,492,526	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	3,930,632	6,187,834	8.1%
2026	1,149,331	1,307,683	955,671	696,231									4,108,916	4,108,916	

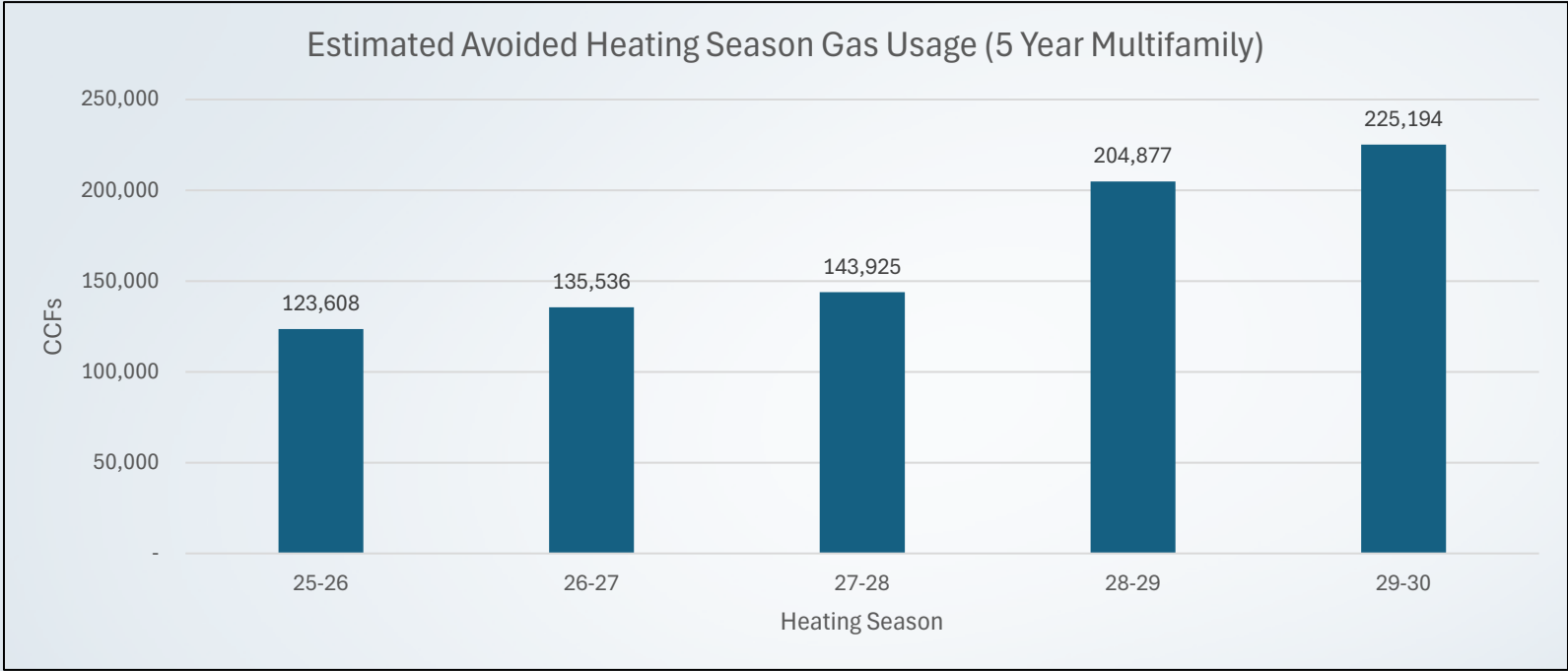


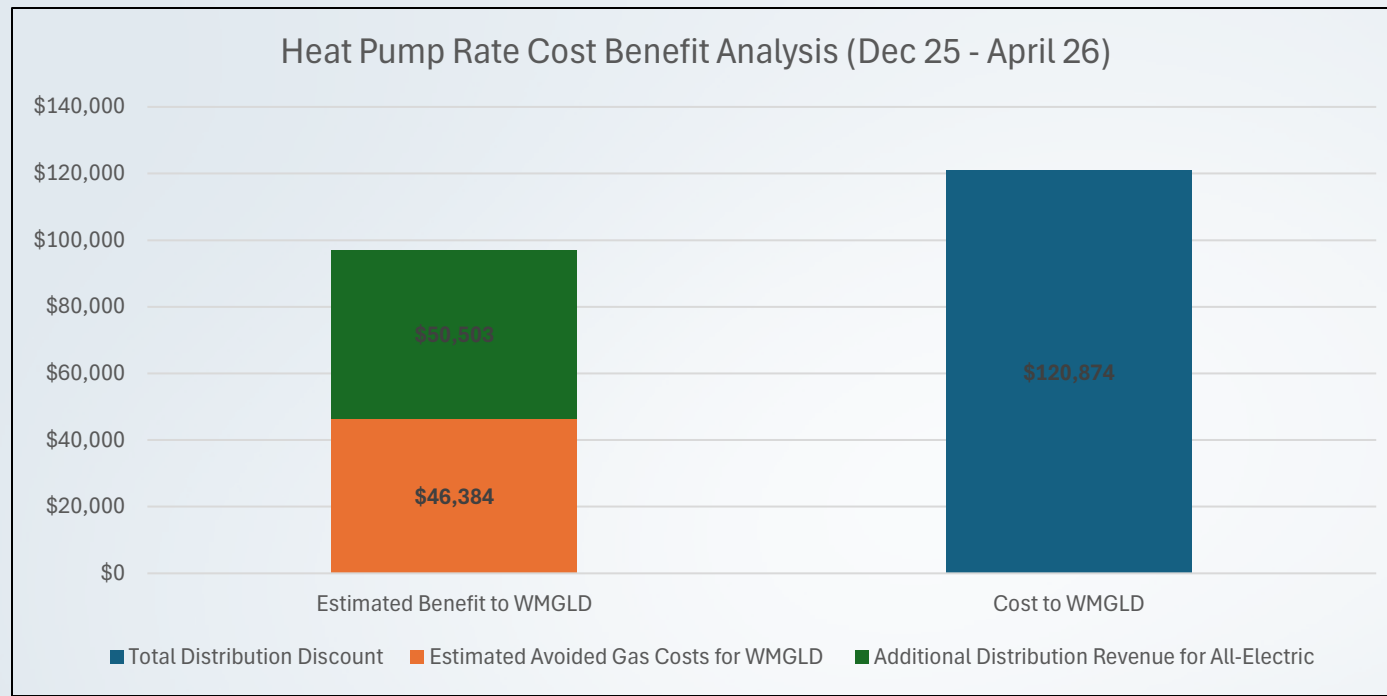


- Based on customers on heat pump rate:
  - Estimated total distribution revenue without rate: \$194,894
  - Actual distribution revenue with heat pump rate applied: \$74,020
  - **Difference (\$120,873)**



- Breakdown of heat pump rate distribution revenue by residence type and rate type





- This graph shows the total estimated cost of the heat pump rate to WMGLD
- To match estimated benefits to cost, the distribution rate discount would need to be reduced to \$0.024 and \$0.012 for Rates A and B respectively (currently \$0.03 and \$0.015)

# WMGLD

## Natural Gas Moratorium

### Background

In 2018, the WMGLD Board of Commissioners voted to establish a moratorium on the installation of natural gas service to new construction, multifamily residences in Wakefield. New buildings are allowed to have natural gas for the purpose of heating a common area and commercial cooking (restaurants). This has led to over 1,000 residential units having all electric heating and cooling.

In 2023, the Town voted to adopt the State's Specialized Energy Code placing further restrictions on the installation of fossil fuels in new construction.

In 2024, WMGLD established a strategic goal to reduce its natural gas peak.

### Recommendation

Based on the strategic goals of the company, it is recommended to expand the moratorium on the installation of natural gas services to all residential new construction and to all commercial and industrial new construction for heating purposes. Installation of natural gas for other purposes would need to be evaluated based on its contribution to the gas peak.

For existing residential construction, installation of gas service would be allowed but only on the non-gas heat rate. (Domestic Gas Rate A -GA). WMGLD interconnection terms will be updated.

