



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 18-GAF-P5

September 12, 2018

Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2018/19 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2018.

On August 2, 2018, Boston Gas Company, and Colonial Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Companies”) filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) its seasonal local distribution adjustment factor filing (“LDAF”), pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.11. The filing includes the residential assistance adjustment factor (“RAAF”), remediation adjustment factor (“RAF”), attorney general consultant expense factor (“AGCEF”), energy efficiency surcharge (“EES”)<sup>1</sup>, targeted infrastructure reinvestment factor (“TIRF”), and pension adjustment factor (“PAF”). The proposed rates are for effect November 1, 2018. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 18-GAF-P5.

The table below summarizes the proposed rates in dollars per therm for Boston Gas customers:

<b>Rate Class</b>	<b>RAAF</b>	<b>RAF</b>	<b>PAF</b>	<b>EES</b>	<b>AGCEF</b>	<b>TIRF</b>	<b>LDAF<sup>2</sup></b>
Residential	\$0.0276	\$0.0038	\$0.0262	\$0.1178	\$0.0002	\$0.0510	\$0.2919
Small C&I	\$0.0235	\$0.0033	\$0.0200	\$0.0643	\$0.0001	\$0.0429	\$0.2106
Medium C&I	\$0.0178	\$0.0025	\$0.0153	\$0.0643	\$0.0001	\$0.0385	\$0.1882
Large C&I	\$0.0140	\$0.0019	\$0.0128	\$0.0643	\$0.0001	\$0.0342	\$0.1722
X-Large C&I	\$0.0118	\$0.0016	\$0.0106	\$0.0643	\$0.0000	\$0.0301	\$0.1566

<sup>1</sup> The Company has proposed EESs for effect November 1<sup>st</sup> using the most recent estimate of its Three-Year Plan budget for program year 2019. 2016-2018 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plans Order, D.P.U. 15-160 through D.P.U. 15-169, at 113-114 (2016). The Department will review the proposed budgets during its investigation of the 2019-2021 Three-Year Plans, which must be filed on or before October 31, 2018.

<sup>2</sup> The LDAF rate contains additional components not set forth in the table.

The table below summarizes the proposed rates in dollars per therm for Colonial Gas customers:

Rate Class	RAAF	RAF	PAF	EES	AGCEF	TIRF	LDAF <sup>3</sup>
Residential	\$0.0243	\$0.0012	\$0.0270	\$0.1176	\$0.0002	\$0.0350	\$0.2572
Small C&I	\$0.0168	\$0.0009	\$0.0191	\$0.0644	\$0.0001	\$0.0284	\$0.1688
Medium C&I	\$0.0131	\$0.0007	\$0.0114	\$0.0644	\$0.0001	\$0.0215	\$0.1397
Large C&I	\$0.0091	\$0.0004	\$0.0054	\$0.0644	\$0.0001	\$0.0096	\$0.1028

If the Department approves the Companies' LDAFs as proposed, a typical Boston Gas residential customer will see a decrease of \$8.37, or 4.0 percent, and a typical Colonial residential customer will see a decrease of \$5.89, or 3.5 percent, compared to the LDAFs currently in effect. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Companies as shown below.

The Companies will file their peak gas adjustment factor filing ("GAF") in this docket at least 45 days prior to the date on which the proposed GAFs are to be effective. The Companies are required to file its peak GAF filing no later than September 17, 2018. The Companies may, at any time during the peak period, submit an amended GAF filing. The amended GAF filing must be submitted seven business days before the first billing cycle of the month in which it is proposed to take effect.

Any person interested in commenting on the LDAF filing may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, September 26, 2018**. Any person interested in commenting on the GAF filing may submit written comments no later than the close of business on **Monday, October 1, 2018**. 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 (1) copy of all written documents must be sent to counsel for the Companies, Patricia Crowe and Andrea Keefe, 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@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and the hearing officer, Stephen Bright at [Stephen.Bright@mass.gov](mailto:Stephen.Bright@mass.gov); or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding

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<sup>3</sup> The LDAF rate contains additional components not set forth in the table.

(D.P.U. 18-GAF-P5); (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>.

Copies of the filing are available for inspection during regular business hours at the offices of the Department, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. The petition is also available on the Department's website and may be accessed by docket number (D.P.U. 18-GAF-P5) in the file room at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom>.

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. For further information regarding the filing, please contact counsel for the Companies, Patricia Crowe and Andrea Keeffe, at (781) 907-1848 and (781) 907-2123. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Stephen Bright, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.