



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 21-25

March 12, 2021

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, to the Department of Public Utilities for approval of recovery of costs associated with one Solar Phase III generation facility located in Attleboro, Massachusetts, pursuant to Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 16-104, and the Company's Solar Cost Adjustment Provision tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1455.

On March 1, 2021, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid ("Company"), submitted a filing with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") requesting the recovery of costs associated with the Company's Solar Phase III generation facility located in Attleboro, Massachusetts, and placed into service on December 30, 2020 ("Attleboro Facility"). The Company constructed this facility and requests recovery in accordance with its solar cost adjustment provision ("SCAP") tariff, currently M.D.P.U. No. 1455, and Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 16-104. The Company also requests Department approval of proposed SCAP tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1458, for effect May 1, 2021, to replace M.D.P.U. No. 1455 and to reflect the addition of the Attleboro Facility. The Department has docketed this filing as D.P.U. 21-25.

The Company requests recovery for its capital investment revenue requirement of \$1,530,131 based on costs incurred through December 31, 2020, for the Attleboro Facility, proposing the following solar cost adjustment factors for effect on or after May 1, 2021:

| Rate Class | \$ per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") |
|------------|---------------------------------|
| R-1/R-2 | 0.00047 |
| G-1 | 0.00038 |
| G-2 | 0.00028 |
| G-3 | 0.00016 |
| S | 0.00040 |

If the Company's request is approved as proposed, the monthly bill for a typical Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company residential basic service customer using 600 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.09, or 0.1 percent, based on rates currently in effect. Bill impacts for commercial and industrial customers will vary. These customers should contact the Company for specific bill information.

Any person interested in commenting on the Company's filing or may submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, April 14, 2021**. Additionally, any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, March 31, 2021**. 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. All responses to petitions to intervene must be filed by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the fifth business day after the petition to intervene is filed.

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. On March 10, 2020, Governor Baker issued a state of emergency related to COVID-19 for the entire Commonwealth, and there remain 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 dpu.efiling@mass.gov and kerri.phillips@mass.gov. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 21-25); (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**. In addition, one copy of all written comments and petitions to intervene should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Bonnie C. Raffetto, Esq., at bonnie.raffetto@nationalgrid.com. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments or intervene in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient. To the extent a member of the public is unable to send written comments by e-mail, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

The Company's filing and all related documentation submitted to the Department or issued by the Department in this matter will be posted on the Department's website as soon as practicable at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "21-25"). 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. To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov.

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Company's counsel, Bonnie C. Raffetto, Esq., at bonnie.raffetto@nationalgrid.com. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Kerri DeYoung Phillips, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at kerri.phillips@mass.gov.