

Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department



October 14, 2026

NOTICE OF MEETING

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

DATE: October 14, 2026
CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 PM
LOCATION: 480 North Ave, Wakefield, MA 01880

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

October 14, 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 September 9, 2026 Minutes
- D. **Old Business**
 - 1. Large Load Policy – Discussion of draft policy
 - 2. General Manager's Report
 - 3. Project Updates
 - a. Energy Park
 - 4. Employee Survey – Discussion of schedule
- E. **New Business**
 - 1. Facilities and Procurement – Sara Eriksen
 - 2. Discussion of marketing and community outreach guide
 - 3. Discussion of grant assessment framework
 - 4. 2025 DPU Report – Review and Vote
- F. **Any other matter not reasonably anticipated by the Chair**
- G. **Executive Session**
 - 1. Discussion of and anticipated vote on MMWEC Special Project 2026B - Expansion of Hancock Wind Power Supply Contract, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(10) - Trade secrets / proprietary information
 - 2. Discussion of WMGLD organizational structure, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(2) - Nonunion negotiations and collective bargaining

3. Discussion of customer inquiry about termination/disconnection procedures, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) - Personnel / individual matters

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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**

September 9, 2026

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commrs., Chair Jennifer Kallay
Elton Prifti, Secretary
Thomas Boettcher
Sharon Daly
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, 1st Class Lineman
Sylvia Vaccaro, Minute Secretary

Nicohle Magnifico, CPCU Executive Director, PURMA
Nicole Fina, CELT Municipal Fellow

PLACE: 480 North Ave Wakefield, MA & Zoom Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

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

CHAIR REMARKS: Commr. Kallay mentioned that she attended the Planning Board meeting. It was reported that there is support for scheduling a public forum, planned for October 27th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. The forum will most likely be

held in a hybrid format, allowing for both in person and virtual attendance. The agenda has not been finalized. Commr. Daly mentioned that she was also in attendance. Commr. Kallay informed the Board that the Municipal Light Commissioners Association meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24th at 4:00p.m. and will focus on balcony solar. It was noted that balcony solar is a relatively new application and may be addressed in upcoming legislation, the meeting will provide an opportunity to learn more about the topic and hear the perspectives of other municipal light commissioners and communities.

She also noted that there is an upcoming presentation regarding municipal wastewater energy recovery. Drew Thompson, a public official involved with a sewer heat recovery program in King County, Washington will provide the presentation on Tuesday, September 29 at 2:00p.m. Pete Dion indicated that he plans to attend along with Commr. Kallay. She suggested that this information be shared with the Wakefield Department of Public Works (DPW), as they may be interested in participating. The meeting and registration information will be shared with the Board. She mentioned that she received a notice from Connected Homes stating that her Sensibo device is no longer an eligible device. Joe Collins stated that he was not aware of any notifications but will contact Zoe at MMWEC and investigate the matter.

Commr. Kallay requested an update regarding a recent customer outreach. The first being a question on the legality of the payment of credit card fees by customers. Pete stated that the Department is awaiting legal opinion to provide to the customer and noted that the applicable language had been clarified, the fee must be identified as a "convenience fee," which is collected at the time of the transaction and paid directly to the bank rather than to the Department. She requested that the matter be added to the customer issues log to ensure appropriate follow-up.

The second item was a suggestion to improve the transparency of the Department's meeting agendas. It was noted that much of the descriptive information regarding agenda items is currently contained in the Board book rather than on the agenda itself. Suggestions included providing additional description on the topic areas to be discussed directly in the agenda and providing greater specificity for Executive Session items, including identifying the applicable statutory rationale for entering Executive Session.

Regarding public comment, Commr. Kallay advised public participants that general comments will be limited to two minutes due to the length of the agenda and the number of items carried over from the previous meeting. Members of the public wishing to comment on the large load policy were asked to provide those comments during that agenda item so the Board could engage in a more detailed discussion of the policy.

COMMISSIONERS REMARKS: Commr. Allen mentioned that the Wakefield ESC (Environmental Sustainability Committee) would like to hold the EV showcase and pumpkin pickup on Sunday, November 8, using the department's two parking lots

at 480 North Ave. Pete stated that Sunday, November 8 would be fine. It was noted that vendors would be contacted, including potentially a vendor that could provide EV test drives. Commr. Boettcher thanked the Department for again sponsoring this year's Porchfest and noted the importance of the event and community sponsorships. He reported on his attendance at the Northeast Public Power Association (NEPPA) Annual Conference. Sessions included winter resiliency and reliability of the New England electric grid, data center policy and planning, fusion energy, decommissioning costs and legal and federal policy updates. Commr. Allen noted that some of the information presented relied on pre-COVID data. Pete commented that the new head of ISO New England provided a clear and informative overview of the complex challenges facing the region. Of particular interest was the suggestion that regional energy planning be considered in approximately seven-year increments to address immediate reliability and affordability needs while continuing to work toward longer-term 2050 goals. Commr. Prifti informed the Board that the Healey-Driscoll administration had issued an Executive Order regarding data centers, which may have implications for local governments and electric utilities. The order will be distributed to the Board for review.

Town Council Liaison

Not present

Public Comments

None

Secretary's Report

Approval of July 15, 2026, minutes came before the Board for approval. Commr. Daly provided minor edits.

A motion to approve the July 15, 2026, minutes as amended was made by Commr. Prifti and seconded by Commr. Boettcher.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

Insurance Discussion- Nichole Magnifico – PURMA

Nichole Magnifico from Public Utilities Risk Management Association (PURMA) provided an overview of the Department's insurance coverage and annual risk management review process. She noted that recent recommendations for WMGLD resulted in the addition of cyber insurance, enhanced public officials and employment practices liability coverage, and increased property insurance limits. She also noted that the Department achieved significant premium savings, particularly on auto insurance, which offset the cost of the additional coverage for WMGLD. Nichole will provide the Board with the Department's annual insurance checklist, including any recommendations or areas of concern. PURMA's captive

insurance programs are not-for-profit, net-zero budget and are limited to public utilities. She reviewed Employment Practices and Public Officials Liability coverage and explained the process for reporting potential claims. She noted that an allegation generally must include a demand for a remedy to constitute a claim and that notice may be provided by any insured party. Commr. Kallay requested a copy of the current Public Officials Liability policy. Nichole Magnifico agreed to provide it and will remind members to distribute updated insurance policies to their Commissioners following renewal each year. She clarified that PURMA staff serve as the Department's risk managers.

Old Business

General Manager's Report

Pete noted that some items will be discussed under the mid-year review.

Project Updates

A. Energy Park

Pete reported that the Northeast Metro Regional Vocational school successfully opened last week and that all project objectives necessary for the opening were met. Work has begun to remove the old school, and remaining Energy Park work primarily consists of punch list items, continued testing, and coordination with the school regarding their new building management systems. Pete commended Vinny McMahon, Dave Polson and team for their work on the microgrid, noting the complexity involved in coordinating the battery, generator, solar, switchgear, and other components under various operating scenarios. Dave added that Vinny had done an excellent job coordinating the various vendors and technical teams. Commr. Daly noted it would be beneficial if Vinny and the team would provide a more detailed presentation on the microgrid during the January electric presentation.

Pete also noted the success of the Energy Park Open House held in conjunction with the APPA (American Public Power Association) National Conference, which was attended by approximately 40 people from around the country. Representatives from Milton CAT, Lightshift, and the department's technical team participated, the Board recognized the Department's efforts to share information about the Energy Park with others in the industry and increase awareness of the project. Pete further explained that the Line Department performed the physical electrical work associated with the project, including installing duct banks, pulling cable, making connections, and installing switches, rather than contracting out that work.

B. Educational Program Development- Nicole Fina

Nicole Fina provided an update on the Energy Park fellowship project, which focuses on developing educational and workforce opportunities with

Wakefield Memorial High School and Northeast Metropolitan Vocational High School. She met with school leadership and faculty to identify hands – on learning tools and classroom resources related to the Energy Park, electrification, energy management, and careers in the energy industry. The next phase will include Energy Park tours, classroom activities, and development of an interactive dashboard using Energy Park data to demonstrate energy demand, load management, peak demand savings, and other concepts. An educational toolkit and fellowship report will also be developed to document the project and support future partnerships and grant opportunities. The Energy Park project poster received the People’s Choice award at a Boston University fellowship showcase, and WMGLD was selected as the first municipality to participate in a fellowship extension. Pete commented that the APPA (American Public Power Association) grant funding will also be used to help purchase educational tools, potentially including small-scale demonstration boards for vocational students.

Gas Moratorium

The Board discussed the residential gas service moratorium and the need for a policy governing new gas services for existing residential properties. Pete confirmed that customer of focus in the last Board meeting was connected and agreed to be placed on Heat Pump Rate B and Gas Rate A. The existing gas service request list is frozen at 77 customers. For future requests from existing single-family homes, customers using heat pumps as their primary heating source and gas as their backup would receive Heat Pump Rate B and Gas Rate A, consistent with the recently connected customer with a heat pump. The Board discussed maintaining the existing gas rate structure rather than creating an additional rate. Given concerns regarding peak demand and whether the Gas Rate B discount remains appropriate, the Board agreed that a gas cost of service study should be conducted. A new study would likely be undertaken in 2027. The proposed October policy review will therefore not move forward at this time. The Board confirmed that the moratorium on gas service for new residential construction remains in effect. Existing home requests will continue to be tracked, and customers will be connected as appropriate using the applicable existing rates.

A motion to unfreeze the customer gas waiting list and return administration of the list and customer connections to the Department, with connections made on an as needed basis when work is being performed on the customer’s street was made by Commr. Boettcher and seconded by Commr. Prifti

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

Employee Survey Discussion

The Board discussed potential custom questions for the employee survey, including employees' experiences, areas for improvement, and opportunities for growth. GreatBlue has been engaged and is awaiting any additional questions before proceeding. The Board agreed to move forward with the survey as soon as possible.

Large Load Discussion

Pete clarified that no decision on the draft Large Load Policy was intended at this meeting. The draft was provided to identify areas requiring clarification and any significant topics that may be missing, with a broader public discussion planned as a major agenda item for the October meeting. He discussed the importance of maintaining flexibility in the policy and avoiding overly detailed provisions. He also recommended against establishing a new rate at this time because the appropriate rate structure would depend on an individual large-load customer's characteristics and profile. Factors such as whether the load is consistent or variable, seasonal demand, capacity requirements, and overall system impacts would need to be considered as part of a large load service agreement with each customer. The policy's primary objective is to ensure that serving a large-load customer does not negatively impact existing ratepayers. Depending on the customer's load profile, the applicable rate structure could include different combinations of capacity, energy, and delivery charges.

Commr. Boettcher clarified that the proposed Large Load Policy is not a marketing plan or an invitation or blueprint for the development of a data center. Rather, the policy is intended to proactively establish safeguards, requirements, and guidelines for entities that meet the large load threshold, which could include data centers, manufacturing facilities, or other large electric users. It was further explained that if an entity satisfies all applicable town and state building codes, zoning requirements, bylaws, and other regulatory requirements, the Department is generally obligated to provide interconnection to the electric grid. The Department can, however, establish policies and tariffs governing the requirements and conditions under which that interconnection occurs. The Board's role is not to determine which entities may locate in town, as that is outside the Board's current scope and authority.

The Board noted that the Governor recently signed Executive Order 658, Establishing Requirements for Responsible Data Centers, Data Center Development and Operations in Massachusetts. The draft Large Load Policy has not yet been evaluated in light of the new Executive Order and may require significant revisions. The Board discussed the need to determine whether Executive Order 658 supersedes the Executive Order currently referenced in the draft policy. It was further noted that the state is developing guidance for evaluating large-load proposals in Massachusetts,

similar to the framework being developed by the Department at the local level. Because additional state guidance is anticipated by the end of December 2026, any Large Load Policy adopted by the Board may need to be revised as state requirements develop, the Board agreed that moving forward with a local policy in the interim would help protect the Department and allow it to remain ahead of these developments. The Board discussed whether the Department has the authority to dictate a potential customer's backup generation requirements. The Department will consult with legal counsel, Mike McCarthy, and report back to the Board.

Commr. Boettcher inquired whether the policy should prohibit Department employees from entering into nondisclosure agreements (NDAs) with entities seeking to work with the Department. The Board agreed that counsel should review the legality and appropriate scope of such a provision, including whether restrictions should apply at all stages of a potential project. The remainder of the draft policy was reviewed, and the Board agreed to review and discuss further changes to an updated version of the policy during the October Board meeting. It was decided to make the initial draft policy available on the Department's website through a separate link. The Board also suggested using social media to direct interested members of the public to view the draft policy.

New Business

Goals and Objectives Mid-Year Update

Pete reported that facility safety audits will begin this month, with specialists assigned to the office, line, gas, and substation facilities. The first audits will be announced, with future audits conducted randomly. De-escalation training is planned for the fourth quarter. Year-to-date statistics were reviewed and are generally on target. The three-year capital plan will be addressed in November. The gas emergency plan has been completed, and the electric emergency plan is being updated. An inventory of major systems and inspections is also underway. Pete reported that a company, YAXAY has been engaged to develop a gas stranded cost analysis tool to evaluate the cost impacts of various gas-load scenarios. Pete reported that he is will provide updates on succession planning at the next Board meeting as senior personnel approach retirement.

Customer outreach continues through the Senior Center and the Farmers Market. An employee Community Service Day is scheduled for October 14 and will include yard cleanups and assistance with the food pantry. Commissioners are welcome to participate.

Mark Cousins reported that capital and operating budgets remain on target. Delinquent receivables increased slightly, likely due in art to higher summer electric bills, but have begun to decline and will continue to be monitored. Energy Park financing has been completed, bringing cash flow back on track.