## **2026 Tentative Agenda Topics**

<b>January-</b>	<b>Employee Handbook- Board By Laws MMWEC- Warwick Battery Project Specialized Energy Code Data</b>
<b>February-</b>	<b>Staff Presentation (Electric) Heat Pump Rate Update MMA- Geothermal Pilot Project</b>
<b>March-</b>	<b>Staff Presentation (Gas) 2025 Year End Review 2026 Goals and Objectives</b>
<b>April-</b>	<b>2026 Goals and Objectives</b>
<b>May-</b>	<b>Large Load Policy Cameras on Poles Employee Association Affiliation</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Heat Pump Rate Analysis Gas Moratorium Expansion 2026 Tentative Agenda of Report on Goals Employee Survey Goals</b>
<b>July-</b>	<b>Energy Park Educational Framework/UMass Lowell Grant PURMA Presentation Energy Efficiency Program Results</b>
<b>September -</b>	<b>Staff Presentation (Facilities/Procurement) Review Gas Stranded Cost Model Mid year review of Goals and Objectives</b>
<b>October -</b>	<b>Staff Presentation (IT) Annual Gas Supply Presentation (Sprague) Field Safety Program Update</b>

**November-**

**Audit Presentation (Melanson)  
Annual Electric Supply Presentation (Sprague)  
Capital and Expense Budgets**

**December-**

**Annual Electric Supply Presentation (MMWEC)  
Board Sub Committee for 2026 Review and 2027 Goals**

Good afternoon.

We want to keep you informed about the latest developments with the Senate Ways & Means (SWM) Committee “early version” of the Senate Energy “Affordability” Bill. As Mike Cloutier discussed and I commented on at the MEAM Meeting, the SWM Committee has been meeting with interested parties on their draft version of a senate bill. Last Friday, a subset of the MEAM Legislative committee discussed comments and developed the attached letter from MEAM and Attachment which has the redline of modifications we would like in the senate version. It includes most prominently insertion of the same House Bill language for adding the MLP Mutual Aid Bill as an Amendment as well as taming down Power Options amendment that would allow them monopoly powers if added. Other minor changes included correcting terminology that we use now with DOER and agreements we have with DOER on dates and timing so that we are not faced with last minute amendments or having to “fix” the bill once passed.

John Tzimirangas and I are meeting soon with both Senate Ways & Means Committee as well as Telecommunications Utilities and Energy Committee Chairman Mike Barrett to discuss the proposed Bill. We will keep you posted on anything newsworthy. As well, Mary Usovicz is working to arrange a meeting with her senator, Barry Finegold, to meet to discuss our points and to see if he would file amendments, if necessary like Chairman Jim Arciero did for us on the House of Representatives side.

The plan is for SWM to file their bill in the next week or so and we will see if our amendments made the final cut. Regardless of what happens, we will be calling on each of you to call attention to your state senators our MLP amendments and what they mean to public power. We will provide the email lists and phone lists as well as talking points that will be adjusted as needed.

Finally, we’d like to thank ENE Strategy clients Tom Flaherty, Barry Tupper and Mary Usovicz who were on the MEAM DPU subcommittee to provide stakeholder feedback on the Pole Attachment, Duct, Conduit and Right-of-Way Complaint and Enforcement Procedures. We also assisted in coordinating with the Eversource, National Grid and Unitil lobbyists on their comments, so we had a unified voice in our public safety concerns. Great job by the subcommittee! (I have attached the MEAM letter to this email.)

More updates as soon as we hear something.

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May 26, 2026

The Honorable Michael J. Rodrigues, Chair  
 Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
 State House, Room 212  
 Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Michael J. Barrett Chair,  
 Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities & Energy  
 State House, Room 312-B  
 Boston, MA 02133  
 Dear Chairs Rodrigues and Barrett,

As a follow-up to our prior correspondence from March 20, the Municipal Electric Association of Massachusetts (MEAM) is writing to provide an updated perspective on several pending provisions under consideration for your upcoming Energy Affordability Bill. We have also included proposed language and redlines. As the Senate finalizes its legislation, we want to ensure the municipal public power model is properly integrated and protected.

