



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 23-62

June 30, 2023

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for approval of an Interim Adjustment to its Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target Factor.

On June 30, 2023, the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) conditionally approved an interim adjustment, effective as of July 1, 2023, to Massachusetts Electric Company’s and Nantucket Electric Company’s, each d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Company”) currently effective solar Massachusetts renewable target (“SMART”) factors. The Department will conduct a further investigation into National Grid’s interim adjustment, and the conditionally approved SMART factors remain subject to reconciliation.

By way of background, on November 1, 2022, National Grid, filed for approval with the Department its 2023 SMART factors to be effective as of January 1, 2023. On December 30, 2022, the Department issued a Phase I Order in the Company’s 2023 SMART factor filing, allowing the Company’s SMART factors to be effective as of January 1, 2023, subject to further investigation and reconciliation pursuant to the Department’s ongoing investigation; and further allowed the Company’s SMART Provision tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1499. Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 22-136 (2022).

On May 31, 2023, the Company filed a supplemental 2023 SMART factor filing as an interim adjustment, pursuant to Section 14.0 of M.D.P.U. No. 1499, to take effect as of July 1, 2023 (“Interim Adjustment”). Specifically, Section 14.0 of M.D.P.U. No. 1499 allows the Company to petition the Department for an interim adjustment prior to its next scheduled SMART factor filing that if at any time during the year the annual SMART Program costs are ten percent above or below the costs the Company is recovering through its currently effective SMART factors. The Company states that it expects an under-recovery of approximately \$44.9 million if the current SMART factors continue. The Company explains that the under-recovery is primarily due to wholesale energy prices, Renewable Energy Credit (“REC”) prices, and Basic Service rates that are different from the best available information at the time of the November 1, 2022 filing. The Department docketed this filing as D.P.U. 23-62 and on June 30, 2023, the Department issued a Phase I Order in this docket.

The SMART factors conditionally approved as of July 1, 2023, and under investigation in this docket are as follows (by rate class and \$ per kilowatt-hour (“kWh”)):

Customer Class	Interim Adjusted Factor (\$/kWh)
Residential Rate Classes R-1 / R-2	0.01020
General Service, Small C&I Rate Class G-1	0.00925
General Service, Demand Rate Class G-2	0.00721
Time-of-Use Rate Class G-3	0.00402
Outdoor Lighting Rate Classes (S-1, S-2, S-3, S-5, S-6)	0.01085

If the Department approves the Company’s interim adjustment as proposed, a typical Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company residential (R-1) customer using 600 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$3.60, or approximately 2.0 percent due to the change in the SMART factor. For specific bill impacts, customers should contact the Company as shown below.

The Department will accept written comments on the Company’s filing. Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **July 14, 2023**. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, andrew.w.strumfels@mass.gov, and the Company’s attorney, Liana Moore, Esq., at liana.moore@nationalgrid.com. Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information that you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene no later than 5:00 p.m. on **July 14, 2023**. 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. One copy of any petition to intervene must be emailed to the Company’s attorney, Liana P. Moore, Esq.

at liana.moore@nationalgrid.com. All responses to petitions to intervene must be filed by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the third business day after the petition to intervene was filed.

All documents should also be submitted to the Department in **PDF format** by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and andrew.w.strumfels@mass.gov. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 23-62); (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>. 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. 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), contact the Department's ADA Coordinator at Gabriella.Knight@mass.gov.

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 "23-62"). A paper copy of the filing will not be available for public viewing at the Company's offices or the Department's office at this time. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Liana P. Moore, Esq. at liana.moore@nationalgrid.com. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Andrew Strumfels, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at andrew.w.strumfels@mass.gov.