Pete noted that legislative activity remains ongoing through the end of the year. He reported that he will facilitate a roundtable discussion with House Chairman Cusack at an upcoming MMWEC conference, Staff continues to advocate for passage of mutual aid legislation, which has remained unresolved through several legislative sessions.

Olivia Tully provided an update on public power education and customer engagement efforts. MMWEC is developing materials to educate employees about public power and assist utilities in communicating its benefits to customers. Once finalized, the materials will be customized for the Department and initial shared internally. She will provide the Board with representative materials when available.

Any other matter not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

Executive Session – MMWEC Special Project 2026A, Discussion of Offshore Wind Power Supply Opportunity, , pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(10) - Trade secrets / proprietary information

A motion to leave open session and enter Executive Session, and return to Open Session solely to vote on Project 2026A and then adjourn the September 9, 2026, meeting was made by Commr. Prifti and seconded by Commr. Boettcher.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

A motion to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session was made by Commr. Prifti and seconded by Commr. Boettcher.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

A motion to participate in Project 2026A as recommended by Pete Dion for 2 Megawatts at \$0.125/kWh was made by Commr. Boettcher and seconded by Commr. Daly.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Commr. Boettcher and seconded by Commr. Daly.

Vote: The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.



AUGUST 2026 WMGLD COMMISSIONER'S DASHBOARD

Outages (Elec)

	SAIFI	CAIDI
Jun	0.50	103
Jul	0.45	70
Aug	0.10	29
Cal YTD	0.24	53

CYTD Pipe Replacement

	Replaced	System Total
4"	3,067	166,045
6"	4,385	160,011
8"	-	92,131

New Services on the System

	Electric	Gas
Jun	6	1
Jul	8	-
Aug	5	-

Solar Generation 130 Customers

	Generated	Back to WMGLD
CYTD	1,169,282	384,777
Comm'l	13,859,575	3,557,984
Res	4,291,677	3,248,196
Inception	18,151,252	6,806,180

Monthly & Annual Peaks

	Prior Year	Current Year
Jun	44.5 Mw	35.5 Mw
Jul	43.3 Mw	43.1 Mw
Aug	38.0 Mw	39.5 Mw

Summer YTD Peak

	6/24/25	7/2/26
	44.5 Mw	43.1 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 FY27 Conservation Revenue Billed	\$	(170,455)
YTD FY27 Paid out to Customers:		
59 Appliances & Thermostats	\$	(4,574)
5 Air Sealing (insulation/windows)		(7,925)
13 Heating & Cooling		(29,078)
1 Residential Solar		(2,688)
25 Cordless Yard Equipment		(1,780)

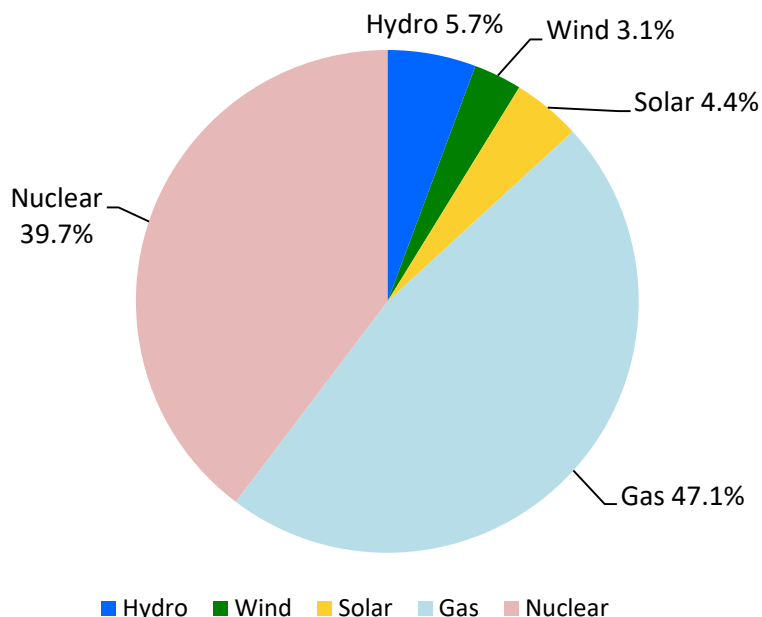
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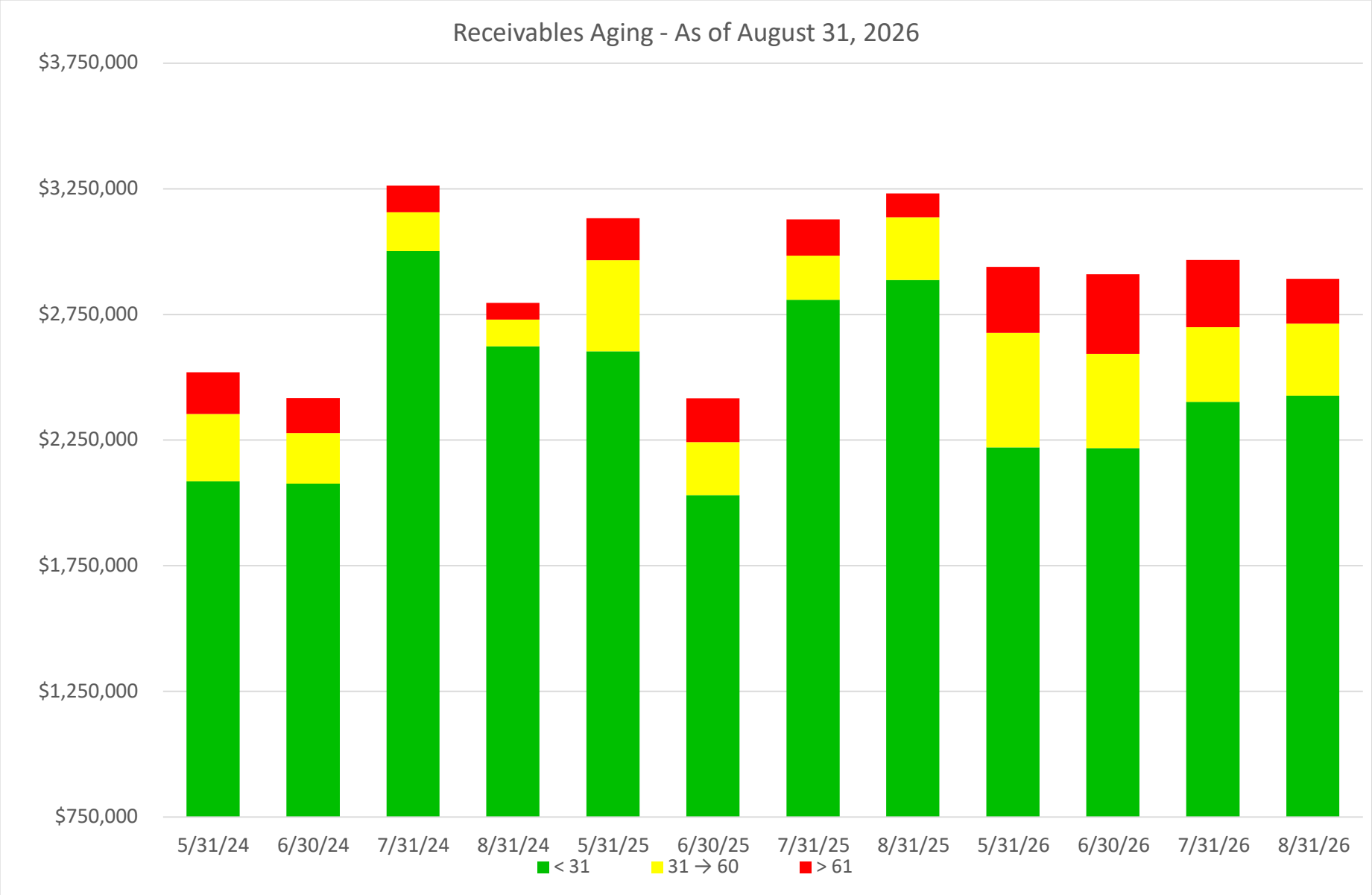
	Aug	CYTD
Green Choice Revenues	\$ 1,277	\$ 9,366
KwH billed on GC Rate	78,972	573,474
Number of Customers		109

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

WMGLD's Power Portfolio Fuel Mix





Dashboard – October 2026

Lincoln St. - level 3 (1 plug)

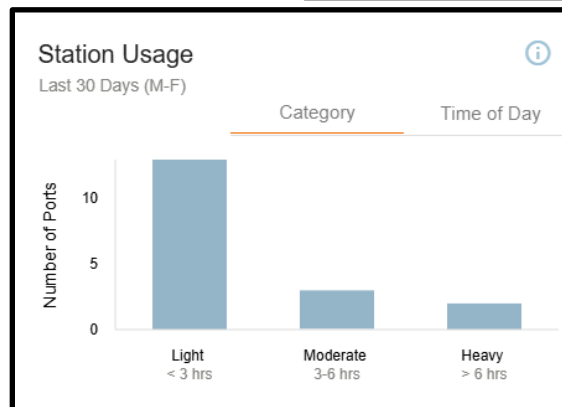
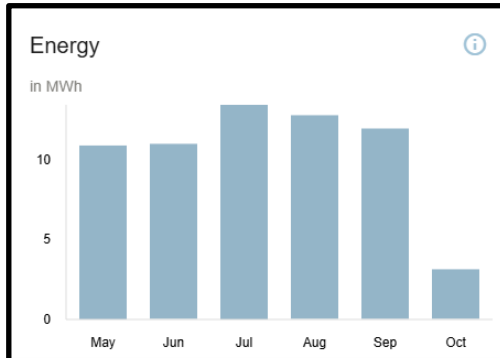
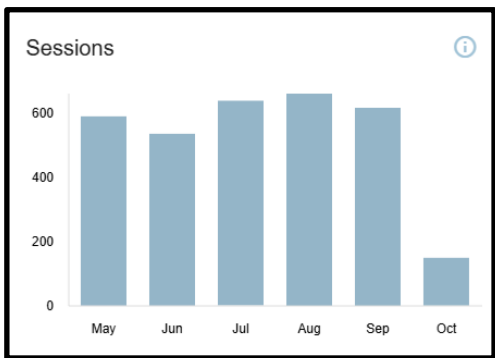
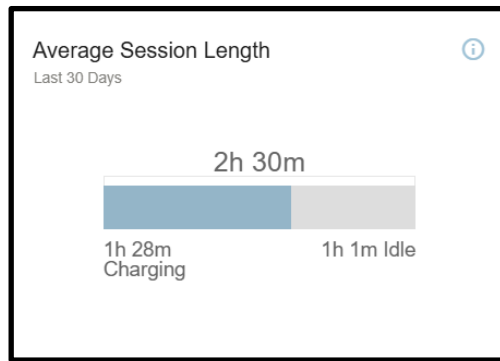
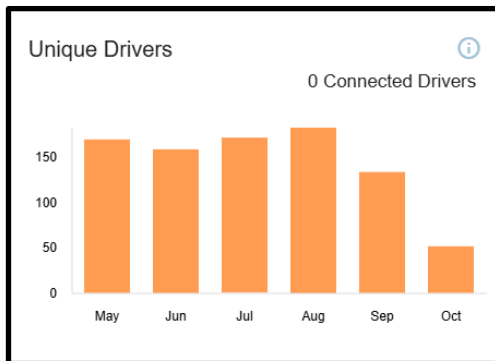
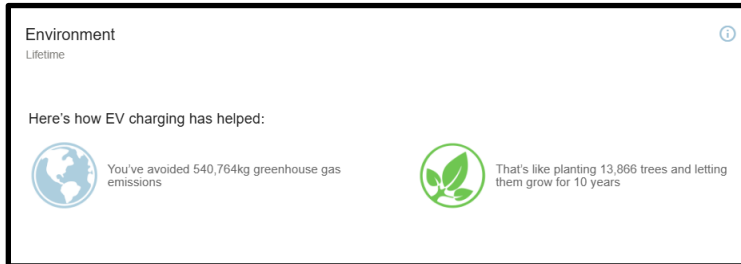
Civic Center – Level 2 (2 plugs)

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				
Sep-26				
Locations	Utility Billing	KWh	Town Revenue From Charge Point	KWh
Vets Field	\$133.45	582	\$183.06	582
Civic Center	\$76.28	347	\$109.20	347
Public Parking Lot	\$348.28	1603	\$688.27	1,603
Totals	\$558.01	2532	\$980.53	2,532
EV Charging Stations				
Usage and Revenue				
Sep-26				
Locations			Revenue From Charge Point	KWh
Quannapowitt			\$3,684.18	7,727

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS LOG	Requested By	Request Date	Completion Date
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 requirment	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 requirment	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	Ongoing

Customer Issues Log

Date	Issue	Resolution
August 26, 2026	Customer on Hancock Rd. with heat pumps and oil, expressed concern about not being able to replace oil as their back-up heat source with a new gas service (due to a freeze on new gas application) even though gas work was being completed on Hancock Rd.	WMGLD had an off-schedule board meeting to dicuss this situation and concluded that the customer could receive gas under the condition that they enroll in Heat Pump Rate B.
May 6, 2026	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. From conversations with DPW, paving issue will be resolved by the middle of August.
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 Commisioners 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.

