



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 19-87

October 8, 2019

Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid, pursuant to M.D.P.U. No. 3.11, for Approval of Calendar Year 2018 Gas Business Enablement Program Costs and Gas Business Enablement Factors.

On August 2, 2019, Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Companies”) filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) a petition for approval of gas business enablement (“GBE”) factors for effect November 1, 2019. The Companies state that the filing is made in accordance with the directives of the Department in Boston Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 17-170 (2018) and M.D.P.U. No. 3.11. The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 19-187.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (“Attorney General”) has 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 filed a notice of intent to retain experts and consultants to assist 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 may submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, October 29, 2019**.

National Grid reports total cost allocations from its service company, National Grid USA Service Company, Inc., for calendar year 2018 of \$5,517,166 and \$1,634,165 for Boston Gas and Colonial Gas, respectively. The Companies removed the costs previously included in base distribution rates and as a result propose to include in rates \$4,312,717 and \$1,364,728 for Boston Gas and Colonial Gas, respectively. If approved, the costs will be recovered from National Grid’s customers through the gas business enablement factors (“GBEFs”) for effect November 1, 2019.

The Companies propose the following GBEFs by rate class:

	Boston Gas	Colonial Gas
Rate Class	\$/Therm	\$/Therm
Residential	\$0.0052	\$0.0060
Small Commercial & Industrial ("C&I")	\$0.0039	\$0.0044
Medium C&I	\$0.0034	\$0.0032
Large C&I	\$0.0028	\$0.0025
XL C&I	\$0.0023	\$0.0000

If the Companies' filing is approved as proposed, the estimated bill impacts are as follows:

	Boston Gas			Colonial Gas		
	Monthly Therms	Bill Increase	Percent Increase	Monthly Therms	Bill Increase	Percent Increase
Peak						
Residential Heating	128	\$0.66	0.3%	112	\$0.67	0.4%
Residential Non-Heating	15	\$0.08	0.2%	15	\$0.09	0.3%
Off-Peak						
Residential Heating	26	\$0.14	0.4%	25	\$0.15	0.4%
Residential Non-Heating	9	\$0.05	0.2%	10	\$0.06	0.3%

A copy of the petition and accompanying exhibits are available for inspection during regular business hours at the Department's offices. In addition, the filing is also available on the Department's website at

<https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "19-87"). To

request materials in accessible formats (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov or 617-305-3500.

Any person who desires to file written comments in this proceeding shall file an original and one (1) copy of such written comments with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, October 29, 2019**, and serve one copy on counsel for the Companies, Stacey M. Donnelly, Senior Counsel, National Grid, 30 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 and the hearing officer [carol.pieper@mass.gov]; or (2) on a CD-ROM or USB drive. The text of the e-mail, CD-ROM, or USB drive must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 19-87); (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' petition, please contact counsel for the Companies, Stacey M. Donnelly, Senior Counsel, National Grid, 30 Sylvan Road, Waltham, Massachusetts, 02451, telephone 781-907-1833. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Carol Pieper, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, 617-305-3500.