



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

D.P.U. 18-28

July 30, 2018

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for Approval of its 2018 Smart Grid Pilot Program Cost Recovery and Reconciliation Filing

D.P.U. 18-29

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for Approval of its 2018 Smart Grid Pilot Program Extension Cost Recovery Filing

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On March 16, 2018, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Company”) filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) a request to recover costs associated with the implementation of its smart grid pilot program between 2012 and 2016. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 18-28. On the same day, National Grid also filed with the Department a request to recover costs associated with the implementation of the extension of its smart grid pilot program during 2017. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 18-29. Pursuant to 220 CMR 1.09, the Department has consolidated these matters for investigation.

The Department approved the Company’s smart grid pilot program pursuant to St. 2008, c. 169, § 85 in Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 11-129 (2012) and its interim extension in Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 16-149 (2016). Distribution-facing smart grid pilot program costs are recovered from distribution customers through a smart grid distribution adjustment factor (“SGDAF”), pursuant to M.D.P.U. No. 1342. Customer-facing smart grid pilot program costs are recovered from basic service customers through a smart grid customer cost adjustment factor (“SGCCAF”), pursuant to M.D.P.U. No. 1341. On April 27, 2018, the Department approved the Company’s proposed revised SGDAFs and SGCCAFs for effect May 1, 2018, subject to reconciliation after further investigation.

The Department will hold a public hearing to receive comments on National Grid’s filings in these dockets on **Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Department’s offices, One South Station, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts. The public hearing will be immediately followed by a procedural conference. Any person who desires to comment may

do so at the time of the public hearing or may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Thursday, September 6, 2018**.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, August 29, 2018**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. 1.03. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (“Attorney General”) has intervened in this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(a). Further, pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the Attorney General has filed a notice of retention of experts and consultants to assist in her investigation of the Company’s 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 Company’s rates. Any person who files a petition for leave to intervene who also desires to comment regarding the necessity or desirability of such expert or consulting services must file comments no later than the close of business on **Wednesday, August 29, 2018**.

One original and one copy of all comments or petitions for leave to intervene must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. In addition, one copy of all comments and petitions for leave to intervene should be sent to the Company’s attorney, Melissa G. Liazos, Senior Counsel, National Grid, 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451, and Assistant Attorneys General Alexander Early and Shannon Beale, Office of the Ratepayer Advocate, One Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02108.

All documents should be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and to Daniel Licata, Hearing Officer, [daniel.licata@mass.gov](mailto:daniel.licata@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. 18-28/D.P.U. 18-29); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic file name should identify the document, but should not exceed 50 characters in length. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department’s website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

Copies of the filings in this docket are available for public viewing during regular business hours at the offices of the Department, One South Station – 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Copies of the filings in this docket also are available at the File Room

link on the Department's website (insert 18-28):

<http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber>. To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at [DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov](mailto:DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov) or (617) 305-3642.

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Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filings should contact counsel for the Company, Melissa Liazos, Senior Counsel at (781) 907-2126. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Daniel Licata, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.