



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 17-143

October 16, 2017

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid for revisions to their Basic Service Adjustment Provision, as set forth in Tariff M.D.P.U. No. 1348.

On September 18, 2017, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (“Company” or “National Grid”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of revisions to its Basic Service Adjustment Provision (“BSAP”), as set forth in proposed tariff M.D.P.U. No. 1348, for effect November 1, 2017. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 17-143, and has suspended the effective date of the proposed tariff until February 1, 2018 in order to investigate the propriety of the Company’s request.

The BSAP allows the Company to recover certain costs associated with its provision of basic service, including supply-related costs for: (1) cash working capital; (2) bad debt; (3) administration of basic service; (4) conducting the competitive bidding processes; and (5) regulatory compliance. Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 09-39, at 318 (2009). The Company’s proposed revisions to its BSAP would allow it to recover costs associated with compliance with the Clean Energy Standard (“CES”), established by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. 310 CMR 7.74 & 7.75. The CES requires that beginning in 2020, the Company must include in its total annual sales a minimum percentage of electrical energy sales with clean generation attributes. 310 CMR 7.75. The CES establishes minimum percentage standards for 2018 and 2019 under which the Company may use or “bank” clean generation attributes for future credit. The Company proposes to provide for the recovery of administrative costs associated with complying with the CES through its BSAP. The Company states that the amount of administrative costs associated with CES will be determined in the Company’s next rate case, and as a result the Company does not propose an increase in the administrative costs recovered through the BSAP at this time. Additionally, the Company proposes other revisions to its BSAP tariff to clarify the descriptions of recoverable costs and

asserts that these revisions will not change the substance of the costs that may be recovered through the BSAP.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's petition. The hearing will take place on **November 17, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Department's offices, One South Station – 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. A procedural conference will take place immediately following the public hearing. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the time and place noted above or submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business on **November 17, 2017**.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition to intervene with the Department not later than the close of business on **November 9, 2017**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. 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. One original and one (1) copy 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 documents should be sent to the Company's attorney, Melissa G. Liazos, 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, MA 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 the hearing officer, krista.hawley@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. 17-143); (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 (insert docket number 17-143) at: <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/Dockets/DocketbyNumber>.

The Company's filing is available at the Department's offices, One South Station – 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, for public inspection during regular business hours and on the Department's website as referenced above. To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA Coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3642. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact its counsel, Melissa G. Liazos, Esq., at 781-907-2108. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Krista L. Hawley, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3620.