



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 22-103

September 14, 2022

Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of its annual pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2022.

On August 3, 2022, Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid (“Boston Gas” or “Company”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of its annual pension and post-retirement benefits other than pensions (“PBOP”) adjustment factors (“PAFs”). This filing was made pursuant to: Boston Gas Company, D.T.E. 03-40 (2003); Boston Gas Company/Essex Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 10-55 (2010); and M.D.P.U. Nos. 3.11. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 22-103. In separate filings, Boston Gas is proposing other changes to its rates effective November 1, 2022, that may also have an impact on its customers’ bills. See Boston Gas Company, D.P.U. 22-PGAF-GRID.

Boston Gas has provided its proposed PAFs as part of its filing in D.P.U. 22-PGAF-GRID. Boston Gas proposes the following PAFs, effective November 1, 2022, and included for billing purposes in its local distribution adjustment factor:

<b>Rate Classes</b>	<b>PAF (per therm)</b>
Residential (R-1, R-2, R-3B, and R-4B)	\$0.0029
Small C&I (G-41B/41E & G-51B/51E)	\$0.0020
Medium C&I (G-42B/42E & G-52B/52E)	\$0.0015
Large C&I (G-43B/43E & G-53B/53E)	\$0.0011
X-Large C&I (G44-B & G-54B)	\$0.0008

Boston Gas proposes the following PAFs for its former Colonial Gas Company (“Colonial Gas”) customers, effective November 1, 2022, and included for billing purposes in its local distribution adjustment factor:

<b>Rate Classes</b>	<b>PAF (per therm)</b>
Residential (R-1, R-2, R-3C, and R-4C)	\$0.0029
Small C&I (G-41C/51C)	\$0.0020
Medium C&I (G-42C & G-52C)	\$0.0015
Large C&I (G-43C & G-53C)	\$0.0011

The Company proposes a PAF revenue requirement of \$2,929,500, which is a decrease of \$9,148,147 from the Company’s current PAF revenue requirement. As a result of the proposed changes to the PAF, the average Boston Gas residential heating customer using on average 115 therms per month during the peak period will experience a bill decrease of \$1.02, or 0.4 percent, and a bill decrease of \$0.23, or 0.4 percent using on average 27 therms per month during the off-peak period. The average former Colonial Gas residential heating customer using on average 107 therms per month during the peak period will experience a bill decrease of \$0.95, or 0.5 percent, and a bill decrease of \$0.23, or 0.4 percent using on average 27 therms per month during the off-peak period. The average Boston Gas residential non-heating customer using 15 therms per month during the peak period will experience a bill decrease of \$0.14, or 0.3 percent, and an average monthly bill decrease of \$0.07, or 0.2 percent using on average eight therms per month during the off-peak period. The average former Colonial Gas residential non-heating customer using 16 therms per month during the peak period will experience a bill decrease of \$0.14, or 0.3 percent, and an average monthly bill decrease of \$0.09, or 0.3 percent using on average eleven therms per month during the off-peak period. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as shown below.

Any person who desires to comment on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Monday, October 2, 2022**. At this time, all filings should be submitted only in electronic format consistent with the Commission’s June 15, 2021 directive related to modified filing requirements. 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 written comments or other documents should be submitted to the Department in **PDF format** by e-mail attachment to [dupefiling@mass.gov](mailto:dupefiling@mass.gov) and [katherine.e.stock@mass.gov](mailto:katherine.e.stock@mass.gov). In

addition, all written comments should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Meabh Purcell, at [meabh.purcell@nationalgrid.com](mailto:meabh.purcell@nationalgrid.com). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 22-103); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The e-mail must also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. 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 "22-103") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>.

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 certain ongoing safety measures and precautions relating to in-person events as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 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 the Company's attorney, Meabh Purcell at [meabh.purcell@nationalgrid.com](mailto:meabh.purcell@nationalgrid.com) or (781) 907-1789. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Katherine Stock, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at [katherine.e.stock@mass.gov](mailto:katherine.e.stock@mass.gov).