### **MEAM Background and the Value of Public Power**

MEAM represents all 40 Municipal Light Plants (MLPs) in Massachusetts, which operate under a not-for-profit business model where our customers are our shareholders. For over 100 years, MLPs have been the "gold standard" for public power, defined by local control where decisions are made by officials who live and work in the community, ensuring greater accountability and responsiveness. Because we reinvest all revenues back into local infrastructure, MLPs provide higher reliability with faster response times and deliver superior service at a much lower cost—often at half the cost of investor-owned utilities. We are achieving all of this while aggressively decarbonizing our power portfolios ahead of the 50% carbon-free energy target mandated for MLPs by 2030.

### **The Critical Need for Mutual Aid Protections**

We respectfully urge the Senate to adopt provisions strengthening MLP emergency mutual aid, which were recently adopted in Section 41A of the House Energy Affordability bill (H.5175). When storms and emergencies strike, municipal crews frequently leave their own families and communities to assist other municipalities in need. The pending mutual aid amendments will ensure these employees are properly covered and have their rights and privileges protected (including coverage under Chapter 32) if they are injured while voluntarily responding to restore essential service. Passing this measure is vital to maintaining a cost-effective and reliable grid. Furthermore, relying on our local mutual aid crews saves Massachusetts communities the substantially higher expense of hiring private electrical line contractors.

### **Conflicts with Public Power (PowerOptions)**

We have serious ongoing concerns regarding provisions that would authorize third-party entities to participate in group energy procurements that conflict with MLP service territories. We specifically point to the proposed Senate language in Section 50, which amends Chapter 164, Section 137, to

allow state agencies and non-profits to participate in group purchasing programs for electricity, natural gas, and distributed energy resources.

MLPs are the sole electric providers in their service territories, holding full responsibility for long-term energy planning, procurement, and infrastructure investment. Allowing third parties—such as PowerOptions—to participate in programs that overlap with these core functions fragments responsibility and creates direct operational conflicts. While the proposed Senate language includes a carve-out ("unless located within the boundaries of a community served by a municipal light department"), MEAM stresses that past language surrounding these exemptions has often proven insufficient and left room for interpretation.

Ambiguous jurisdictional limitations introduce competitive pressure and regulatory uncertainty, which effectively undermines the long-term, cost-effective decisions MLPs make for their ratepayers and weakens the local accountability defining public power.

**Data Reporting and Data Sharing Burdens** MEAM strongly opposes the extensive new data reporting obligations that were proposed in Section 10 of H.4144, which was filed by the Governor. Historically, MLPs have reported anonymous annual data to the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) through our service providers—a successful framework that protects individual household identities.

The proposed legislation would drastically alter this by requiring electric utilities and MLPs to electronically submit highly granular, identifiable building-level data to the DOER on a quarterly basis. Under the proposed mandate, MLPs would be forced to disclose private information including heating fuel types, existing heating system ages, and building energy use by fuel type. Not only does this remove anonymity and compel the disclosure of private household information, but it also places a massive administrative strain on MLP operations. Layering in detailed quarterly reporting alongside new annual municipal building decarbonization plans goes well beyond current statutory obligations without guaranteeing better outcomes. We remain willing to collaborate with the Administration to capture needed data, but any solution must preserve our operational independence and ratepayer privacy.

**Inclusion of MLPs in DOER Clean Energy Solicitations** Finally, MEAM supports the inclusion of MLPs in future state-led clean energy solicitations. We welcome the proposed language in **Section 16R**, specifically subsection (f), which establishes a competitive bidding process and gives DOER the explicit authority to coordinate clean energy solicitations with municipal light plants. Including MLPs in these collaborative procurements is a practical way to align local and state goals, allowing our communities to partner with the Commonwealth in securing the long-term contracts necessary to meet our shared greenhouse gas emissions limits.

We thank the Committees for your continued partnership and for recognizing the unique role that municipal utilities play in powering Massachusetts communities. Please do not hesitate to call on MEAM as a resource as you finalize this vital legislation.