General Manager's Report

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

Major New Customer Projects:

Working:

- 330 Salem St. – 19 Residential units – **Working**
- 200 Quannapowitt – 440 Apartments / 3 buildings / parking garage – **Completed 7-22-26**
 - Working on culvert crossing on QP North Ave side (Q4 2026)
- 46 Crescent St. - 56 Residential units – **Site Cleared**
- 460-472 Main St – 16 residential apartments and commercial space - **Working**
- Putnam Ave Pump Station – major upgrade to larger pump system by MWRA - **Working**
- 154 Salem St – Timberwood Cir subdivision – townhouses, single family and duplexes – **Working**
- 119,127,135 Nahant St. – 60 Residential units site cleared, - **Working**
- 525 Salem St – 2.5MW EV Charging Station – **Site Cleared, construction starting 2026?**

Permitting:

- 10 Broadway St. (Mikes Gym)– 424 64 Residential – **Permitting Stage**

Planning:

- 369–371 Main St – 20 residential apartments and rehab of the existing commercial space (former Santander Bank – **on-hold**)
- 50 Quannapowitt – Storage unit building in vacant grass lot - **Planning**

Gas Department

- All main tie ins and service reconnections from the spring work are complete. Main and service replacement on Babson Street will be completed this month.
- 885 meters were replaced this year with a target of 917 for the year.
- There are currently 1562 inside gas services and 3645 outside services. 62 services have been moved outside, and 58 coated steel services have been replaced so far this year.
- Leaks Class 1 – 0* Class 2 – 0 Class 3 – 5

Financial Reports

Monthly Financials for through June and Consumption Reports through August are enclosed.

**Board of Commissioners
October 14, 2026
Agenda Item No D-1**

Large Load Discussion

WMGLD is in the process of developing a large load policy designed to define what is a large load and spell out the requirements for potential customer that would be classified as a large load. Understanding that WMGLD has an obligation to serve all customers, it is important to spell out the technical and fiscal requirements of a customer contemplating bring a large load to the service territory.

Information for Discussion and Public Comment is requested.

**Board of Commissioners
October 14, 2026
Agenda Item No D-2**

General Manager's Report

The General Manager will provide updates on relevant issues affecting the department.

Information for Discussion

**Board of Commissioners
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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 – **Working** June/July 2026
- OH and UG Work Scheduled to convert from temp to permanent connections – **Working**
- Microgrid and SCADA Integration – **Working**

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**,
- Transferred transformer to Energy Park – **Working** July 2026
- Solar Project Started, Solect moving material to site July 2026

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
- Meetings held with WMHS and NEMT Superintendents to understand their vision and needs – **COMPLETE**
- Meetings held with curriculum coordinators for WMHS and NEMT – Spring

Major Projects:

Meter Inspections:

- Commercial – CT Testing: 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) - 28 Residents signed-up – **Working will be complete in October**
- Public Tree Planting Program (Utility Friendly Trees) – 50 Trees will be planted (37 location finalized with the Tree Warden, he is evaluating the remaining locations – **Working will be complete in October**

Substations:

- Beebe Substation – Relay upgrades on main breakers and NGrid communications project - **Working**
- Beebe and Wallace Subs – 3V0 protection – **Planning**
- All Stations/Distribution System – coordination study for entire system – **Working**
- ArcFlash Study – **Working**
- Load Power Factor Study - **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 – **Scheduled 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. – **Working Completion planned Oct/Nov**
- **Phase 2** – Upgrade overhead circuits 0014 and 443-W32, poles, xfmrs and secondaries on Farm St, Water St & Montrose Ave. – **2027 Project**
 - Survey to be scheduled
- Follow-up corrective action – **as needed**

Employee Survey

Great Blue came in to meet with all employees on September 30, to discuss any questions employees may have about the survey including any concerns they may have about confidentiality. The survey will be administered from the end of October through early November. Data will be available in December and Great Blue will be in to present the results after the New Year.

Information for Discussion

**Board of Commissioners
October 14, 2026
Agenda Item No E-1**

Facilities and Procurement Department Presentation – Sara Eriksen

Department Manager Sara Eriksen will provide an update on Facilities and Procurement related issues including a fleet update and a facilities update.

Information for Discussion and Vote

**Board of Commissioners
October 14, 2026
Agenda Item No E-2**

Marketing and Community Outreach

As part of the 2026 goals, certain policies, guidelines and procedures were identified to be developed and/ or maintained.

Information for Discussion

**Board of Commissioners
October 14, 2026
Agenda Item No E-3**

Grant Assessment

As part of the 2026 goals, certain policies, guidelines and procedures were identified to be developed and/ or maintained.

Information for Discussion

2025 DPU Annual Report

The WMGLD's Department of Public Utilities Annual report will be provided and reviewed.

Information for Discussion and Vote Required

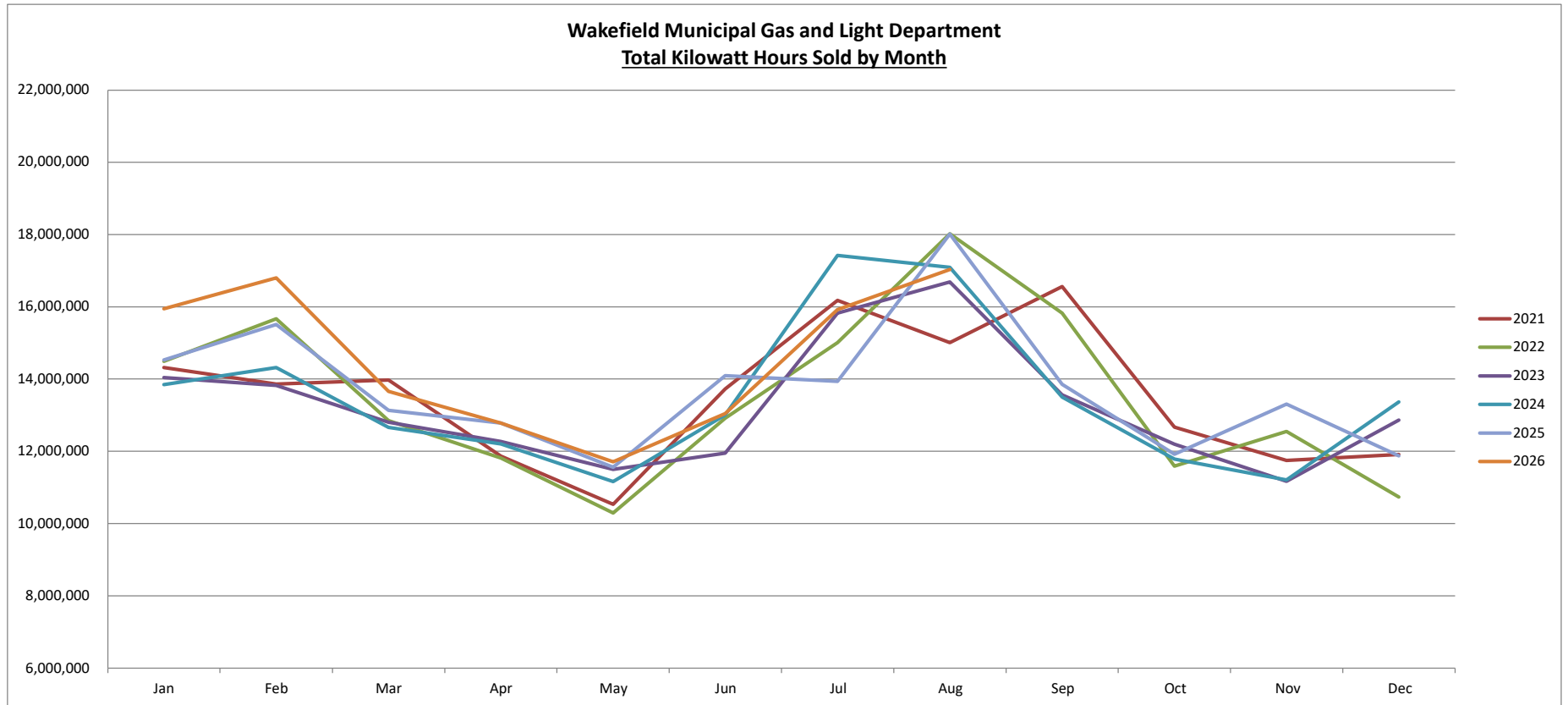
Executive Session

1. Discussion of and anticipated vote on MMWEC Special Project 2026B - Expansion of Hancock Wind Power Supply Contract, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(10) - Trade secrets / proprietary information
2. Discussion of WMGLD organizational structure, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(2) - Nonunion negotiations and collective bargaining
3. Discussion of customer inquiry about termination/disconnection procedures, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) - Personnel / individual matters

APPENDICIES

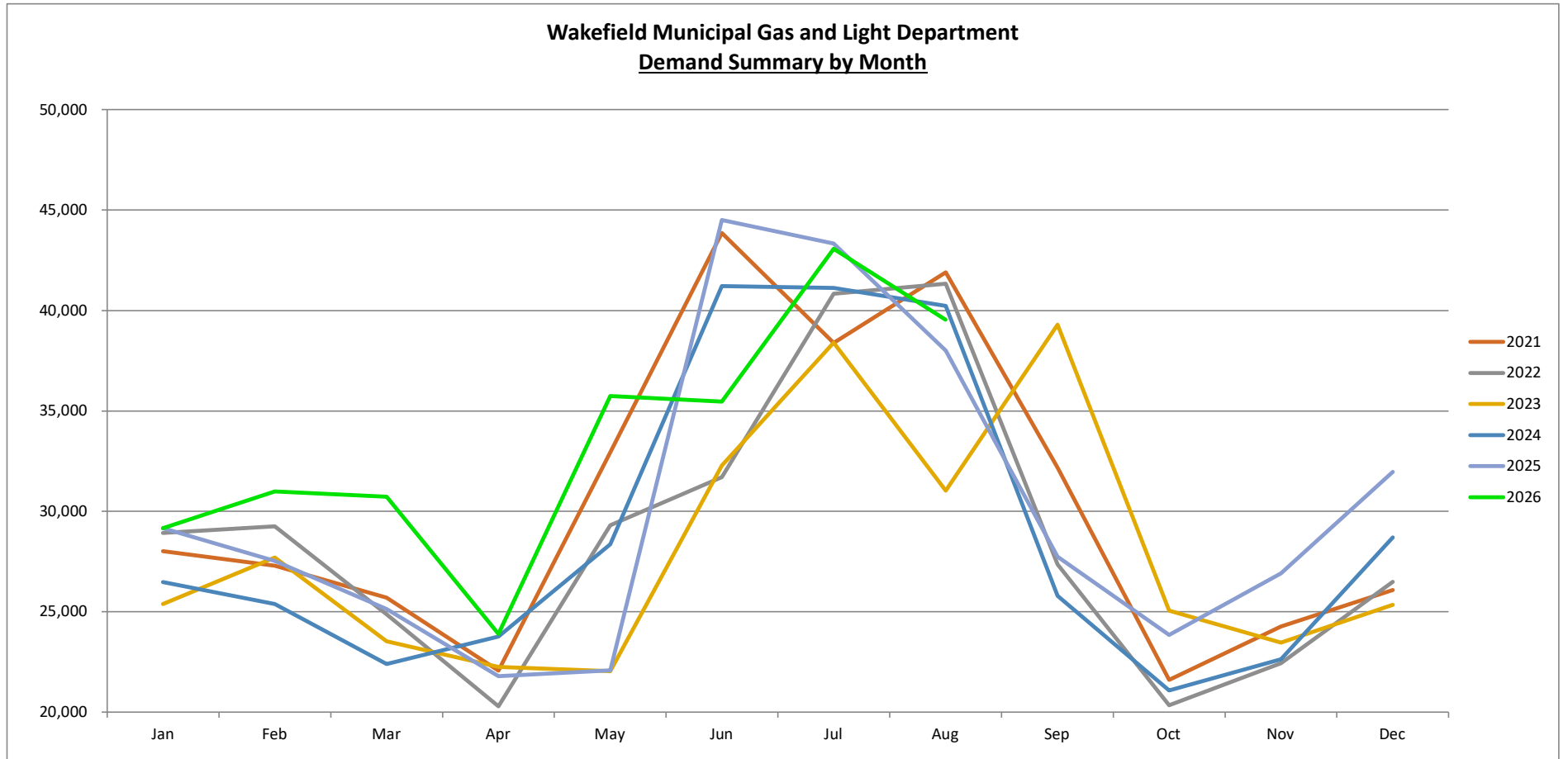
Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department
Total Kilowatt Hours Sold by Month

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year to Date Thru Aug	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	111,478,167	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	109,473,918	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	111,076,547	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	108,915,225	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	111,741,774	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	113,552,461	164,520,566	1.8%
2026	15,947,365	16,799,358	13,661,709	12,784,344	11,707,552	13,048,446	15,924,380	17,035,221					116,908,375	116,908,375	



