



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 20-129

November 30, 2020

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for review and approval of its Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target Factor Filing for rates to be effective January 1, 2021.

On October 30, 2020, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Company”), filed for approval with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) its 2021 Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target Factors (“SMART Factors”) to be effective January 1, 2021. National Grid states that its filing is consistent with the requirements of Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target Factor Provision, D.P.U. 17-140-A (2018) and its SMART Provision tariff M.D.P.U. No. 1434. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 20-129.

The amount to be recovered through the SMART Factor on an annual basis is proposed to be calculated as the sum of: (1) the estimated annual incentive payments and alternative on-bill credits less estimated market revenue; (2) the incremental administrative costs incurred during the prior program year, including the costs for administering the SMART Program, billing system upgrades, and incremental personnel; and (3) a reconciliation amount that is the difference between the actual costs incurred and the amount of revenue billed by National Grid in the prior program year, as well as interest applied to the reconciling balance. National Grid’s proposed monthly SMART Factors for effect January 1, 2021 are set forth in the attached Appendix on a dollars per kilowatt-hour (“kWh”) basis.

The Department will accept written comments on the Company’s Proposal. Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on December 15, 2020. At this time, all filings will be submitted only in electronic format in recognition of the difficulty that parties and the Department may have filing and receiving original copies. On March 10, 2020, Governor Baker issued a state of emergency related to COVID-19 for the entire Commonwealth. 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. Importantly, all large files submitted must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20 MB.

In addition, one copy of all written comments should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Laura Bickel, Esq. at [Laura.Bickel@nationalgrid.com](mailto:Laura.Bickel@nationalgrid.com)

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 [greggory.wade@mass.gov](mailto:greggory.wade@mass.gov). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 20-129); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient. To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) for people with disabilities contact Department's ADA coordinator at [DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us](mailto:DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us).

The Company's 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 soon as is practicable at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter 20-129). 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. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Laura Bickel, Esq. at [Laura.Bickel@nationalgrid.com](mailto:Laura.Bickel@nationalgrid.com). For further information regarding this notice, please contact Gregory Wade, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at [greggory.wade@mass.gov](mailto:greggory.wade@mass.gov).

Appendix

<b>Proposed SMART Factors</b>	
<b>Class</b>	<b>Factor (\$/kWh)</b>
Residential Rate Classes R-1/R-2	\$0.00315
General Service, Small C&I Rate Class G-1	\$0.00271
General Service, Demand Rate Class G-2	\$0.00200
Time-of-Use Rate Class G-3	\$0.00118
Outdoor Lighting Rate Classes (S-1, S-2, S-3, S-5, S-6)	\$0.00274