



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 21-28

March 22, 2021

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each doing business as National Grid, for Approval of their 2021 Energy Efficiency Reconciling Factors, for effect May 1, 2021.

On March 1, 2021, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each doing business as National Grid (“Companies”), filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) a petition seeking approval of their 2021 Energy Efficiency Reconciling Factors (“EERFs”), effective May 1, 2021. The Department docketed the Companies’ petition as D.P.U. 21-28.

An EERF collects additional funds for approved energy efficiency programs when the cost of implementing those programs exceeds other funding sources. See G.L. c. 25, § 19(a). The Companies propose EERFs of: (1) 1.479 cents per kilowatt-hour (“kWh”) for residential customers; (2) 0.171 cents per kWh for low-income residential customers; and (3) 0.688 cents per kWh for commercial and industrial (“C&I”) customers.

If the Department approves the 2021 EERFs as proposed, a Massachusetts Electric Company residential customer (R-1) using 600 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill decrease of \$2.22 (or approximately 1.3 percent) and a comparable Nantucket Electric Company residential customer will experience a bill decrease of \$2.22 (or approximately 1.3 percent). A Massachusetts Electric Company residential low-income (R-2) customer using 600 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill decrease of \$0.27 (or approximately 0.3 percent) and a comparable Nantucket Electric Company residential low-income customer will experience a bill decrease of \$0.27 (or approximately 0.3 percent). C&I customers will experience a decrease to monthly bills in the range of 0.0 percent to 0.2 percent. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Companies as shown below.

The Department will accept written comments on the Companies’ filing. Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **April 12, 2021**.

All comments must be submitted to the Department in **pdf format** by e-mail attachment to dpu.efling@mass.gov and Krista.Hawley@mass.gov. In addition, one copy of all written comments should be emailed to the Companies' attorney, Meabh Purcell, Meabh.Purcell@nationalgrid.com. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 21-28); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; (3) a brief descriptive title of the document; and (4) the name, title, e-mail address, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. The file name should identify the document but should not exceed 50 characters in length. Importantly, all large files must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20 MB.

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 brick and mortar premises, including the Department's offices. Ordinarily, parties would follow Sections B.1 and B.4 of the Department's Standard Ground Rules regarding the filing of original paper versions (D.P.U. 15-184-A, App. 1 (March 4, 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 paper copies. To the extent a person wishes to submit comments in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient. 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.

The Companies' filing and any comments received 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 "21-28"). A paper copy of the filing will not be available for public viewing at the Companies' offices or at the Department. To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) for people with disabilities contact Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Meabh Purcell, Esq., at (781) 907-1789 or Meabh.Purcell@nationalgrid.com. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Krista Hawley, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at Krista.Hawley@mass.gov.