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

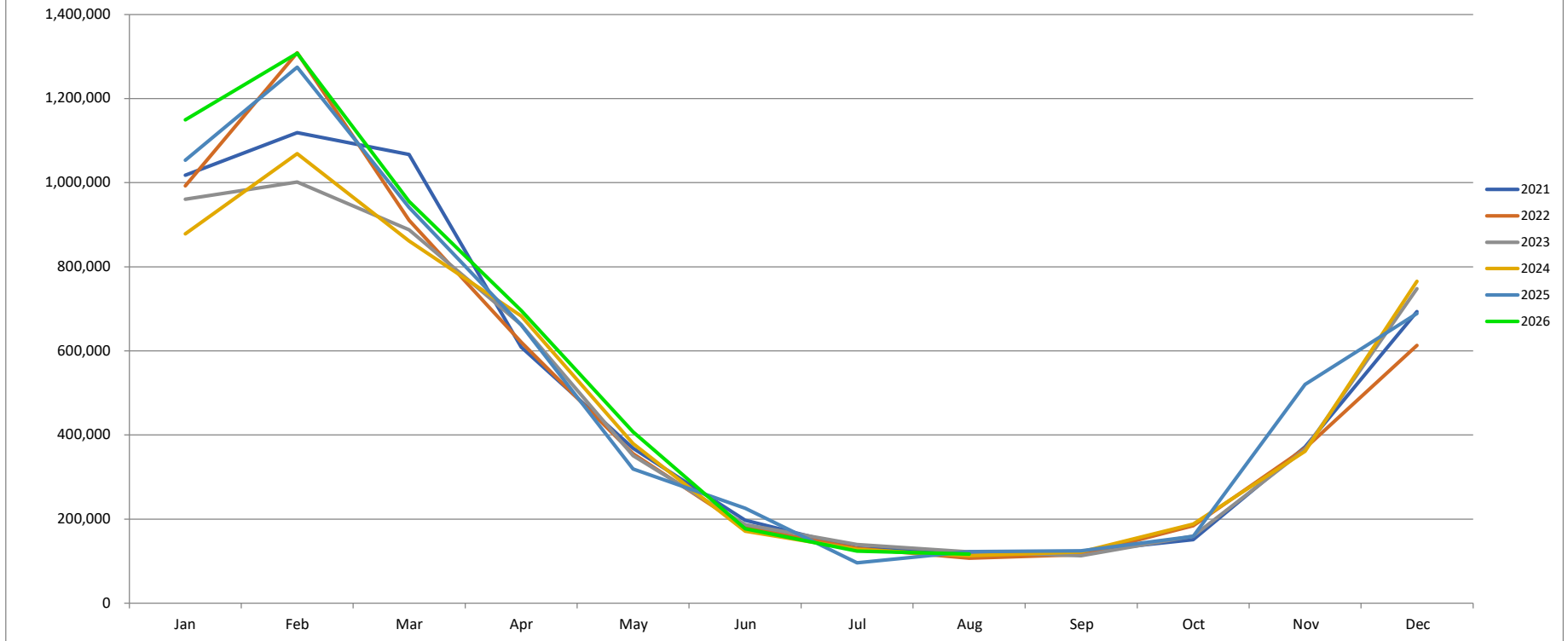
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Peak	Increase (Decrease)
2020	27,031	25,166	23,806	21,823	29,147	36,658	43,966	42,773	31,971	23,789	25,149	27,898	43,966	3.4%
2021	28,023	27,300	25,704	22,075	32,944	43,864	38,381	41,900	32,172	21,605	24,276	26,091	43,864	(0.2%)
2022	28,929	29,248	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	23,906	35,750	35,465	43,075	39,547					43,075	



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 Aug	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	4,630,469	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	4,606,940	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	4,312,863	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	4,284,685	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	4,694,570	6,187,834	8.1%
2026	1,149,331	1,307,683	955,671	696,231	407,407	177,113	123,938	116,898					4,934,272	4,934,272	

Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department
Total CCF Sold by Month



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

	6/30/2025	6/30/2026
ASSETS		
Sinking Fund - Self Insurance	\$ 208,427.30	\$ 217,088.14
Depreciation Fund	195,733.82	200,499.87
Consumer Deposits	1,011,973.22	1,063,470.17
Total Investments	<u>1,416,134.34</u>	<u>1,481,058.18</u>
Operating Cash	1,888,701.14	2,378,173.21
Depreciation Fund	2,912.55	2,983.46
Consumer Deposits	337,267.96	416,857.93
Petty Cash	525.00	525.00
Total Cash	<u>2,229,406.65</u>	<u>2,798,539.60</u>
Accounts Receivable-Rates	4,065,349.88	4,468,940.25
Accounts Receivable-Other	1,328,703.89	4,147,572.77
Inventory	645,641.79	657,609.15
Prepayments Other	478,659.72	437,974.18
Prepayments Power	4,999,672.40	5,062,602.32
Other Deferred Debits	2,396,880.75	2,396,880.75
Total Other Assets	<u>13,914,908.43</u>	<u>17,171,579.42</u>
Total Current Assets	17,560,449.42	21,451,177.20
Distribution Plant	22,774,651.51	26,417,280.72
General Plant	1,516,465.20	1,313,596.57
Net Fixed Assets	<u>24,291,116.71</u>	<u>27,730,877.29</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 41,851,566.13</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 49,182,054.49</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Accounts Payable	\$ 268,538.28	\$ 290,730.08
Consumer Deposits	1,349,241.18	1,480,328.10
Other Accrued Liabilities	41,901.92	52,298.37
Reserve for Uncollectable Accounts	96,954.90	160,250.11
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,756,636.28</u>	<u>1,983,606.66</u>
Compensated Absences	561,065.18	424,588.62
MMWEC Pooled Loan Debt	7,101,924.50	14,359,069.14
OPEB Liability	712,340.00	712,340.00
Pension Liability	6,091,500.00	6,091,500.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>14,466,829.68</u>	<u>21,587,497.76</u>
Total Liabilities	16,223,465.96	23,571,104.42
Retained Earnings	498,761.64	499,320.55
Year to Date Income	4,089,915.19	4,063,545.34
Sinking Fund Reserve-Self Ins	208,427.30	217,088.14
Contribution in Aid of Construction	3,705,337.66	3,705,337.66
Investment in Fixed Assets	17,125,658.38	17,125,658.38
Total Equity	<u>25,628,100.17</u>	<u>25,610,950.07</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u><u>\$ 41,851,566.13</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 49,182,054.49</u></u>

Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department
Budget vs Actual - Electric Division
For the Twelve Months Ending, June 30, 2026

	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE		
	FY 2026	FY 2025	FY 2026	YTD Budget
Energy Revenue (Net of Discounts)				
Residential Sales	\$ 1,476,185.96	\$ 17,609,611.87	\$ 19,678,099.11	\$ 17,310,000.00
Commercial Sales	1,099,110.81	13,680,463.48	14,676,114.30	13,440,000.00
Street Lighting	14,836.00	188,131.00	178,131.00	188,131.00
Municipal Sales	147,200.78	1,558,767.23	1,610,616.17	1,530,000.00
Private Area Lighting	7,468.10	89,622.14	89,600.64	89,000.00
Green Choice Revenue	944.43	14,291.81	14,108.71	-
Total Energy Revenue	2,745,746.08	33,140,887.53	36,246,669.93	32,557,131.00
Other Revenues				
Unbilled Revenue	(182,682.59)	218,020.22	(182,682.59)	-
Interest Income-Consumer Deposits	4,351.49	51,094.33	51,496.95	120,000.00
Interest Income-Depreciation Fund	375.97	4,899.95	4,836.96	-
Interest Income-Self Ins Sinking Fund	684.03	9,815.14	8,660.84	-
Interest Income-MMWEC	15,028.49	115,609.81	106,461.98	-
Income (Exp) - Merchandise & Jobbing	209,104.94	(602,436.93)	(468,165.40)	100,000.00
Other Revenues-Temp Services	200.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Sales Tax	56,359.58	727,616.00	758,171.18	750,000.00
Conservation Charge	65,225.98	764,342.19	843,875.40	797,393.00
Reconnect Fees	100.00	2,350.00	2,500.00	3,000.00
Comcast & RCN Pole Fees	43,625.28	143,829.70	138,926.02	140,000.00
Insurance Reimbursements	14,975.22	20,837.68	46,006.60	-
EV Chargers	7,486.83	54,282.24	54,423.96	-
Other Electric Revenue	520,100.12	230,402.05	684,314.72	190,834.00
Total Other Revenue	754,935.34	1,741,662.38	2,049,826.62	2,102,227.00
Total Revenue	3,500,681.42	34,882,549.91	38,296,496.55	34,659,358.00
Power Costs				
Purchased Power	(1,793,021.24)	(17,295,791.21)	(19,198,958.87)	(18,855,144.00)
Power Expense Generation	(12,088.07)	(17,152.67)	(130,758.32)	(582,401.00)
Power Expense Battery	(37,751.31)	(60,173.30)	(332,393.67)	(277,762.00)
Total Power Costs	(1,842,860.62)	(17,373,117.18)	(19,662,110.86)	(19,715,307.00)
Gross Profit	\$ 1,657,820.80	\$ 17,509,432.73	\$ 18,634,385.69	\$ 14,944,051.00
Operating Expenses				
Miscellaneous Operating Expenses				
Depreciation Expense	(265,520.55)	(2,747,234.71)	(3,129,738.13)	(3,042,080.00)
Sales Tax	(56,359.58)	(727,616.00)	(758,171.18)	(750,000.00)
Interest Expense-Consumer Deposits	(4,742.40)	(59,983.04)	(57,529.54)	(40,000.00)
Interest Expense-Leased Property	(2,241.29)	(28,237.00)	(27,325.58)	-
Interest Expense-Sub + MMWEC	(16,571.30)	(146,513.11)	(146,644.77)	(146,645.00)
Total Misc Operating Expenses	(345,435.12)	(3,709,583.86)	(4,119,409.20)	(3,978,725.00)
Distribution Expenses				
Supervision and Engineering	(22,700.28)	(344,196.12)	(404,099.84)	(350,000.00)
Substation Salaries and Expense	(72,771.73)	(987,171.89)	(1,216,709.06)	(1,000,000.00)
Customer Installation Expenses	(875.12)	(8,395.60)	(8,401.42)	(12,000.00)
Distribution Operations Expense	(91,175.63)	(804,812.22)	(808,258.41)	(810,000.00)
Total Distribution Expenses	(187,522.76)	(2,144,575.83)	(2,437,468.73)	(2,172,000.00)

Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department
Budget vs Actual - Electric Division
For the Twelve Months Ending, June 30, 2026

	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE		
	FY 2026	FY 2025	FY 2026	YTD Budget
Maintenance Expenses				
Supervision and Engineering	(22,783.20)	(260,361.20)	(283,550.44)	(275,000.00)
Maintenance of Station Equipment	-	-	(394.17)	(12,000.00)
Maintenance of Other Equipment	-	(3,858.08)	(3,560.00)	-
Maintenance of Overhead Lines	(116,028.04)	(1,956,828.13)	(1,589,773.71)	(1,850,000.00)
Maintenance of Underground Lines	-	(4,496.85)	(5,402.48)	(12,000.00)
Maintenance of Line Transformers	-	-	-	(10,000.00)
Maintenance of Street Lighting	-	(750.00)	-	(5,000.00)
Maintenance of Meters	(875.12)	(19,381.19)	(36,085.30)	(20,000.00)
Maintenance of Distribution Plant	(1,931.74)	(18,231.16)	(18,088.34)	(24,000.00)
Total Maintenance Expenses	(141,618.10)	(2,263,906.61)	(1,936,854.44)	(2,208,000.00)
Customer Account Expense				
Meter Reading Expense	(5,378.99)	(62,266.16)	(74,363.64)	(65,000.00)
Customer Records & Collection Exp	(117,786.85)	(1,081,614.95)	(1,273,824.18)	(1,160,000.00)
Total Customer Account Exp	(123,165.84)	(1,143,881.11)	(1,348,187.82)	(1,225,000.00)
Administrative and General Expenses				
Community Relations & Advertising	(5,336.25)	(188,219.65)	(139,716.29)	(150,000.00)
Administrative Salaries and Expense	(22,273.10)	(233,218.99)	(316,595.38)	(265,000.00)
Business Mgr, Office Salaries & Exp	(21,535.10)	(158,622.60)	(188,874.08)	(170,000.00)
MIS Salaries and Expense	(23,925.34)	(514,423.05)	(559,163.51)	(540,000.00)
Outside Services	-	(24,000.00)	(23,250.00)	-
Conservation & Rebates	(53,899.89)	(644,756.32)	(844,206.77)	(797,393.00)
Property & Liability Insurance, Damages	(12,810.81)	(147,316.30)	(154,755.70)	(160,000.00)
Employee Pensions and Benefits	(78,057.70)	(676,223.83)	(1,342,919.11)	(1,400,000.00)
General Administrative Expense	(81,181.15)	(374,563.24)	(138,694.01)	(400,000.00)
Maintenance of General Plant	(15,963.04)	(153,035.40)	(105,163.21)	(160,000.00)
Total Admin & General Expenses	(314,982.38)	(3,114,379.38)	(3,813,338.06)	(4,042,393.00)
Net Income (Loss) Before Surplus				
Adjustments	\$545,096.60	\$5,133,105.94	\$4,979,127.44	\$1,317,933.00
Surplus Adjustments				
Additions				
Sale of Scrap	-	67,280.66	-	30,000.00
MMWEC Refund	-	-	-	-
Total Additions to Surplus	-	67,280.66	-	30,000.00
Subtractions				
Interest on Sinking Fund	684.03	9,815.14	8,660.84	8,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	61,815.00	730,812.00	741,780.00	741,775.00
Plant Removal Costs	32,050.32	369,844.27	165,141.26	140,000.00
Total Subtractions from Surplus	94,549.35	1,110,471.41	915,582.10	889,775.00
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 450,547.25	\$ 4,089,915.19	\$ 4,063,545.34	\$ 458,158.00

