



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 19-GAF-P5

September 16, 2019

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 2019/20 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2019.

On August 1, 2019, 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”), targeted infrastructure reinvestment factor (“TIRF”), and pension adjustment factor (“PAF”). The proposed rates are for effect November 1, 2019. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 19-GAF-P5.

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

<u>Rate Class</u>	<u>RAAF</u>	<u>RAF</u>	<u>PAF</u>	<u>EES</u>	<u>AGCEF</u>	<u>TIRF</u>	<u>LDAF¹</u>
Residential	0.0182	0.0038	0.0048	0.1486	0.0001	(0.0027)	0.2173
Small C&I	0.0138	0.0029	0.0032	0.0690	0.0000	(0.0025)	0.1279
Medium C&I	0.0120	0.0025	0.0029	0.0690	0.0000	(0.0025)	0.1248
Large C&I	0.0099	0.0021	0.0020	0.0690	0.0000	(0.0025)	0.1177
X-Large C&I	0.0082	0.0017	0.0016	0.0690	0.0000	(0.0025)	0.1128

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

<u>Rate Class</u>	<u>RAAF</u>	<u>RAF</u>	<u>PAF</u>	<u>EES</u>	<u>AGCEF</u>	<u>TIRF</u>	<u>LDAF²</u>
Residential	0.0144	0.0015	0.0015	0.1481	0.0001	(0.0022)	0.2074
Small C&I	0.0105	0.0010	0.0010	0.0690	0.0000	(0.0019)	0.1127
Medium C&I	0.0077	0.0008	0.0005	0.0690	0.0000	(0.0016)	0.1061
Large C&I	0.0059	0.0006	0.0003	0.0690	0.0000	(0.0013)	0.0976

¹ The LDAF rate contains additional components not set forth in the table.

² The LDAF rate contains additional components not set forth in the table.

If the Department approves the Companies' LDAFs as proposed, a typical Boston Gas Company residential heating customer will see an average monthly bill decrease of \$6.76, or 3.4 percent, and a typical Colonial Gas Company residential heating customer will see an average monthly bill decrease of \$4.48, or 2.9 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, 2019. 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 **Monday, September 30, 2019**. Any person interested in commenting on the **GAF** filing may submit written comments no later than the close of business on **Tuesday, October 1, 2019**. 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, Meabh Purcell, 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 and the hearing officer, Andrew Strumfels at andrew.w.strumfels@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 (D.P.U. 19-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. 19-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 or (617) 305-3500. For further information regarding the filing, please contact counsel for the Companies, Meabh Purcell, at (781) 907-1789. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Andrew Strumfels, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.