



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 19-40

March 27, 2019

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for review and approval of their basic service costs adder rate adjustment for effect May 1, 2019.

On March 15, 2019, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each doing business as National Grid ("Companies"), filed with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department"), their annual basic service costs adder ("BSCA") rate adjustment and reconciliation filing. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 19-40.

The Companies propose to recover through their BSCA the reconciliation of their electric supply-related costs and revenues from January 2018 through December 2018 and their supply-related forecasted costs from January 2019 through December 2019, which include: (1) cash working capital; (2) bad debt; (3) administration of basic service; (4) conducting the competitive bidding processes; and (5) regulatory compliance.

The Companies propose the following BSCAs to take effect on May 1, 2019: (1) \$0.00355 per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") for residential customers; (2) \$0.00151 per kWh for commercial customers (rate classes G-1 and streetlighting); and (3) \$0.00100 per kWh for industrial customers (rate classes G-2 and G-3).

If the Companies' BSCAs are approved as proposed, the monthly bill for an average basic service residential customer (*i.e.*, a customer using 600 kWh of electricity per month) will increase by approximately \$1.11 or 0.7 percent, per month. The bill impacts for all customers will be an increase of less than one percent per month. For specific bill impacts depending on class and usage, please contact the Companies as shown below.

Any person interested in submitting written comments regarding the Companies' filing must do so not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Thursday, April 18, 2019**. One (1) original and one (1) copy of all documents must be delivered to Mark Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 by the date and time referenced above. One (1) copy of all documents

also must be sent to counsel for the Companies, Meabh Purcell, Esq., National Grid, 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451.

All documents should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and the Hearing Officer, Krista L. Hawley, at [krista.hawley@mass.gov](mailto:krista.hawley@mass.gov) or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding D.P.U. 19-40; (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. The electronic file name should identify the document, but should not exceed 50 characters in length. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

The Companies' petition is available during regular business hours at the Department's offices, One South Station – 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Copies of the filings in this docket also are available at the File Room link on the Department's website: <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber> (enter docket number "19-40"). To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at [DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov](mailto:DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov) or (617) 305-3500.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Companies' filing should contact counsel for the Companies, Meabh Purcell, Esq., National Grid, 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451, (781) 907-1789. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Krista L. Hawley, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, (617) 305-3500.