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

	6/30/2025	6/30/2026
ASSETS		
Sinking Fund - Self Insurance	\$ 208,427.30	\$ 217,088.14
Consumer Deposits	128,826.03	141,700.30
Total Investments	337,253.33	358,788.44
Consumer Deposits	208,915.97	197,307.70
Petty Cash	Finmgr 175.00	175.00
Total Cash	208,915.97	197,482.70
Accounts Receivable-Rates	653,497.95	780,029.92
Inventory	879,497.18	710,304.02
Prepayments Miscellaneous	23,553.28	23,591.02
Other Deferred Debits	798,963.25	798,963.25
Total Other Assets	2,355,511.66	2,312,888.21
Total Current Assets	2,901,680.96	2,869,159.35
Distribution Plant	28,876,020.59	29,023,547.20
General Plant	713,513.01	811,227.77
Net Fixed Assets	29,589,533.60	29,834,774.97
Total Assets	\$ 32,491,214.56	\$ 32,703,934.32
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Accounts Payable	\$ 26,115.29	\$ 30,941.67
Consumer Deposits	337,742.00	339,008.00
Other Accrued Liabilities	17,817.07	25,880.55
Reserve for Uncollectable Accounts	96,954.90	160,250.11
Total Current Liabilities	478,629.26	556,080.33
Compensated Absences	341,321.61	220,282.65
OPEB Liability	237,446.00	237,446.00
Pension Liability	2,030,500.00	2,030,500.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	2,609,267.61	2,488,228.65
Total Liabilities	3,087,896.87	3,044,308.98
Retained Earnings	(1,199,607.79)	1,299,617.25
Year to Date Income (Loss)	799,817.51	(1,451,935.72)
Sinking Fund Reserve-Self Ins	208,427.30	217,088.14
Contribution in Aid of Construction	13,600.00	13,600.00
Investment in Fixed Assets	29,581,255.67	29,581,255.67
Total Equity	29,403,492.69	29,659,625.34
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 32,491,389.56	\$ 32,703,934.32

Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department
Income Statement - Gas Division
For the Twelve Months Ending, June 30, 2026

	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE		
	FY 2026	FY 2025	FY 2026	YTD Budget
Energy Revenue (Net of Discounts)				
Residential Sales	\$ 259,145.62	\$ 8,683,066.40	\$ 9,554,901.39	\$ 9,993,000.00
Commercial Sales	74,605.35	2,442,694.31	2,616,318.60	2,763,000.00
Municipal Sales	9,330.67	928,880.30	933,256.36	953,000.00
Total Energy Revenue	343,081.64	12,054,641.01	13,104,476.35	13,709,000.00
Other Revenues				
Unbilled Revenue	(14,467.60)	10,917.89	(14,467.60)	-
Interest Income-Consumer Deposits	1,087.87	12,773.57	12,874.27	20,000.00
Interest Income-Self Ins Sinking Fund	684.04	9,815.14	8,660.84	-
Income from Merchandise & Jobbing	-	3,546.49	12,714.76	25,000.00
Special Gas Charges	-	6,727.77	5,422.10	10,000.00
Sales Tax	3,568.47	110,706.17	117,100.15	110,000.00
Reconnect Fees	-	200.00	100.00	-
Insurance Reimbursements	-	-	-	-
Other Gas Revenue	160,847.93	1,415,546.93	263,430.98	125,000.00
Total Other Revenue	151,720.71	1,570,233.96	405,835.50	290,000.00
Total Revenue	494,802.35	13,624,874.97	13,510,311.85	13,999,000.00
Cost of Gas Purchased	(169,303.98)	(6,874,015.86)	(8,710,340.86)	(7,440,000.00)
Gross Profit	\$ 325,498.37	\$ 6,750,859.11	\$ 4,799,970.99	\$ 6,559,000.00
Operating Expenses				
Miscellaneous Operating Expenses				
Depreciation Expense	(207,538.01)	(2,270,095.42)	(2,427,694.66)	(2,364,996.00)
Sales Tax	(3,568.47)	(110,706.17)	(117,100.15)	(110,000.00)
Interest Expense-Consumer Deposits	(1,185.60)	(14,995.76)	(14,382.38)	(10,000.00)
Total Misc Operating Expenses	(212,292.08)	(2,395,797.35)	(2,559,177.19)	(2,484,996.00)
Distribution Expenses				
Supervision and Engineering	38,099.98	(347,508.67)	(321,243.93)	(320,000.00)
Station Labor and Expenses	(30,333.85)	(247,971.05)	(225,880.80)	(260,004.00)
Mains and Service	(30,053.92)	(100,357.59)	(84,321.88)	(119,004.00)
Customer Installation Expenses	(27,366.26)	(279,823.05)	(298,180.01)	(294,996.00)
Distribution Operations Expense	(1,169.62)	(71,476.44)	(61,298.88)	(100,000.00)
Total Distribution Expenses	(50,823.67)	(1,047,136.80)	(990,925.50)	(1,094,004.00)
Maintenance Expenses				
Maintenance of Mains	13,342.32	(681,176.55)	(629,332.97)	(659,996.00)
Maint of Meters and House Regulators	(4,258.31)	(17,841.84)	(22,361.20)	(30,000.00)
Maintenance of Distribution Plant	(545.34)	(27,681.88)	(23,242.20)	(40,000.00)
Total Maintenance Expenses	8,538.67	(726,700.27)	(674,936.37)	(729,996.00)
Customer Account Expense				
Meter Reading Expense	(1,793.00)	(20,755.39)	(24,787.79)	(21,992.00)
Customer Record and Collection Expenses	(39,548.05)	(370,996.62)	(424,350.65)	(390,000.00)
Total Customer Account Expenses	(41,341.05)	(391,752.01)	(449,138.44)	(411,992.00)

Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department
Income Statement - Gas Division
For the Twelve Months Ending, June 30, 2026

	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE		
	FY 2026	FY 2025	FY 2026	YTD Budget
Administrative and General Expenses				
Community Relations & Advertising	(1,778.75)	(40,126.37)	(25,781.31)	(20,000.00)
Administrative Salaries and Expense	(6,568.02)	(73,503.44)	(98,536.36)	(80,000.00)
Business Mgr, Office Salaries & Exp	(5,545.48)	(48,807.12)	(60,596.01)	(60,000.00)
MIS Salaries and Expense	(7,975.11)	(171,449.18)	(186,345.74)	(200,008.00)
Outside Services	(2,412.00)	(42,015.24)	(17,019.72)	(36,000.00)
Property & Liability Insurance, Damages	(2,389.00)	(34,663.92)	(34,217.73)	(38,000.00)
Employee Pensions and Benefits	(14,857.52)	408.03	(378,547.21)	(360,000.00)
General Administrative Expense	(661.35)	(61,567.25)	(11,756.12)	(100,000.00)
Maintenance of General Plant	(7,886.03)	(51,011.85)	(52,529.45)	(44,000.00)
Total Admin & General Expenses	(50,073.26)	(522,736.34)	(865,329.65)	(938,008.00)
Net Income (Loss) Before Surplus				
Adjustments	(\$20,493.02)	\$1,666,736.34	(\$739,536.16)	\$900,004.00
Surplus Adjustments				
Additions	-	-	-	-
Subtractions	-	-	-	-
Interest on Sinking Fund	684.04	9,815.14	8,660.84	8,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	20,604.00	243,603.00	247,252.00	247,265.00
Plant Removal Costs	225,325.43	613,500.69	456,486.72	410,004.00
Total Subtractions from Surplus	246,613.47	866,918.83	712,399.56	665,269.00
Net Income (Loss)	(\$267,106.49)	\$799,817.51	(\$1,451,935.72)	\$234,735.00



Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department Large Load Customer Service Policy

I. Policy Statement

The Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department (WMGLD) and its employees provide our customers with safe, reliable, competitively priced, and environmentally responsible energy resources and services that enhance quality of life, while adjusting to the ever-changing energy marketplace. WMGLD is committed to being a trusted partner for our customers and the greater community in promoting the use of electric power and other energy resources to achieve an affordable, cleaner, and more sustainable energy future.

The primary obligation of the Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department (WMGLD) is to the existing residential, commercial and industrial gas and electric ratepayers who have relied on this Department for safe, reliable and reasonably priced service. Nothing in this policy is intended to shift financial risk, infrastructure cost or reliability risk from a Large Load Customer onto those ratepayers.

WMGLD recognizes that large, high-density electric loads with peak demand of 10 Megawatts (MW) or greater can bring increased revenue to the Department, local investment, tax base growth and jobs to Wakefield. WMGLD can serve such loads on terms that guarantee those benefits do not come at the cost of system reliability, rate stability or financial exposure for existing and future customers.

Where interests diverge, this policy resolves in favor of the Department and its existing ratepayers. Where interests can be aligned, this policy is designed to convert that alignment into a mutual benefit.

II. Legal and Regulatory Basis

- **G.L. c. 164, §§ 55–58** — vests the Light Board with authority to set rates, terms and conditions of service for WMGLD, subject to filing with the DPU under §§ 58–59.

- **G.L. c. 164, § 92 ("Right of User to Gas or Electricity")** — establishes a petition process by which a person or business aggrieved by a refusal of service may seek a DPU order compelling service "upon such terms and conditions as are legal and reasonable." This policy is drafted to define what WMGLD considers "legal and reasonable" terms for a Large Load Customer *before* any such dispute arises.
- **Healey-Driscoll Administration Statement of Expectations for Responsible Data Center Development and Operations in Massachusetts** (implementing Executive Order 654)
- **G.L. c. 25A, § 11F¾ (inserted by St. 2021, c. 8, "An Act Creating a Next-Generation Roadmap for Massachusetts Climate Policy")**
- ISO-NE Large Load policies and information

III. Definitions

- **"Large Load Customer"** — any single customer, or group of affiliated meters/accounts at a single site, with a contracted or forecast demand of 10 Mega Watts (MW) or greater.
 - **"Backup Power Threshold"** — a Large Load Customer whose facility design includes, or is required by its own operations including on-site standby/backup generation, battery storage or UPS-supported generation capacity of 2.5 MW or greater.
 - **"Advanced Microgrid Facility" / "Energy Park Standard"** — a grid-interactive backup power installation modeled on WMGLD's Energy Park project, capable of both (a) islanding to serve the Customer's critical load during an outage, and (b) exporting firm, dispatchable power to the WMGLD distribution system on request, consistent with Section VIII below.
 - **"System Peak"** — WMGLD's coincident monthly and annual peak demand, including its contribution to the ISO-NE regional coincident peak used to set capacity obligations.
 - **"GGES"** — the Municipal Lighting Plant Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standard established under G.L. c. 25A, § 11F¾: a minimum percentage of WMGLD's retail energy sales that must be non-carbon-emitting (50% by 2030, 75% by 2040, net-zero by 2050).
 - **"Non-Carbon-Emitting Energy"** — energy counted toward WMGLD's GGES compliance under G.L. c. 25A, § 11F¾ and its implementing guidance.
 - **"ACP"** — the Municipal Lighting Plant Alternative Compliance Payment WMGLD must pay for any year it fails to meet its GGES.
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IV. Application, Study, and Interconnection Process

1. A prospective Large Load Customer must submit a written application including projected load profile, ramp schedule, minimum and maximum demand, backup power design and site control/permitting status. A deposit of \$25,000 will be required to initiate the preliminary analysis.
2. WMGLD will not execute a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) with a prospective customer once the application process has begun.
3. WMGLD will conduct a **System Impact Study** (cost borne by the applicant) to determine available capacity and ability to serve, the interconnection point to the WMGLD system and any required system upgrades the would be necessary to serve the load. WMGLD will provide an estimate of the cost of the System Impact study and apply a credit of the \$25,000 deposit to the Study cost.
4. Prospective Large Load Customer must also comply with ISO-NE and Transmission Owner requirements pertaining to applications, studies and system upgrade costs as required.
5. No capacity is reserved, and no construction commitment is made by WMGLD, until a **Large Load Service Agreement** is executed and the applicant has satisfied the financial assurance requirements in Section VII.
6. WMGLD retains discretion to decline or condition service where system capacity is insufficient to serve the load without degrading service to existing customers, consistent with the DPU new-load precedent cited above.

V. Infrastructure Cost Recovery

- **Contribution in Aid of Construction (CIAC):** The Large Load Customer pays 100% of the cost of dedicated infrastructure including but not limited to transformers, switchgear, poles, wire, conduit, cables and any other facilities built required to serve the customer and maintain service reliability to the remainder of the WMGLD customers. None of these costs are included in general rate base.
- **System Impact Fee:** A one-time fee, sized to the System Impact Study, covering upgrades to shared/upstream WMGLD infrastructure (substation capacity, feeder reinforcement) reasonably necessitated by the new load, so that existing ratepayers do not fund capacity added to serve one customer.

Both fees are due prior to construction and are non-refundable once WMGLD has committed capital or ordered long-lead equipment on the Customer's behalf.

VI. Rate Structure

The cost of service and rate structure will be part of the Large Load Service Agreement. Factors involved in but not limited to determining the rate will include the hourly, daily, monthly and seasonal load profile, projected peak demand and projected monthly kwh consumption. Rate structures may include a Minimum Billing Demand ("Take-or-Pay"), a Ratchet Clause or other provisions to ensure and protect the existing rate payers.

Usage / demand exceeding the agreed upon maximum amount will be subjected to significant higher costs (penalty). Continued excessive demand on the utility grid may result in temporary loss of service and worst-case permanent loss of service is violations continue.

VII. Financial Assurances and Successors

- **Letter of Credit or Bond** will be required to be posted before energizing service and maintained throughout the contract term. Bond duration should be aligned with power supply contracts and other terms identified in the Large Load Service Agreement.
 - **Minimum Contract Term** will be aligned to the depreciable life of dedicated infrastructure and the terms of any Power Supply Agreements entered in to for the Large Load Customer.
 - **Exit Fee**, payable if the Customer terminates service before infrastructure investment is fully depreciated, sized to recover WMGLD's unrecovered capital cost plus a reasonable stranded-cost allowance and any stranded costs of any Power Supply Agreements entered in to for the customer.
 - **Power Supply Contracts**, Customer is responsible for the full value of short and long-term power supply contract commitment costs even if the load decreases, ownership changes or business closes.
 - Financial assurances will be reviewed if the Customer's credit rating is downgraded or ownership changes.
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VIII. Grid-Interactive Backup Power Requirement

The following provisions are intended to align the interests of WMGLD and the Large Load Customer, creating incentives for shared outcomes rather than simply allocating costs and risks between the parties.

