



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 16-137

September 7, 2016

Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for approval of their Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2016-2017 Peak Period, November 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017.

On August 3, 2016, Boston Gas Company (“Boston Gas”) and Colonial Gas Company (“Colonial Gas”), each d/b/a National Grid (collectively “National Grid” or “Company”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of their revenue decoupling adjustment factors (“RDAFs”), for effect November 1, 2016. This filing was made pursuant to Boston Gas Company/Essex Gas Company/ Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 10-55, at 52-54 (2010) and the Company’s revenue decoupling adjustment clause (“RDAC”) tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 5.3. The RDAC allows the Company to modify, on a semi-annual basis, its base distribution rates as a result of changes in customer usage, in order to promote the efficient deployment of demand resources. D.P.U. 10-55, at 52-54. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 16-137.

The Company proposes the following RDAFs for Boston Gas Company, effective November 1, 2016:

<b>Boston Gas</b>	
<b>Volumetric rates</b>	RDAF (\$ per therm)
Residential	\$0.0276
Small Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0242
Medium Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0183
Large Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0151
<b>Demand rates</b>	RDAF (\$ per maximum daily contract quantity in therms)
Commercial and Industrial (G-44 B)	\$0.2049
Commercial and Industrial (G-54 B)	\$0.2176
Commercial and Industrial (G-53 E)	\$0.2186

For Colonial Gas Company, the Company proposes the following RDAFs, effective November 1, 2016:

<b>Colonial Gas</b>	
<b>Volumetric rates</b>	<b>RDAF (\$ per therm)</b>
Residential	\$0.0305
Small Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0224
Medium Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0164
Large Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0115

As a result of the changes to the RDAF, the average Boston Gas residential heating customer using 134 therms per month during the peak period will experience a bill increase of \$9.44 or 5.55 percent. The average Colonial Gas residential heating customer using 108 therms per month will experience a bill increase of \$7.37 or 5.75 percent. The Company states that the impact for other Boston Gas and Colonial Gas customers on basic service, at each class's average usage, will be less than 6.70 percent. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as shown below.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **October 14, 2016**. One original and two (2) copies of all written documents must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. In addition, one copy of all written comments should be sent to the Company's attorney, Patricia Crowe, 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@state.ma.us](mailto:dpu.efiling@state.ma.us) and [jennifer.cargill@state.ma.us](mailto:jennifer.cargill@state.ma.us) 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. 16-137); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

A copy of the filing is available for public viewing during regular business hours at National Grid's offices at 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, Massachusetts, 02451; and at the Department, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. The filing is also available on the Department's website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>, by accessing the File Room link. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact its counsel, Patricia Crowe, Esq., at 781-907-1848. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Jennifer Cargill, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.