



## Eversource Rate Case (DPU docket 17-05) Hearing Schedule

<p><b>March 22 at 7 p.m.</b> Natick Town Hall 2nd Floor, Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room 13 East Central Street Natick, MA 01760</p>	<p><b>April 6 at 7 p.m.</b> Plymouth South High School 490 Long Pong Road Plymouth, MA 02360</p>
<p><b>March 23 at 7 p.m.</b> Department of Public Utilities 5th Floor, Hearing Room A One South Station Boston, MA 02110</p>	<p><b>April 10 at 6 p.m.</b> The Berkshire Athenaeum Auditorium 1 Wendell Avenue Pittsfield, MA 01201</p>
<p><b>March 30 at 6 p.m.</b> Cambridge Public Library Lecture Hall 449 Broadway Cambridge, MA 02138</p>	<p><b>April 12 at 7 p.m.</b> Springfield City Hall School Committee Meeting Room (Room 220) 36 Court Street Springfield, MA 01103</p>
<p><b>April 3 at 7 p.m.</b> Barnstable County Complex Harborview Conference Room 3195 Main Street Barnstable, MA 02630</p>	<p><b>April 24 at 6 p.m.</b> Katharine Cornell Theatre 51 Spring Street Tisbury, MA 02568</p>
<p><b>April 5 at 7 p.m.</b> Keith Middle School 225 Hathaway Boulevard New Bedford, MA 02740</p>	<p><b>April 26 at 7 p.m.</b> Greenfield Middle School Auditorium 195 Federal Street Greenfield, MA 01301</p>

When arriving, please sign in and let them know you would like to speak.

If you cannot make it to any of these hearings, please consider short written comments and please clearly mark that this is for Eversource rate case – DPU 17-05:

Snail mail can go to the DPU -- Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

Email comments could be addressed to: DPU e-filing: [dpu.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dpu.efiling@state.ma.us), The DPU secretary: [mark.marini@state.ma.us](mailto:mark.marini@state.ma.us), and the hearing officer for the case: [Marc.Tassone@state.ma.us](mailto:Marc.Tassone@state.ma.us)



## **Talking points**

This proposal is bad for the planet and bad for our communities: The rate hikes and other changes proposed would hit low income families and small businesses hard and discourage energy conservation and distributed generation.

Clean energy and energy conservation are good things, and the utilities and the state should be encouraging them as much as possible rather than discouraging them with demand charges, fixed charges, or “minimum bills”. And upping bills for low income families to increase Eversource’s profit margin just doesn’t make sense.

Fixed Charges discourage the good stuff: The proposed higher fixed monthly charges for residential customers and special higher fixed charges for solar customers are a bad idea, because they discourage energy efficiency measures AND discourage clean energy generation. In addition, they are especially bad for low-income customers. Eversource is also proposing particularly high fixed charges for small business in Western MA, where these customers would start out with a yearly bill of nearly \$500 (four times higher than Eastern MA).

Minimum Monthly Reliability Contributions (MMRCs) are bad for clean energy: singling out solar and other distributed generation with special rates and types of charges is a bad idea. That’s both higher customer charges and demand charges, as well as lower per-kWh charges.

PLEASE make your comments relatively short (2-3 minutes) and polite and thank the Department of Public Utilities and the commissioners for holding these hearings. If you would like to write a letter to the editor about your experience, solar energy, or this rate case, you can email [faithsimon@massclimateaction.net](mailto:faithsimon@massclimateaction.net) and she can help!

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