



## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

### WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

100 CAMBRIDGE STREET, BOSTON MA 02114

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#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Relating to the Interbasin Transfer Application  
For the Town of Wilmington  
Admission to the MWRA Water Works System

The Massachusetts Water Resources Commission hereby gives notice pursuant to MGL c. 21 §§ 8B - 8D, and 313 CMR 4.00, Interbasin Transfer Act and Regulations, that it will conduct public hearings in Belchertown, for the donor basin and Wilmington, for the receiving basin, to receive public comment on the proposed permanent interbasin transfer.

Wilmington is applying to join the MWRA Water Works System. Wilmington is proposing to purchase up to 3.25 mgd of water to supplement its existing water supply sources. Wilmington has land area in the Ipswich River basin, the Mystic River subbasin of the Boston Harbor basin and the Shawsheen River basin. The MWRA Waterworks System's sources are located in the Chicopee River basin and the Nashua River basin.

The Water Resources Commission is required to consider the impact of the transfer on such issues as fisheries, recreation and the aquatic ecosystem of the donor basin. To this end, the Commission has scheduled two (2) public hearings to receive comments on this proposed interbasin transfer of water:

1. Tuesday afternoon, February 27, 2007, at 3:00 PM at the Quabbin Visitors Center, 485 Ware Road, Belchertown, MA 01007 (the donor basin).
2. Wednesday evening, February 28, 2007 at 6:00 PM in the Town Auditorium at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington MA 01887 (the receiving area).

Copies of the application are available for review at the Wilmington Public Library, the Clapp Memorial Library in Belchertown, the Bigelow Free Public Library, in Clinton and at the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Office of Water Resources, 251 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02114. Further information can be obtained by calling Michele Drury at 617-626-1366.

Persons desiring to present testimony at the hearings are encouraged to provide a written summary at or before the hearings. Written testimony, addressed to the Water Resources Commission, Attention: Michele Drury, DCR, Office of Water Resources, 251 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02114, (fax: 617-626-1455; email: [michele.drury@state.ma.us](mailto:michele.drury@state.ma.us)) will be accepted until 5 PM, March 7, 2007.

It is expected that a staff recommendation to approve or deny the application will be presented to the Water Resources Commission at its April 12, 2007 meeting. Copies of the staff recommendation will be available at the meeting, or by calling Michele Drury at 617-626-1366. Following that meeting the Commission has scheduled another public hearing to receive comments on the recommendation. This will be held on April 26, 2007 at 2 PM in the Cafeteria of the DCR Administration Building, 180 Beaman Street, West Boylston, MA 01583.

Written comments addressed to the Water Resources Commission, Attention: Michele Drury, DCR, Office of Water Resources, 251 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02114, (fax: 617-626-1455; email: [michele.drury@state.ma.us](mailto:michele.drury@state.ma.us)) will be accepted until 5 PM, May 3, 2007.