Respectfully,



President, Municipal Electric Association of Massachusetts (MEAM)

## Recommended Changes

### **Add new language – Mutual Aid**

SECTION XX. Section 47B of said chapter 164, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following 2 paragraphs:-

Any municipality acting by and through its municipal light board may provide services and assistance to any municipal or state utility, tribal utility as defined in 25 CFR § 169.2, or any other publicly-owned or operated utility, whether located inside or outside of the commonwealth, and governmental units as defined in section 4A of chapter 40, to construct, install, alter, operate, maintain or repair utility poles and conduit, wires, cables, equipment, streetlights and traffic signals to the same extent such municipality acting by and through its municipal light board may provide such services within its service territory. Any such municipality acting by and through its municipal light board may sell, rent or lease merchandise, equipment, fixtures, utensils and chattels of any description related to the provision of such services. Any employee providing such services entered into between the municipality acting by and through its municipal light board and such other public entity shall be subject to sections 1 to 28, inclusive, of chapter 32, and shall have the same rights and privileges thereunder, as if performing the same duties within the scope of his employment including voluntary assignments.

And further amend the bill by inserting after section 41 the following 2 sections:-

SECTION XX. Section 133 of said chapter 164, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended in the definition of “Emergency mutual aid” by inserting after the first sentence the following 2 sentences:- Any municipal lighting plant providing emergency mutual aid may sell, rent or lease equipment, fixtures and goods of any description related to the provision of emergency mutual aid. Any employee of a municipal lighting plant providing emergency mutual aid shall be covered by sections 1 to 28, inclusive, of chapter 32 and shall have the same rights and privileges thereunder, as if performing such duties within the scope of their employment, including voluntary assignments authorized by the employer.

SECTION XX. Said section 133 of said chapter 164, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “utility”, in line 27, the following words:- or its employees.

### **Amend SECTION 50, Section 137(a): Power Options**

Section 137. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any non-profit institution in the commonwealth or any agency, executive office, department, board, commission, bureau, division or authority of the commonwealth, including the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof, or of any authority established by the general court to serve a public purpose, may, unless ~~located within the boundaries of a community served~~ **served with electric distribution service** by a municipal light department, participate in and become a member of any competitively procured program organized and administered under chapter 25A or this chapter by or on behalf of any public instrumentality of the commonwealth or of any subsidiary organization thereof for the purpose of group purchasing of electricity, natural gas, or telecommunications services, including supply, building or transportation electrification, energy management services, distributed energy resources or renewable energy projects and related products, equipment or goods; ~~provided, that any entity seeking to provide group purchasing services pursuant to this~~

~~section to such institutions, agencies, executive offices, departments, boards, commissions, bureaus, divisions or authorities shall be an aggregator subject to the requirements of section 1F(1)(ii) of this chapter; and, provided further, that each such entity shall, not more than 90 days after the close of its business year, submit an annual report on its organizational and compensation structure and its various business activities with the secretary of energy and environmental affairs, the commissioner of the department of public utilities, the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means and the chairs of the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy. Nothing in this section shall be construed to impair the authority of a municipality or municipal light plant to organize, sponsor, or participate in a comparable program otherwise authorized by law.~~

### **Amend SECTION 10 - Data reporting:**

Section 23. (a) The commissioner of the department of energy resources is hereby authorized to work with the electric distribution companies, municipal aggregators with certified energy plans and municipal utilities in the development of building decarbonization and energy efficiency plans and directed to promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

(b) (1) Each municipal light plant shall file with the commissioner of the department of energy resources annually a ~~municipal building decarbonization~~ municipal action plan ~~and energy efficiency plan that offers programs to all qualified customers that supports the installation of no-cost or low-cost:~~ (i) shall include a description of the energy efficiency programs, energy assessments, demand reduction programs, and building decarbonization programs, if any, that the municipal light plant offers to qualified customers ~~building energy assessments to identify building decarbonization and energy efficiency 600 opportunities; (ii) energy efficiency measures; (iii) building decarbonization measures; (iv) home energy scorecards at the time of a building energy assessment as approved by the department of energy resources; and (v) demand reduction measures.~~

(2) Each municipal plan shall be filed yearly on a date determined by and with the commissioner of the department of energy resources, or their designees, ~~on or before October 31, prior to the end of the one-year term.~~

(3) ~~Each municipal plan shall also include: (i) annual goals for delivery of energy efficiency measures, building decarbonization measures and demand reduction measures; (ii) an annual operating budget enumerating income and expenses necessary to carry out the municipal plan; (iii) a statement of how the plan will be publicized to qualified customers; and (iv) proposed coordination with the weatherization program approved by the United States Department of Energy to ensure that weatherization programs provided pursuant to this section do not make a customer ineligible to receive the energy audit benefits offered under the federal residential conservation service. The department may only require aggregate information that is reasonably necessary to review the plan and understand municipal and statewide program activity. A municipal light plant shall not be required under this subsection to provide personally identifiable customer information, individual household data, or address-specific building-level data.~~

(4) Nothing in this section shall impose a duty upon any customer to implement any measures recommended in an energy audit report. Nothing in this subsection shall be read to

create a new or separate reporting requirement outside of the municipal action plan process already in effect as of the effective date of this act.

