



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

D.P.U. 18-94

September 25, 2018

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid for recovery of incremental storm-related expenses associated with the March 2, 2017 and March 14, 2017 storms, pursuant to D.P.U. 15-155-A.

On August 28, 2018, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Companies”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for review and approval of approximately \$16.3 million in storm-related preparation and response costs, excluding carrying charges, associated with two storm events that occurred in 2017 (“March 2017 Storms”). The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 18-94.

National Grid requests that the Department determine the incremental costs from the March 2017 Storms that are eligible for recovery through the Companies’ storm cost recovery fund. National Grid maintains that it incurred approximately \$16.3 million in incremental storm-related costs as part of the Companies’ efforts to prepare for and respond to the March 2017 Storms. National Grid requests that rate recovery occur through its storm cost recovery fund in accordance with the Department’s Order in the Companies’ most recent base distribution rate case. Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 15-155-A (2017). National Grid is not requesting in this docket a rate factor to recover approved storm costs. Consistent with the Department’s Order, the Companies may seek a change to its storm rate factor when the deficit balance exceeds \$30 million. Id. at 17.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (“Attorney General”) filed a notice to intervene in this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(a). Further, pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the Attorney General has filed a notice of retention of experts and consultants to assist in her investigation of the Companies’ filing, and has requested Department approval to spend up to \$150,000 in this regard. Pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the costs incurred by the Attorney General relative to her retention of experts and consultants may be recovered in the Companies’ rates. Any person who desires to comment on the Attorney General’s notice of intent to retain experts and consultants in this matter may submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business on **Tuesday, November 6, 2018**.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Companies' petition. The hearing will take place on **Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Department's offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. A procedural conference will follow immediately thereafter. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the time and place noted above, or submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, November 13, 2018.**

The Companies' petition and accompanying exhibits are available for inspection at the Companies' offices, 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, MA 02451, and during regular business hours at the Department's offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. The filing is also available on the Department's website, <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "18-94"). To request materials in accessible formats (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) contact the Department's ADA Coordinator at [DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us](mailto:DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us) or (617) 305-3642.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department not later than the close of business on **Tuesday, November 6, 2018.** A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

An original and two (2) copies of such written comments or petitions for leave to intervene in the proceeding must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, no later than 5:00 p.m. on the dates noted above. In addition, one copy of all written comments and petitions to intervene should be sent to counsel for the Companies, Meabh Purcell, Esq., National Grid, 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451.

All documents must also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dpu.efiling@state.ma.us) and the hearing officer, Sarah Spruce, at [sarah.spruce@mass.gov](mailto:sarah.spruce@mass.gov); or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 18-94); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website.

For further information regarding the Companies' filing, please contact counsel for the Companies, Meabh Purcell, National Grid, 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, MA 02451, 781-907-1789. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Sarah Spruce, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, 617-305-3500.

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