



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 17-129

August 28, 2017

Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of the Companies' Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2017-2018 Peak Period, November 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018.

On August 3, 2017, 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, 2017. 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. 17-129.

The Company proposes the following RDAF credits for Boston Gas Company, effective November 1, 2017:

Boston Gas	
Volumetric rates	RDAF credits (\$ per therm)
Residential	\$0.0194
Small Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0164
Medium Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0127
Large Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0103
Demand rates	RDAF credits (\$ per maximum daily contract quantity in therms)
Commercial and Industrial (G-44 B)	\$0.1472
Commercial and Industrial (G-54 B)	\$0.1563
Commercial and Industrial (G-53 E)	\$0.1571

For Colonial Gas Company, the Company proposes the following RDAF credits, effective November 1, 2017:

Colonial Gas	
Volumetric rates	RDAF credits (\$ per therm)
Residential	\$0.0261
Small Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0190
Medium Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0147
Large Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0110

As a result of the changes to the RDAF, the average Boston Gas residential heating customer using 133 therms per month during the peak period will experience a bill decrease of \$1.09 or 0.59 percent from the previously effective peak RDAF rate. The average Colonial Gas residential heating customer using 108 therms per month will experience a bill decrease of \$0.78 or 0.55 percent from the previously effective peak RDAF rate. The Company states that the average monthly bill impact for all Boston Gas and Colonial Gas rate classes at each class's average usage will be decreases of less than 0.80 percent as compared to last year's peak period RDAF. 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 6, 2017**. 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 and to the Hearing Officer, Kevin Crane, at Kevin.Crane@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. 17-129); (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://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "17-129"). To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA Coordinator at Theresa.Kelly@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3642.

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 Kevin Crane, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.