**Amend SECTION MS1 subsection 19:**

SECTION MS1. Chapter 25 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out section 19 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 19. -(a) Subject to ~~the provisions of~~ subsection (g) of section 21, the department shall require a mandatory charge of 2.5 mills per kilowatt-hour for all consumers, except ~~these consumers~~ served by a municipal light plant, to fund programs supporting building decarbonization through the elimination of fossil fuel end uses or reducing energy use through energy efficiency and load management resources. For the purposes of this section, a consumer shall be deemed to be served by a municipal light plant if the consumer receives electric distribution service from a municipal light plant at the consumer's billing account, regardless of retail supply arrangements, participation in a municipal aggregation plan, or the presence of behind-the-meter generation, unless the department by regulation provides otherwise for a specific class of service. The programs shall be administered by the electric distribution companies and by municipal aggregators with energy plans certified by the department under subsection (b) of section 134 of chapter 164; provided, however, that if a

municipality or part of a municipality is served by a municipal light plant and by a gas distribution company that is not owned by a corporate parent company that operates an electric distribution company in ~~Massachusetts~~ the commonwealth, the department may, ~~notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary~~ with the consent of the affected municipal light plant and municipality, designate the municipal light plant or an electric distribution company to administer building decarbonization and energy efficiency programs for the municipality or part of the municipality and shall promulgate regulations to effect ~~said~~ such designation.

~~(b) — In addition to the aforementioned mandatory charge, such programs administered by the electric distribution companies, a municipal light plant subject to a designation by the department pursuant to subsection (a), and municipal aggregators with energy plans certified by the department under subsection (b) of section 134 of chapter 164, Such regulations shall be funded, without further appropriation, by: (1) amounts generated by the distribution companies and municipal aggregators under the Forward Capacity Market program administered by ISO-NE, as defined in section 1 of chapter 164; (2) cap and trade pollution control programs specify the standards applicable to any designated administrator, including, but not limited to, and subject to section 22 of chapter 21A, not less than 80 per cent of amounts generated by the carbon dioxide allowance trading mechanism established under the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Memorandum of Understanding, as defined in subsection (a) of section 22 of chapter 21A, and the NOx Allowance Trading Program; (3) the building decarbonization and energy efficiency surcharge established pursuant to subsection (c) approved by the department; and (4) other funding as approved by the department after consideration of: (i) the effect of any rate increases on residential and commercial consumers; and (ii) the availability of other private or public funds, utility-administered or otherwise, that may be available for building decarbonization, electrification, energy efficiency, or load management.~~

~~(c) — The gas distribution companies shall implement a mandatory charge for all consumers to support the approved program design, procurement, cost-effectiveness screening, evaluation, measurement and verification, reporting, customer protections, and coordination~~

~~with the statewide building decarbonization and energy efficiency investment plan and other funding directed in subsections (e), (f), and (g), to be directed to the electric distribution companies and municipal aggregators with certified energy plans according to a method approved by the Department.~~

~~(d) Building decarbonization and energy efficiency program funds shall be pooled as approved by the department such so that all pooled funds can may be used to fund and deliver aspects of the statewide building decarbonization and energy efficiency plan prepared pursuant to section 21, regardless of which electric distribution company, municipal aggregator, gas distribution company, or municipal light plant serves the ratepayer, as long as the municipal light plant customer is served by an investor owned electric distribution company or gas distribution company. At least 20 per cent of the statewide plan funds shall be allocated to the low income residential sector to support comprehensive residential building decarbonization, energy efficiency and education programs;~~ provided, however, that funds collected from or for the benefit of customers served by a municipal light plant may be used for such customers only to the extent expressly authorized by department regulation or designation order and only under terms that specify customer eligibility, allocation, and settlement. The department may by regulation authorize billing coordination, inter-entity settlements, and the sharing of customer and program data among electric distribution companies, gas distribution companies, municipal aggregators, and municipal light plants to the extent necessary to administer this section. A municipal light plant acting in good faith pursuant to a designation order or regulation under this section shall not be liable for actions taken in conformity therewith.

