

# **Peabody Municipal Light Plant**

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#### Dear Valued PMLP Customer:

The Peabody Municipal Light Plant (PMLP) is preparing to install advanced electric meters on our customers' homes and businesses throughout our service territory of Peabody and South Lynnfield. This project is in response to our continuing efforts to provide our customers with the lowest cost of electricity while maintaining a high level of reliability. At the PMLP, it is our goal to provide our customers with an enhanced customer service experience.

Starting in or about February 2017, and continuing through the remainder of the year, the PMLP, along with our authorized electric meter exchange vendor, Wellington Energy, Inc. (WEI), will be working to replace all of our customers' electric meters. The new advanced electric meters will continue to measure your electric usage as your current meter does today, and will automatically report your electric usage directly to the PMLP. In addition, the new advanced electric meters will provide the PMLP with information to improve reliability, reduce costs to our customers, and continue to improve your experience as our customer.

### **What Can You Expect**

Before the Exchange	Day of the Exchange	After the Exchange	
The PMLP will notify you	After you are notified, a	Once the electric meter	On the bill following
approximately 30 days in advance of	meter installer from the	exchange is complete, the	your electric meter
your electric meter exchange via a	PMLP or WEI, will arrive at	meter installer will verify	exchange, you will see
direct mailing. In the event that the	your home or business to	that your new electric meter	two sets of readings, the
PMLP or WEI needs to call you, it will	complete the exchange	is working properly.	first reading will indicate
be at the following telephone	Monday – Saturday between		the final read from your
number(s) on file:	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM. The	The meter installer will then	old meter, and the
	meter installer shall arrive	leave behind a door hanger,	second reading will
978-531-5975	with and provide proper	indicating the type of work	indicate the reading
or	identification and then	that was performed. If any	registered on your newly
	proceed with your meter	follow up is required, this will	installed meter for the
If there is no telephone number on	exchange.	be communicated to you via	remainder of the month.
record above, please see step below*		a door hanger or other	
		follow up communication.	

<sup>\*</sup>If the phone number listed above is incorrect, or one is not listed, please contact us via email at <a href="mailto:AMISUPPORT@pmlp.com">AMISUPPORT@pmlp.com</a> or by phone at 978-531-5975 to update your contact information. Please be sure to include your account number if notifying us by e-mail.

#### **Future Benefits**

In the long term, thanks to technology enabled by the new advanced metering infrastructure; we also plan to provide:

- A secure online portal that provides a more detailed history of your electric usage.
- Additional real time information regarding your electric service.
- Expedited response time to outages that will improve customer reliability.

For those customers who choose not to have an advanced electric meter installed on their homes or businesses, the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) has approved a tariff allowing a non-transmitting meter provision be installed via an Opt-Out Program. Customers enrolled in the Opt-Out Program will have a non-transmitting digital meter installed and the following fees applied to their account:

- \$40 Removal of the AMI Meter and Installation of Non-AMI Meter
- \$23 Monthly Meter Reading
- \$40 Re-Installation of AMI Meter

To enroll in the Opt-Out Program, please call 978-531-5975 to speak with a customer representative.

If you have any questions about this letter or our Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project, please contact us via email at <a href="mailto:AMISUPPORT@pmlp.com">AMISUPPORT@pmlp.com</a> or by phone at 978-531-5975. In addition, please visit <a href="www.pmlp.com/AMI">www.pmlp.com/AMI</a> for more information about our Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project.

Sincerely,

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