

D.P.U. 25-72 – Whitinsville Water Company

Tier 2 Proceeding Plain Language Summary for the Proposed Northbridge Water System Asset Acquisition

Plain Language Summary

On June 12, 2025, Whitinsville Water Company (“Company”) requested approval from the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) to purchase the water system assets owned by the Town of Northbridge’s water division (“Northbridge Water Division”). The purchase price for the water system assets is \$1.1 million. The Company also requested approval to provide water service to the customers within the area now served by the Northbridge Water Division system.

The Company does not propose any immediate changes to its rates or other terms of service from the transaction. Rates will remain at current levels until any change in those rates is authorized by the Department. The Department will review the Company’s proposed purchase of the Northbridge Water Division’s assets to ensure that it is in the public interest and will not negatively impact the Company’s existing customers in terms of its effect on rates and/or quality of service, among other factors.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the petition using Zoom videoconferencing on **July 7, 2025**, at 2:00 p.m. Any person interested in commenting on the petition also may submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **July 8, 2025**. Please see the Notice (notice) for details on how to comment at the public hearing and/or submit written comments. Any persons with questions about the proposed asset purchase should contact **Steven Cheney Sr.**, General Manager of Whitinsville Water Company at [*scheney@whitinsvillewater.com*](mailto:scheney@whitinsvillewater.com).