



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### SECOND NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT

D.P.U. 20-12

August 4, 2020

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, to the Department of Public Utilities for approval of its annual reconciliation filing for recovery of costs through its Solar Cost Adjustment Provision Tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1411.

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On January 31, 2020, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Company”), filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) the Company’s annual reconciliation filing for the recovery of costs associated with its Solar Phase II and Solar Phase III generation facilities. The Company constructed these facilities and requested recovery in accordance with its solar cost adjustment provision tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1411, and pursuant to Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 16-104; Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 15-134; Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 14-01.

National Grid sought to credit \$639,082 to customers through proposed solar cost adjustment factors (“SCAFs”) for effect March 1, 2020. The Company calculated the proposed SCAF to (1) recover the estimated calendar year 2020 revenue requirement of \$2,716,679 for seven Solar Phase II and Solar Phase III generation facilities not included in its base distribution rates as of the Company’s most recent base distribution rate proceeding, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 18-150; (2) credit the over-recovery of \$3,257,315 collected in calendar year 2019 through the SCAF; and (3) credit a true-up of market revenue of \$98,446 for the months of October 2019 through December 2019 involving twelve Solar Phase II generation facilities for which recovery was transferred to base distribution rates effective October 1, 2019, in D.P.U. 18-150. The Company proposed the following SCAF:

| Rate Class | \$ per kilowatt-hour |
|------------|----------------------|
| R-1/R-2    | (\$0.00005)          |
| G-1        | (\$0.00004)          |
| G-2        | (\$0.00003)          |
| G-3        | (\$0.00002)          |
| S          | (\$0.00004)          |

The Company stated that a typical residential basic service customer using 600 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month would experience a monthly bill decrease of \$0.11, or 0.1 percent. Bill impacts for commercial and industrial customers would vary. These customers should contact the Company for specific bill information. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 20-12.

On February 20, 2020, the Department issued a Notice of Filing, Public Hearing, and Request for Comment (“Notice”) and Order of Notice in this docket. In accordance with that Notice, the Department scheduled a public hearing and established a deadline for March 31, 2020, to receive comments on the Company’s filing. On February 20, 2020, the Department also approved the proposed SCAFs, for effect March 1, 2020, subject to further investigation and reconciliation.

On March 10, 2020, Governor Baker issued Executive Order No. 591, Declaration of a State of Emergency to Respond to COVID-19, which required the closing of certain buildings, including Department offices. As a result, on March 18, 2020, and in order to prevent and mitigate the spread of the disease, the Department postponed the public hearing to a later date.

**Due to certain ongoing restrictions and safety measures relating to in-person events, the Department establishes a further comment period in lieu of a rescheduled public hearing in the instant docket. As a result, any person who desires to comment on the Company’s filing may submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, August 28, 2020.** At this time, all filings must be submitted only in electronic format in recognition of the difficulty that parties and the Department may have filing and receiving original copies due to the state of emergency and ongoing limitations related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ordinarily, all parties would follow Sections B.1 and B.4 of the Department’s Standard Ground Rules (D.P.U. 15-184-A, App. 1 (March 4, 2020)); however, until further notice, parties must retain the original paper version and the Department will later determine when the paper version must be filed with the Department Secretary.

All documents must be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by e-mail attachment to [peter.ray@mass.gov](mailto:peter.ray@mass.gov) and [kerri.phillips@mass.gov](mailto:kerri.phillips@mass.gov). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 20-12); (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. Importantly, all large files submitted must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20 MB. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "20-12") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Flerom/dockets/bynumber>. In addition, one copy of all written comments should be emailed to the Company's attorneys, John Habib, Esq., [jhabib@keeganwerlin.com](mailto:jhabib@keeganwerlin.com), and Ashley Wagner, Esq., [awagner@keeganwerlin.com](mailto:awagner@keeganwerlin.com).

At this time, a paper copy of the filing will not be available for public viewing at the Company's offices or the Department due to the state of emergency. The filing and all subsequent related documents, pleadings, and/or filings submitted to the Department and/or issued by the Department will be available on the Department's website as referenced above as soon as is practicable. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments in accordance with this Second Notice, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at [DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov](mailto:DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov).

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact National Grid's counsel at the email addresses identified above or at (617) 951-1400. For further information regarding this Second Notice, please contact Kerri DeYoung Phillips, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at [kerri.phillips@mass.gov](mailto:kerri.phillips@mass.gov).