8.1 Trigger. Any Large Load Customer that meets or exceeds the Backup Power Threshold (Section III) must construct, or contract for the construction of, an Advanced Microgrid Facility meeting the standard below — modeled on WMGLD's own Energy Park project — rather than a conventional behind-the-meter diesel/UPS backup system with no grid interaction.

8.2 Technical Requirements. The Advanced Microgrid Facility must:

- Be capable of islanding to serve the Customer's critical load during a WMGLD outage (the Customer's own primary reason for building it);
- Also interconnect bidirectionally to the WMGLD distribution system, meeting WMGLD's interconnection tariff and applicable IEEE 1547 standards;
- Provide real-time telemetry/SCADA visibility to WMGLD's system operators showing state of charge, available capacity, and operational status at all times;
- Reserve a defined minimum dispatchable capacity determined by the capacity requested - exclusively for WMGLD's use under Section 8.3, separate from capacity the Customer holds back for its own critical-load islanding needs.

8.3 WMGLD Dispatch Rights. Under an ancillary **Grid Services & Dispatch Agreement**, WMGLD may call on the reserved capacity for:

- **Peak shaving** — reducing WMGLD's coincident system and ISO-NE regional peak, which directly lowers the capacity and transmission costs recovered from all ratepayers;
- **Grid stabilization and contingency support** — voltage support, short-notice response to a contingency elsewhere on the system, and support during WMGLD's own scheduled maintenance;
- **Emergency dispatch** — with shorter notice than routine peak-shaving calls, subject to reasonable annual limits set in the Agreement.

The Customer's own islanding needs during a genuine outage affecting its site take priority over a WMGLD dispatch call; the Agreement should specify a clear conflict protocol (e.g., WMGLD dispatch rights suspend automatically upon loss of grid supply to the Customer's own service point).

8.4 Compensation.

Because WMGLD's avoided capacity and transmission costs are shared across the whole ratepayer base, the customer will be compensated.

8.5 Ownership.

- This agreement will remain in effect for both the parties to an agreement and any successors due to change in ownership or business structure. WMGLD must be notified a minimum of 120 days prior to any change in ownership.

- The Customer owns and maintains any Advanced Microgrid Facility; WMGLD's role is limited to dispatch rights and interconnection oversight, avoiding any WMGLD capital exposure to generation assets it does not need to own to get the reliability benefit.

IX. Decarbonization Cost Responsibility — GGES Impact & Compliance

WMGLD's obligation to meet its GGES thresholds (Section II) is not optional, and the compliance cost of a shortfall has a monetary impact. The price of procuring additional non-carbon-emitting supply, or a mandatory ACP. This provision ensures that cost is caused-and-paid by the Large Load Customer whose demand creates it, exactly as Sections V–VIII do for infrastructure, capacity, and reliability costs. Or “This provision ensures that costs are borne by the Large Load Customer whose demand causes them, consistent with the allocation of infrastructure, capacity, and reliability costs in Parts V–VIII.”

9.1 GGES Impact Assessment. As part of the System Impact Study (Section IV), WMGLD will calculate the effect the proposed Large Load Customer's demand would have on WMGLD's blended non-carbon-emitting percentage, using WMGLD's most recent GGES compliance filing as the baseline. New load added without proportional non-carbon supply mechanically dilutes that percentage — for example, a portfolio at 54% non-carbon-emitting (above the 2030 threshold of 50%) can be pushed below threshold by a large enough new load with no non-carbon attributes of its own.

9.2 Compliance Margin. The Light Board shall set and periodically update an internal compliance margin — a buffer above the statutory GGES threshold— to protect against ordinary year-to-year variability in hydro, wind, and other non-carbon output. A new Large Load Customer whose addition would bring WMGLD's projected portfolio below the statutory threshold *or* this internal margin triggers the obligations in Section 9.3.

9.3 Non-Carbon Supply / Attribute Procurement Obligation. Where the GGES Impact Assessment shows a Large Load Customer would push WMGLD's portfolio below the applicable threshold or margin, the Customer shall, at its sole cost, before or concurrent with energization, pay a dedicated GGES Compliance Charge, sized to WMGLD's actual cost of procuring the equivalent non-carbon supply or environmental attributes necessary to fully offset the load's dilutive effect, plus a reasonable administrative margin.

9.4 Alternative Compliance Payment Pass-Through. If WMGLD nonetheless becomes liable for a Municipal Lighting Plant ACP in a year where the shortfall is attributable in whole or part to a Large Load Customer's demand — whether from

a procurement failure, force majeure, or delay under Section 9.3 — ACP liability is allocated to Large Load Customers according to their load. It is not recovered through general rates.

9.5 No Cost-Shift to General Ratepayers. No cost of GGES compliance attributable to a Large Load Customer — procurement premiums, environmental attribute costs, administrative margin, or ACP liability — is included in WMGLD's general rate base or recovered through rates charged to residential or small commercial customers. This section operates independently of, and in addition to, the infrastructure and demand-charge recovery in Sections V–VI; it addresses decarbonization-compliance exposure specifically, which those sections do not.

9.6 Annual True-Up. WMGLD will annually true up each Large Load Customer's GGES Compliance Charge against actual portfolio performance, actual non-carbon energy/attribute costs and any change in the statutory GGES thresholds, compliance margin or ACP rate, with adjustments applied prospectively to the following year.

X. Termination, Default, and Stranded Cost Recovery

- Failure to maintain financial assurances, meet minimum billing demand payments, maintain the Advanced Microgrid Facility in dispatch-ready condition or pay the GGES Compliance Charge under Section IX constitutes default.
- On default or early termination, the Exit Fee (Section VII), any unpaid minimum billing demand through the remaining depreciation schedule and any outstanding GGES Compliance Charge or allocated ACP liability become immediately due.
- WMGLD may de-energize dedicated facilities upon termination without obligation to repurpose them for other customers at WMGLD's expense.

XI. Reporting and Compliance

- Annual reporting by the Customer of actual peak demand, energy usage, Advanced Microgrid Facility availability/performance and — where applicable — the status of any non-carbon supply or attributes procured under Section IX.
- WMGLD will publish an annual summary (aggregated, not customer-specific) to the Board and ratepayers showing large-load cost recovery, GGES impact and compliance status and any net benefits.

XII. Reservation of Rights / Severability

WMGLD reserves the right to decline, delay or condition new Large Load Service Requests where system capacity, financial assurance, GGES compliance or reliability requirements are not met, consistent with G.L. c. 164, G.L. c. 25A, § 11F³/₄, and applicable DPU precedent. If any provision of this policy is later found unenforceable, the remaining provisions continue in effect.

XIII. Continuity of Service

WMGLD cannot guarantee or provide uninterruptable service due to local or regional system conditions, equipment failures, and weather events. Regional Tariffs require WMGLD to respond to load shedding requests, load curtailment, system wide voltage reductions, and Under Frequency Load Shedding (UFLS). WMGLD cannot be held financially responsible for loss of service. WMGLD can provide redundant electric service to improve reliability if required. The Customer is responsible for designing and maintaining an emergency back-up system if required.



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EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 658: Establishing Requirements for Responsible Data Center Development and Operations in Massachusetts to Protect and Support Ratepayers, Communities, and the Environment

DATE: 09/08/2026

ISSUER: Maura Healey

**MASS
REGISTER:** No. 1583

WHEREAS, demand for data storage, processing capabilities, and computational tasks is increasing and is leading to the expansion of data centers across the country and development proposals in Massachusetts;

WHEREAS, data centers are energy- and

resource-intensive facilities which can require substantial investments in electric grid infrastructure and power generation resources and can affect energy affordability and reliability, air quality, water resources, noise levels, land use, public health, and the environment, if not appropriately planned and regulated;

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has a responsibility to ensure that Massachusetts residents, businesses, and communities do not bear the costs or burdens of data center development, operations, or incremental energy and water needs and, instead, share in the benefits of economic opportunity, job creation, strengthened infrastructure, and additional local tax revenues;

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2026, Governor Maura Healey released a Statement of Expectations for Responsible Data Center Development and Operations in Massachusetts (“Framework”) to establish principles and expectations for data center development in Massachusetts that balance economic growth and innovation with protections for residents, businesses, and communities;

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2026, Governor Healey paused the acceptance of applications for data center sales and use tax exemptions, as established by Section 6(zz) of Chapter 64H of the General Laws, to protect Massachusetts ratepayers and the environment;

WHEREAS, the Framework establishes that

data centers should be developed and operated responsibly by bearing the costs associated with their energy needs, supporting clean and reliable energy systems, protecting communities and natural resources, providing meaningful economic and workforce benefits, and ensuring appropriate transparency and accountability;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution, Part 2, c. 2, § I, Art. I, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1.

The Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP"), the Energy Facilities Siting Board ("EFSB"), the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Office ("MEPA"), and other relevant permitting-related agencies shall not issue any permits or authorizations associated with any data center project with peak electricity demand exceeding twenty-five megawatts to any data center applicant unless that applicant has: (1) demonstrated conformance with the Statement of Expectations for Responsible Data Center Development and Operations in Massachusetts, published June 25, 2026 ("Framework") including those related to air quality and public health, water use, and community engagement; and (2) submitted a community benefits agreement with key stakeholders as identified in and aligned with the Standards and Guidelines for Community Benefits Plans and Agreements established

by the Office of Environmental Justice and Equity ("OEJE") within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs ("EEA"). Prior to filing a community benefit agreement, any data center applicant shall consult with OEJE to confirm alignment with principles of meaningful engagement and community benefit plans outlined in the standards and guidance. Prior to submitting a community benefits agreement to agencies, a data center applicant shall provide said agreement to OEJE for review and comment. The data center applicant shall submit OEJE's written feedback and comment alongside the community benefits agreement. The OEJE shall serve as the state entity to determine conformance with the standards and guidance; data center applicants shall not be required to submit community benefit agreements for feedback or comment to any other permitting agencies.

For all permitting-related agencies, the use of non-disclosure agreements with a data center project is prohibited, except as otherwise provided by law.

SECTION 2.

MassDEP, EFSB, MEPA, and other relevant agencies shall review all permits or authorizations that may be required by a data center project with peak electricity demand exceeding twenty-five megawatts and, consistent with existing authorities, amend all relevant regulations to align with standards included in the Framework.

SECTION 3.

The Department of Public Utilities (“DPU”) should continue to prioritize completion of its work to develop large load rate schedules, as per Executive Order 654 and aligned with the Framework. These rate schedules should ensure that other ratepayers do not pay distribution grid upgrades or any associated infrastructure needed to support data center demand.

SECTION 4.

Further, the DPU should direct the Electric Distribution Companies (“EDCs”) to take measures to eliminate speculative data center projects from interconnection queues. Through the establishment of fees, deposits, or other requirements, the DPU should direct the EDCs to ensure that any data center projects with electricity demand greater than twenty-five megawatts are legitimate projects that do not lead to the inefficient use of EDC study and interconnection resources, and protect the viability of other projects, such as housing, other businesses, or distributed energy resources.

SECTION 5.

MassDEP shall develop protocols ensuring that data center projects with peak electricity demand exceeding twenty-five megawatts have procured sufficient incremental new clean electricity generation to meet their annual electric consumption and that such electricity procured meets the eligibility

requirements to qualify under the Clean Energy Standard, 310 CMR 7.75. MassDEP shall determine whether it is necessary to amend its Clean Energy Standard regulation and/or establish regulations pursuant to Chapter 21N, Section 3(c), of the General Laws to adopt such protocols. By December 31, 2026, MassDEP shall take action to establish an alternative compliance payment ("ACP") mechanism for data centers that do not procure sufficient incremental clean electricity to meet their annual electric consumption. Funds collected via the ACP mechanism shall be credited to a Ratepayer Protection Fund, with said funds used to mitigate electricity supply costs for all ratepayers.

SECTION 6.

EEA and MassDEP shall also evaluate greenhouse gas emissions from data center projects with peak electricity demand exceeding twenty-five megawatts as part of the Clean Energy and Climate Plan ("CECP") pursuant to Chapter 21N, Section 3(c), promulgate regulations pursuant to Chapter 21N, of the General Laws, or institute other programs necessary to achieve reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from data centers.

SECTION 7.

MassDEP shall develop protocols requiring data center projects with peak electricity demand exceeding twenty-five megawatts to protect water quality and quantity, including

by demonstrating compliance with all applicable Massachusetts water, wastewater, and stormwater requirements.

SECTION 8.

EEA shall work with all relevant agencies and departments to establish guidance for annual reporting and disclosures by operating data center projects with peak electricity demand exceeding twenty-five megawatts consistent with the information identified in the Framework. All data center projects seeking permits shall submit to relevant agencies with their applications attestations that they will submit annual reporting disclosures established by this guidance.

SECTION 9.

EEA, in coordination with the Executive Office of Economic Development ("EOED") and consistent with the Framework, shall publish, by December 31, 2026, a Municipal Guidance Document for Data Center Development ("Guide"). The Guide shall support municipal leaders and staff, community-based organizations, residents, and other local stakeholders as they evaluate proposed data center projects and engage with developers. In developing the Guide, EEA and EOED shall together engage a broad range of stakeholders, including municipalities and organizations representing municipal leaders and staff, regional planning agencies, utilities, water resource agencies, organized labor, environmental justice and community-

based organizations, businesses, the Attorney General's Office ("AGO"), and the public to seek input on the Guide's content.

