



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

D.P.U. 19-87

November 19, 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 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). The Department issued notice of filing and request for comments on October 2, 2019. On October 29, 2019, the Attorney General submitted preliminary comments requesting the Department fully investigate the petition in an administrative adjudication. The Department approved the proposed GBE factors for effect November 1, 2019, subject to further investigation and reconciliation, if appropriate, on October 31, 2019. The Department approved the Attorney General’s notice of intent to retain experts and consultants to assist her investigation of the Companies’ filing on November 5, 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:

Rate Class	Boston Gas (\$ per therm)	Colonial Gas (\$ per 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
Extra Large 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%

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed GBE factors. The hearing will take place on **Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.**, at the Department's offices located at One South Station – 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the time and place noted above or may submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **December 17, 2019**. A procedural conference in this matter will be held at the Department's office immediately following the public hearing.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **December 13, 2019**. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 CMR 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 CMR 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

Written comments and petitions for leave to intervene or to participate should be addressed to: Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing.

In addition to the above filing request, 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 [jessica.ellis@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.

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://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "19-87").

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For further information regarding the Companies' petition, please contact counsel for the Companies, Stacey M. Donnelly, Senior Counsel, National Grid, at 30 Sylvan Road, Waltham, Massachusetts, 02451, or by telephone at (781) 907-1833. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Jessica L. Ellis, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.