



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 20-63

November 24, 2020

Joint Petition of Distribution Companies to Revise Standards for Interconnection of Distributed Generation Tariff pursuant to Department Inquiry, D.P.U. 19-55.

The Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) recently issued Affected System Operator Studies, D.P.U. 19-55-C (August 6, 2020) and Management of High-Volume Queues, D.P.U. 19-55-C (September 16, 2020). In both D.P.U. 19-55-C and D.P.U. 19-55-D, the Department directed Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unutil, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, and NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (collectively “Distribution Companies” or “Petitioners”) to jointly file a revised model Standards for Interconnection of Distributed Generation tariff (“DG Interconnection Tariff”). D.P.U. 19-55-C at 47; D.P.U. 19-55-D at 41-42. On November 12, 2020, the Distribution Companies filed with the Department a revised model DG Interconnection Tariff addressing the Department’s directives regarding Affected System Operator Studies pursuant to D.P.U. 19-55-C and the Management of High-Volume Queues pursuant to D.P.U. 19-55-D. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 20-63.

The Department will accept written comments on the Distribution Companies’ compliance filing no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, December 23, 2020**. The Department anticipates that a number of persons will be interested in this proceeding and encourages interested persons to present consensus positions and submit comments jointly, when possible. 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.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department no later than the close of business on **Friday, December 18, 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.

In addition, one copy of all written comments should be sent to Petitioners' attorneys via Matthew Stern, Esq., MStern@keeganwerlin.com.

All documents must be submitted to the Department in **pdf format** by e-mail attachment to peter.ray@mass.gov and katie.zilgme@mass.gov. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 20-63); (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 as soon as practicable at <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. 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.

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://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (insert 20-63). 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 Distribution Companies' filing should contact Matthew Stern, Esq. at (617) 951-1400. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Katie Zilgme, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at katie.zilgme@mass.gov.