SECTION 10.

All departments and agencies of the Commonwealth shall cooperate, assist, and support in the implementation of this Executive Order, including by assisting with requests for information and guidance from municipal governments that are actively evaluating a proposed data center project.

SECTION 11.

All departments and agencies of the Commonwealth shall encourage any entity seeking to develop a data center project with peak electricity demand exceeding twenty-five megawatts to use responsible labor practices, including but not limited to, utilization of project labor agreements ("PLAs") and/or labor peace agreements, support of local hiring, workforce training, and registered apprenticeship programs; and insurance of safe working conditions and long-term employment opportunities that provide fair wages and benefits for residents of host and surrounding communities.

SECTION 12.

EEA, in coordination with EOED and Executive Office of Technology, Service and Security ("EOTSS") shall provide a report annually, starting in September 2027, to the Governor on ongoing policy, regulatory, and legislative

changes that support responsible data center development and that protect ratepayers, workers, water resources, air quality, and public health, energy supply and affordability, electric grid security and resilience, and the state's continued economic growth, competitiveness, and development. The report should also identify opportunities to improve coordination among state agencies, municipalities, regional entities, communities, and industry. In the development of this report, EEA, EOED, and EOTSS shall engage external stakeholders from across Massachusetts to seek feedback.

SECTION 13.

For the purposes of this Executive Order, a data center is "a building or series of buildings that houses and supports the high-performance servers, storage systems, networking equipment, and related computing infrastructure and equipment necessary for storing, processing, and distributing data and applications," as defined in 400 CMR 9.00, and that is built or expanded after the effective date of this Executive Order, and exceeds a peak electric demand of twenty-five megawatts, or in the case of a data center expansion, an addition of twenty-five megawatts of peak electric demand. The Secretaries of EEA and EOED may jointly approve an exemption to the twenty-five megawatt threshold for a data center that is directly tied to an accredited college or university engaging in academic research, the provision of medical care, or a

state-sponsored program.

SECTION 14.

Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to require action inconsistent with any applicable state or federal law.

SECTION 15.

This Executive Order shall be effective upon the date signed and shall continue in force until amended, superseded, or revoked by subsequent Executive Order.

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Fleet, Purchasing and Facility Updates

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10/14/2026

Fleet Inventory

Service Vans

Substation – Gas (Full EV replacement is arriving at the end of November 2026)

We are adding a Hyundai Santa Fe to the Substation Department from the Gas Department

Gas Van – Gas (This will be our next replacement to a Full EV)

Gas Van – Full EV

Gas Van – Full EV

Heavy Duty Vehicles

We own five Bucket Trucks and two Digger/Derrick Trucks. One is a Plug-In Hybrid and two more on the way. One will be arriving at the end of this month, October 2026 and the second one in the 1st Quarter of 2027.

This will bring our total to three Hybrid Bucket Trucks.

Passenger Vehicles

(4) Hyundai Santa Fe – Plug-In Hybrid

(2) Ford Lightning –Full EV

Ford 250 – Gas (Needs to be able to plow)

Adding one Full EV Chevy Silverado to account for moving one Santa Fe to Substation.

Ford Lightning has been discontinued. It will be arriving mid-December 2026.

All Electric Chevy Silverado



10/9/2026

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Facility Maintenance and Projects

2026-Upgraded security in the building with key code entry, new door locks for multiple safe spaces and impact resistant glass at each end of the building. These actions were recommended from the Security Audit.

2026-Upgrading the lighting in the entire Warehouse and Garage to more efficient LED Fixtures. The conversion is happening this weekend.

2027-Plan to replace the carpeting through the first floor office.

Long Term Bids and End Dates

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| • Emergency and Permanent Paving | February 2027 (with option to extend) |
| • Vegetation Management | April 2027 (with option to extend) |
| • Vegetation Management Utility | June 2027 (with option to extend) |
| Excavation and Landscaping Services | |
| • Mailing Services for Billing | August 2027 (will need to go out to bid) |
| • Underground Utility and Excavation | December 2027 (with option to extend) |
| • Janitorial Services | September 2027 (Annual Contract) |

Community Day

October 14, 2026



• Public Power Week Open House



10/9/2026

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Marketing & Community Outreach Guide

Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department

1. Purpose

The Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department (WMGLD) is committed to providing customers with reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible energy while helping the community make informed decisions about energy use.

The purpose of this outreach guide is to establish a consistent approach for WMGLD's community marketing and customer education efforts. Outreach should focus on:

- Promoting energy efficiency
- Educating customers about available rebates and incentives
- Increasing awareness of WMGLD programs and services
- Supporting customers interested in electrification and clean energy
- Providing opportunities for customers to speak directly with WMGLD staff
- Building relationships with Wakefield schools, community organizations, and local businesses
- Increasing WMGLD's visibility and engagement within the community

2. Target Audiences

Residential Customers

- Energy efficiency
- Rebates and incentives
- Heat pumps
- Electric vehicles and EV charging
- Solar
- Bill assistance and payment options

Commercial Customers

- Energy efficiency opportunities
- Building energy usage
- Electrification
- Large-building energy reporting
- Solar and distributed energy resources

- Available rebates
- Energy management

Students & Educators

- Energy efficiency
- Electricity and natural gas safety
- Renewable energy
- Battery storage
- Solar energy
- Energy careers
- How electricity is generated and delivered
- WMGLD's role in the community

Senior Citizens

- Energy efficiency
- Rebates
- Energy assistance programs
- Bill management
- Home energy improvements
- Safety information

3. School Outreach Program

WMGLD has a recurring school outreach program designed to educate students about energy, safety, and sustainability.

Focus

- What is energy efficiency?
- How can students save energy at home?
- Understanding electricity use
- Simple energy-saving habits

Electric & Gas Safety

- Electrical safety
- Natural gas safety

School Outreach Opportunities

- STEM events
- Science fairs
- Career Days
- Sticker Contest
- High school career programs
- Energy Park education materials
- Host local girl scout troops

4. Community Events

Community events provide an opportunity to interact with customers in an informal setting. WMGLD will maintain a Community Outreach program that can be used at recurring events.

Events

- Wakefield Farmers Market
- Town Day
- Senior Center events
- School events
- Environmental events
- Public Power Week

Materials Available

- WMGLD program brochures
- Residential rebate information
- Heat pump information
- EV charger information
- Solar program information
- Safety materials
- Information about upcoming customer sessions

5. Customer Information Sessions

WMGLD hosts educational sessions throughout the year focused on topics that directly benefit customers.

Heat Pumps & Home Electrification – with Abode

- How heat pumps work
- When a heat pump makes sense
- Electrical considerations
- Available incentives
- Heat Pump Rate

Solar

- How residential solar works
- WMGLD's solar program
- Interconnection requirements
- System sizing
- Battery storage

Electric Vehicles & EV Charging

- EV basics
- Home charging
- Level 2 chargers
- WMGLD EV programs
- Charging during peak periods

Format

- In person
- Virtually
- As part of other community events

Sessions should be approximately 30–60 minutes, followed by time for questions.

6. WMGLD Open Houses

WMGLD hosts an annual WMGLD Open House to give customers an opportunity to meet employees and learn more about the Department.

Electric Operations

- Bucket trucks
- Electrical equipment
- Demonstrations of electricity being measured

Gas Operations

- Gas equipment
- Safety information

Energy Efficiency

- Rebates
- Energy-saving products
- Heat pump information

Energy Park

- Battery storage
- Solar
- Natural gas generation
- Peak shaving/Grid reliability

Customer Service

- Payment options
- Online account management
- Programs and services
- IT safety

Kids' Area

- Coloring activities
- Touch a truck
- Facepainting

Open House Goals

- Increase community awareness of WMGLD
- Educate customers about Department operations
- Promote programs and rebates
- Provide direct access to staff
- Build community relationships

8. Community and Subject Matter Expert Partnerships

Partners

- Town of Wakefield
- Wakefield Public Schools
- Wakefield Senior Center
- Local businesses
- Chamber of Commerce
- Environmental organizations
- Community organizations
- Abode
- Voltrek
- Next Zero

9. Annual Outreach Calendar

January: - Customer info session	February: - Newsletter	March: - Sticker contest
April: - Linemen Appreciation Day	May: - Recycling Event - Safety Presentation at Galvin	June: - Farmers Markets - Employee Appreciation Day
July: - Farmers Markets - Post energy tips - 4th of July Parade	August: - Farmers Markets - Post energy tips	September: - Town Day - Farmers Markets
October: - LEO Information Session@ Senior Center - WMGLD Day of Giving - Open House - Farmers Market - Trunk or Treat	November: - Pass out calendars - Customer info session	December: - LEO @ Senior Center - Winter safety tips - Santa Parade

10. Marketing Materials

WMGLD maintains a consistent library of outreach materials.

Printed Materials

- Residential rebate brochure
- Commercial rebate brochure
- Heat pump rate information
- EV charger programs
- Solar program flyer
- Energy assistance information
- Payment options
- Safety brochures (dig safe and natural gas)
- Energy Park brochure

Digital Materials

- Website program pages
- Social media graphics
- Customer FAQs on website
- Event announcements
- Online forms for rebates, heat pump rate, contact, etc.

11. Social Media Strategy

Community outreach should be supported by regular social media content.

Educate

- Energy-saving tips
- Safety information
- "Did You Know?" posts

Promote

- Rebates
- Programs
- Customer information sessions
- Events

Showcase

- WMGLD employees
- Projects
- Energy Park
- School visits
- Community events

13. Key Marketing Message

“WMGLD is your community-owned utility. We are here to provide reliable, affordable energy while helping our customers make informed decisions about energy efficiency, new technologies, and available programs and incentives.”

The overall goal should be to move beyond simply advertising programs and instead create ongoing opportunities for WMGLD to educate, engage, and build relationships with customers and the Wakefield community.



Grant Assessment Framework

Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department

1. Purpose

The Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department (WMGLD) is committed to providing customers with reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible energy while helping the community make informed decisions about energy use.

WMGLD should use this framework to determine **which funding opportunities warrant staff time and which should not be pursued or monitored**. The goal is not to maximize applications, but to maximize **grant dollars and strategic value generated per hour of staff effort**.

2. Priority Grant Categories

WMGLD should focus its grant efforts primarily on:

Tier 1- High Priority

- Grid reliability and resilience
- Microgrids and critical-facility resilience
- Battery energy storage
- Distribution infrastructure and grid modernization
- Energy efficiency and peak-demand reduction
- Clean energy and electrification
- EV infrastructure and fleet electrification
- Cybersecurity and utility communications

Tier 2- Strategic

- Municipal/school energy projects
- Solar and renewable generation
- Customer electrification programs
- Demand response and load management
- Advanced grid technologies
- Municipal infrastructure and shared Town/WMGLD projects

Tier 3- Opportunistic

- Planning and feasibility studies
- Workforce development
- Education/outreach
- Small demonstration projects
- Grants requiring significant effort for relatively modest funding

3. Initial Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Screening

Before WMGLD invests significant time in an application, staff should review the NOFO/RFP and answer five questions:

Are We Eligible?

Confirm:

- Applicant type;
- Geographic eligibility;
- Project eligibility;
- Required partnerships;
- Match requirements;
- Revenue/size thresholds;
- Prior-award restrictions; and
- Any required certifications or designations.

If WMGLD is not clearly eligible: Do not pursue until eligibility is confirmed.

Eligibility should be treated as a threshold—not as evidence that WMGLD is likely to receive funding. Grants.gov specifically recommends reviewing the eligibility section of each NOFO before beginning an application.

Who Is the NOFO Trying to Fund?

This is one of the most important assessments.

Staff should identify the target recipient described in the NOFO, including:

- Type of organization;
- Size of organization;
- Geographic location;
- Customer/community characteristics;
- Project maturity;
- Preferred technology;
- Equity or environmental-justice considerations;
- Partnership requirements; and
- Any stated priority populations or facilities.

Then ask:

Does WMGLD look like the applicant this program was designed to fund?

For example, the current Massachusetts 40101(d) program specifically identifies distribution providers and other electric-sector entities as eligible and places emphasis on resilience, community benefit, and projects serving critical facilities.

A grant should receive a **higher likelihood score when WMGLD is directly within the intended recipient population**, rather than merely technically eligible.

4. Likelihood of Award

Each opportunity should receive a preliminary **Likelihood of Award rating** before WMGLD commits substantial resources.

Rating	Likelihood Assessment	
High	70%+	WMGLD and project closely match target recipient, priorities, and scoring criteria; strong project readiness; manageable competition
Moderate-High	50–69%	Strong fit but meaningful competition or one or two weaknesses
Moderate	30–49%	Eligible and potentially competitive, but significant uncertainty
Low	15–29%	Technically eligible but weak alignment, heavy competition, or limited funding
Very Low	<15%	Poor fit, unclear eligibility, highly competitive, or substantial weaknesses

These percentages should be treated as **internal planning estimates, not predictions**. The purpose is to force staff to make an explicit judgment about competitiveness.

5. How to Estimate Likelihood

The likelihood assessment should consider six factors:

Factor	Weight
Fit with NOFO's target recipient	20%
Fit with stated program priorities	20%
Alignment with scoring criteria	20%
Project readiness/quality	15%

Factor	Weight
Funding available vs. likely demand	15%
WMGLD's competitive position/track record	10%
Total	100%

Particularly important:

Read the scoring rubric before deciding whether to apply.

If the NOFO provides 100 points and 40 points are associated with criteria WMGLD cannot meaningfully address, the opportunity should generally receive a low competitiveness rating regardless of whether the project itself is worthwhile.

6. Funding Opportunity Assessment

Staff should assess NOFOs in this order:

Who gets funded?