(e) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the department shall annually direct the electric distribution companies and municipal aggregators with certified energy plans to jointly transfer, on or before December 31, not less than \$12,000,000 in funds collected pursuant to this section to the Clean Energy Investment Fund, established in section 15 of chapter 23J of the General Laws; provided that funds shall be appropriated for the clean energy equity workforce and market development program pursuant to subsection (c) of section 13 of chapter 23J.

(f) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the department shall annually direct the electric distribution companies and municipal aggregators with certified energy plans to jointly transfer to the department of energy resources, on or before December 31, funds collected pursuant to this section to pay for the costs incurred to support the development and maintenance of a statewide building decarbonization and energy efficiency database. The department of energy resources shall be required to file with the department on or before October 31 in the same year as the filing of the statewide plan, a workplan describing its plans for development of the statewide database, desired outcomes, and an associated budget for department approval.

(g) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the department shall direct the electric distribution companies and municipal aggregators with certified energy plans to jointly transfer, on or before December 31 of the second year of each term, an amount, not more than \$2,000,000, approved by the department in funds collected pursuant to this section to the department of energy resources to support the preparation of a statewide study of remaining building decarbonization and energy efficiency potential.

#### **Amend SECTION MS1; SECTION 14:**

SECTION 14. Section 20 of chapter 25 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection: - (a) The

department shall require a mandatory charge of 0.5 mill per kilowatt-hour for all electricity consumers, except those served by a municipal lighting plant ~~which does not~~ that neither supplies generation service outside its own service territory nor opens its service territory to competition at the retail level, as certified annually to the department in a form prescribed by the department. For the purposes of this subsection, the exemption shall be determined at the municipal lighting plant level and shall apply to all customers receiving electric distribution service from a qualifying municipal lighting plant. The department may define by regulation the phrases supply generation service outside its own service territory ~~or does not~~ and open its service territory to competition at the retail level. ~~and may establish procedures governing changes in exemption status during a billing year.~~ All revenues generated by the mandatory charge shall be deposited into the Climatetech Investment Fund, established ~~under~~ in section 15 of chapter 23J to be expended in a manner consistent with the requirements of that section.

#### **Amend SECTION 16R, Section 22(f)**

(f) The method for ~~the~~ clean energy solicitations shall be proposed by the department and shall utilize a competitive bidding process. ~~The department shall consult with the attorney general and may consult with other state agencies as applicable regarding the choice of solicitation methods.~~ The department may coordinate any solicitation under this section with other states, municipal light plants, a municipality or group of municipalities with an approved municipal load aggregation plan pursuant to section 134 of chapter 164 ~~of the General Laws, or other governmental and non-governmental organizations; provided, however, that the department shall describe any impacts coordination may have on the solicitation, including any impacts to nameplate capacity amounts or quantities of clean energy generation attributes sought in its solicitation. After notice and the opportunity for public comment, the department shall proceed with the clean energy solicitation. The department may competitively solicit proposals for long-term contracts for environmental attributes or energy services or a combination of both. The department may consult with other states, federal agencies and regional organizations, including, but not limited to, ISO New England Inc. or its successor; provided, however, that reasonable proposals have been received, the department shall make or cause to be made filings as necessary through the appropriate jurisdictional mechanism and enter into long-term contracts that are consistent with the limits and sublimits established pursuant to chapter 21N,~~ or other governmental or non-governmental organizations; provided, however, that coordination under this subsection shall mean a joint or aligned solicitation process and participation by a municipal light plant shall be voluntary. No costs of participation by a municipal light plant shall be allocated to non-participating municipal light plants or their customers absent express statutory authorization. The solicitation materials shall describe the impacts of any coordinated solicitation on timing, quantity, evaluation criteria, contracting structure, and cost allocation, including any requirements applicable specifically to participating municipal light plants.