



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

D.P.U. 19-113

December 12, 2019

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for recovery of incremental operations and maintenance expenses associated with Tropical Storm Philippe, Winter Storm Riley, and Winter Storm Quinn.

On September 26, 2019, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid ("Companies") filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for recovery of approximately \$102.5 million of incremental operations and maintenance ("O&M") storm preparation and response costs associated with three storm events identified as Tropical Storm Philippe, Winter Storm Riley, and Winter Storm Quinn that occurred in October 2017 and March 2018 ("Storm Events"). The amount requested for recovery excludes per-storm deductibles totaling \$4.5 million as well as \$7.3 million in capital costs associated with the Storm Events. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 19-113.

The Companies state that the incremental O&M costs associated with the Storm Events are recoverable pursuant to the storm recovery mechanism approved in Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 09-39, and as modified in Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 15-155. On September 30, 2019, the Department approved recovery of the expenses attributed to the Storm Events through the Company's storm fund replenishment factor pending a prudency review of the actual costs. See Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 18-150, at 428-429.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("Attorney General") filed a notice to intervene in this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(a). Further, pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the Attorney General filed a notice of retention of experts and consultants to assist in her investigation of the Companies' 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 Companies' rates. Any person who desires to comment on the Attorney General's notice of intent to retain experts and consultants in this matter may submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business on **Tuesday, January 21, 2020**.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Companies' petition on **Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.**, at the Department's offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. A procedural conference will immediately follow 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 (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, February 4, 2020**.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, January 21, 2020**. 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.

An original and one (1) copy of all written comments or petitions to intervene must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, no later than 5:00 p.m. on the dates noted above. One copy of all written comments and petitions to intervene must also be sent to the Companies' attorney, Meabh Purcell, 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@mass.gov and to the hearing officer kerri.phillips@mass.gov; or (2) on a CD-ROM or USB drive. The text of the e-mail, CD-ROM label, or USB must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 19-113); (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. 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 at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "19-113").

Copies of the filing are available for inspection during regular business hours at the Department's offices. The filing is also available on the Department's website as noted above. To request materials in accessible formats (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov or (617) 305-3500. For further information regarding the filing, please contact the Companies' counsel, Meabh Purcell, Esq., at (781) 907-1789. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Kerri DeYoung Phillips, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.

Reasonable accommodations at public or evidentiary hearings for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can. Also include a way the Department can contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be able to be accommodated. Contact the Department's ADA Coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov or (617) 305-3500.