- Target recipients

What gets funded?

- Eligible projects

How are applications scored?

- Evaluation criteria/rubric

How much money is available?

- Award size and number of anticipated awards

What is required?

- Match, partnerships, reporting, procurement, compliance

Does WMGLD have a competitive project?

Only after these questions are answered should WMGLD decide whether to invest in the application.

7. Staff-Time Test

The final decision should consider:

Expected Grant Value × Likelihood of Award ÷ Estimated Staff Effort

For example:

\$1,000,000 potential award × 50% likelihood = \$500,000 expected value

If the application requires 50 hours of staff time, that is potentially attractive.

Conversely:

\$75,000 potential award × 15% likelihood = \$11,250 expected value

If the application requires 100+ hours of engineering, financial, and administrative effort, WMGLD should generally decline.

This is particularly important for competitive federal grants where technically eligible applications may still have a low probability of funding.

8. Red Flags- Do Not Pursue Without Management Approval

WMGLD should be cautious when:

- The NOFO's target recipient is substantially different from WMGLD;
- WMGLD is eligible but not a preferred applicant;
- The project does not directly address the scoring rubric;
- The grant requires a project WMGLD would not otherwise pursue;
- Matching requirements are substantial;
- The application requires significant engineering before award;
- The funding pool is very small relative to anticipated demand;
- There is no clear project owner;
- The project cannot be completed within the grant period;
- Federal compliance requirements are disproportionate to the award; or
- The estimated likelihood of award is below 30%.

9. WMGLD's Grant "Sweet Spot"

WMGLD should generally prioritize opportunities where **three things overlap**:

WMGLD Priority

+

NOFO Target Recipient

+

Competitive Project

The strongest opportunities will typically involve WMGLD's existing strengths in **grid resilience, reliability, storage, microgrids, electrification, energy efficiency, EV infrastructure, and municipal utility infrastructure**.

For example, the current Massachusetts 40101(d) opportunity is a strong example of a grant that should score highly under this framework: WMGLD fits within the eligible electric-sector entities, the program specifically seeks grid resilience projects, and the NOFO provides a defined scoring process.

10. Recommended Grant Decision

For each significant NOFO, WMGLD should produce a **one-page Grant Assessment Memo** containing:

Grant: _____

Funding Agency: _____

Deadline: _____

Potential Award: \$ _____

Required Match: \$ _____

Target Recipient: _____

WMGLD Eligibility: Yes / No / Unclear

WMGLD Project: _____

NOFO Priority Fit: High / Medium / Low

Estimated Likelihood of Award: ____%

Staff Effort: Low / Medium / High

Grant Score: ____ / 100

Recommendation:

- ☐ Pursue
- ☐ Pursue if resources available
- ☐ Monitor
- ☐ Do not pursue

Reason:

One paragraph explaining why WMGLD should or should not invest additional resources.

11. Guiding Principle

WMGLD should not ask only, "Can we apply?" The more important question is, "Are we the type of recipient this NOFO is trying to fund, does our project score well against its criteria, and is the expected value of pursuing the grant worth the staff time required?"

This approach should allow WMGLD to be more selective, improve its application success rate, and focus staff resources on opportunities where the Department has a genuine competitive advantage.

WMGLD Grant Summary - Federal Opportunities (Recently Received or Applied)

Funding Opportunity	Fed/State	Agency/ Org	Brief Description	Total Amount Available	Date Applied	Amount Applied	Amount Awarded	Cost Share Amount	Date Awarded	Notes
National Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant (FY2022)	Federal	DOT	Rehabilitate, enhance, or replace portions of gas systems to reduce incidents and fatalities and to avoid economic losses.	\$200,000,000	7/18/2022	\$1,275,059	\$1,275,059	Not required	4/5/2023	Water and Crescent Street cast iron pipe replacement project. Awarded total amount, project to beginning Summer 2024.
National Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant (FY2023)	Federal	DOT	Rehabilitate, enhance, or replace portions of gas systems to reduce incidents and fatalities and to avoid economic losses.	\$200,000,000	6/28/2023	\$4,040,000	Did not Receive	Not required	N/A	Main Street Replacement project to replace 3.56 miles of bare steel. Project included 14 streets.
Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (Topic Area 1)	Federal	DOE	Grid Resilience - Infrastructure upgrades to electric system. Reduce risks and improve system adaptivity	\$10,500,000,000 (Total Between all Topic Areas)	4/16/2024	\$21,000,000 (\$8.1M - WMGLD Allocation)	Did not Receive	\$7,000,000 (\$2.7M - WMGLD Allocation)	N/A	Group Application with 3 other municipalities including, Stowe Electric, Hyde Park, and Littleton Electric. Underground cable replacement and new circuit for Wallace Substation.
Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (Topic Area 3)	Federal	DOE	Grid Innovation - Innovative project approaches on the transmission and distribution system leveraging advance DG and other technologies to create widescale expansion and renewable energy interconnection.	\$10,500,000,000 (Total Between all Topic Areas)	4/16/2024	\$176,000,000 (\$16.1M - WMGLD Allocation)	Did not Receive	\$58,666,667 (\$5,366,667 - WMGLD Allocation)	N/A	Group application with 10 other municipalities. Various innovative projects including our Energy Park as well as solar projects paired with battery storage.
National Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant (FY2024)	Federal	DOT	Rehabilitate, enhance, or replace portions of gas systems to reduce incidents and fatalities and to avoid economic losses.	\$200,000,000	6/20/2024	\$4,139,232	\$1,425,098	Not required	10/30/2024	Applied for some pieces of prior application as well as additional sections to replace across town. Awarded Morrison Ave Project.

= Awarded

Notes: Received two federal grants and applied for five. The two electric grants that were not received were part of larger applications with other utilities and the winners of those federal grants had projects that were more wide reaching and concise. For the group applications we were a part of, the projects led themselves more as singular projects instead of a partnership. The FY2023 NGDISM grant we did not receive was due to the number of applications and that grant did not include an EJ area.

WMGLD Grant Summary - State Opportunities (Recently Received or Applied)

Funding Opportunity	Fed/State	Agency/Org	Brief Description	Total Amount Available	Date Applied	Amount Applied	Amount Awarded	Cost Share Amount	Date Awarded	Notes
Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (Mass EVIP) Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) Program	State	MassDEP	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through installation of public DC Fast Chargers in accessible locations.	\$86,600,000	4/29/2022	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$84,904.52	7/6/2022	To assist with the funding of two (2) DC Fast Chargers installed at the head of lake Quannapowitt.
Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (Mass EVIP) Workplace and Fleet Charging Incentives	State	MassDEP	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through installation of fleet charging stations to incentivize adoption of fleet EVs.	Rolling Annual	9/1/2022	\$46,423	\$46,423	Not required	10/24/2022	To assist with the funding of two (2) Level-2 chargers installed at the WMGLD facility at 480 North Ave.
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program	State	MA DOER	Grants for clean energy planning and campaigns; energy manager seed funds; engineering and design for building decarbonization; and building envelope improvement projects.	\$1,600,000	Town applied - 8/15/24	\$50,000	Did not Receive	Not required	Did not Receive	Assisted the Town in applying for the engineering and design a heat pump system for the Dolbeare Elementary School to replace fossil fuel. WMGLD funded energy audit of the Dolbeare Elementary School to be included in application.
*MA Section 40101(d) Grant - Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Grid	State	MassCEC	The funding aims to enhance the resilience of the electric grid, prevent outages, and mitigate the impact of disruptive events through eligible investments in activities, technologies, equipment, and other hardening measures	\$9,209,845	10/2/2024	\$2,867,044	\$2,867,044	Varies (minimum 1/3 of project costs)	12/12/2025	Applied for funding for Energy Park project and expanded resiliency and reliability measures related to the Energy Park. Made it to the next step, waiting to hear back from DOE.
InnovateMass	State	MassCEC	Bridge the gap in funding availability for new and emerging climate technologies by creating partnerships with climatech companies.	Up to \$350,000 per project	3/17/2025	N/A - Applied to be a partner with a few companies	Did not Receive	Not required	Did not Receive	WMGLD applied to be a partner with three different innovative companies: Halo Energy (small scale wind turbines), Coulomb (sodium-ion batteries), and Visionary Energy (decentralized battery storage). None of these companies were selected by MassCEC
Community Compact Municipal Fiber Grant	State	Mass DLS	Offers competitive grants to municipalities for municipally owned fiber networks. These grants aim to enhance IT infrastructure, improve cybersecurity, and support efficient public service delivery.	\$26,000,000	3/31/2025	\$181,882	\$181,882	\$9,094.10	5/22/2025	The Town of Wakefield, alongside WMGLD, applied to expand the fiber network in 4 different sections of Town, extending access and adding redundancy. Fiber to be added will total around 26,000 ft.
Vehicle-To-Everything Demonstration Projects	State	MassCEC	Qualifying participants receive a free bidirectional EV charger that enables EV to function as a mobile power storage system.	Unknown	5/5/2025	Bidirectional Charger	Bidirectional Charger	N/A	6/24/2025	WMGLD was selected to receive a bidirectional charging station. Implementation expected in FY27/28.

* =Federal Funding through a state organization

= Awarded

Notes: Received five grants/awards administered by state organizations out of seven applications. The state administered opportunities are more targeted and have had a better success rate lining up projects with grants. The 40101(d) grant is federal grant funding, however it is administered through MassCEC with WMGLD being a subrecipient. Due to the success rate of applications and smaller-scale focus, state opportunities are desirable to WMGLD. The time from application to award date into the implementation window is shorter.

Other Awards: APPA Demonstration of Energy & Efficiency Developments (DEED) - \$125,000 for the development of the educational portion of the Energy Park Project
Umass Lowell Clean Energy and Environmental Legacy Transition Municipal Fellowship January 2026-May 2026

WMGLD Grant Summary - Federal Opportunities (Current and Upcoming)

Funding Opportunity	Fed/State	Agency/Org	Brief Description	Total Amount Available	Cost Share	Date Available	Application Deadline	Relevant Links	Notes
Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicle Grant Program	Federal	EPA	Grants to cover the incremental cost of replacing a non-zero emission with a zero-emission heavy duty vehicle (Class 6/7).	Round 2 not announced yet	Round 2 not announced yet	Round 2 not announced yet	Round 2 not announced yet	https://www.epa.gov/clean-heavy-duty-vehicles-program/clean-heavy-duty-vehicles-grant-program	Round 1 of funding wrapped up at the end of July 2024. It is expected that another round of funding will be made available at a later date.
Diesel Emissions Reduction Act	Federal	EPA	Program that provides grants and rebates to reduce harmful diesel emissions and improve air quality.	\$180,000,000	Not required	9/24/2026	1/22/2027	https://www.epa.gov/dera	Fleet vehicles may be eligible depending on fuel type. Moving toward full electrification. Looking at 10-12 awards. Some funding held back for states to distribute.
Inflation Reduction Act Direct Pay Program	Federal	IRS	Tax-exempt and governmental entities can receive cash refund from the IRS for qualifying clean energy projects.	Rolling	70%	2023-2032 Tax Years	End of the tax year of the completed project	https://www.mass.gov/info-details/direct-pay-information#what-is-direct-pay?-	Can receive up to 30% for qualifying clean energy projects. Wind-down of these credits has begun, looking to apply for solar panels at WMHS and NEMT.
Rural & Municipal Utility Cybersecurity (RMUC) - Advanced Cybersecurity Technical Assistance	Federal	DOE	Cybersecurity technical assistance, system hardening, cybersecurity tools/services, workforce training, threat-information sharing for municipal, cooperative and small IOU electric utilities	\$100,000,000	Not required	9/30/2026	10/20/2026	https://www.energy.gov/ceser/rural-and-municipal-utility-advanced-cybersecurity-grant-and-technical-assistance-rmuc?utm_source=chatgpt.com	Very relevant, but municipality is not the direct applicant. Current opportunity is for nonprofit intermediaries partnering with ≥6 eligible utilities. Utilities receive the services/technology as beneficiaries. Partner with MMWEC?

WMGLD Grant Summary - State Opportunities (Current and Upcoming)

Funding Opportunity	Fed/State	Agency/Org	Brief Description	Total Amount Available	Cost Share	Date Available	Application Deadline	Relevant Links	Notes
Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Decarbonization Grant Program	State	MA DOER	Grant funding for decarbonization retrofits of existing low- or moderate-income residential buildings.	\$50,000,000	Not required	2/16/24; 6/1/24; 12/1/24; 6/1/25; 12/1/25; 6/1/26; 12/1/26; 6/1/27	Rolling through 2027 or until funds exhausted	https://www.commbuys.com/bso/external/bidDetail.sdo?docId=BD-24-1041-ENE01-ENE01-95811&external=true&parentUrl=close	Discuss with the Wakefield Housing Authority on project ideas for different buildings. Look into window heat pump eligibility?
Massachusetts Solar for All Grant Program	State	MA DOER	Will fund five separate initiatives, including a residential 0% loan, residential solar lease, solar for public housing, solar for affordable housing, and low-income community solar	\$156,000,000	TBD	TBD	TBD	https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-solar-for-all-program	Funding targeted toward low-income residents. Need to benefit customers by 20% or more on their energy bill. UPDATE - Funding on hold from Trump Administration
Home Efficiency Rebates (HER) Municipal Light Plant Program	State	MA DOER	Proposing HER funds for customers in MLP communities without access to Mass Save. Specific focus on heat pump incentives and low-to-0% loans	\$22,000,000	TBD	N/A	N/A	https://www.mass.gov/doc/her-and-hear-straw-proposal-for-public-input/download	Roll out has been delayed. No word on when exactly it will be available. Zoe at MMWEC is closely monitoring this funding opportunity.