



City of Waltham, Massachusetts

Resolution

Concerning Lost and Unaccounted For Gas

June 8, 2015

WHEREAS... “Unaccounted For Gas” (UFG) or “Lost And Unaccounted For Gas” (LAUF) represents the difference between the total gas from all sources and the total gas accounted for as sales, interchange, and use and includes leakage or loss by other means, discrepancies in measuring or monitoring, variations of temperatures or pressures and other variants, and

WHEREAS... The cost of UFG is typically passed down from providers to consumers, and

WHEREAS... Leaking gas in the ground is harmful to vegetation and can kill valuable shade trees by depriving roots of oxygen, and

WHEREAS... Massachusetts House Bill (H.2870), “An Act relative to protecting consumers of gas and electricity from paying for leaked and UFG”, seeks to protect all gas and electricity customers from paying for UFG, by prohibiting providers from including the cost of UFG, as well as the costs of reducing or remedying loss, in the rate base, and

WHEREAS... H.2870 will provide economic incentive to gas providers to mitigate loss, pushing development of improved technologies and practices, as well as to reduce heat-trapping gasses released during transportation, distribution and storage, which have an impact on global warming;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED... That the Waltham City Council supports H.2870, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED... That the Waltham City Clerk forward an engrossed copy of this resolution to the elected Waltham delegation in the House and Senate as well as House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo and Senate President Stanley C. Rosenberg on behalf of the entire Waltham City Council;

Read and adopted_____

Attest: Rosario C. Malone, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted:

Councillor George A. Darcy III

Councillor Stephen F. Rourke