



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 22-138

November 16, 2022

Petition of Boston Gas Company, Massachusetts Electric Company, and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid for approval of a Property Tax Exogenous Event.

On October 18, 2022, Boston Gas Company (“Boston Gas”), Massachusetts Electric Company (“MECo”), and Nantucket Electric Company (“Nantucket Electric”), each d/b/a National Grid (together “Companies”), filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) a petition seeking approval to defer recovery of increases to its property taxes for fiscal year 2022 that are incremental to the amounts already recovered in base distribution rates. This filing was made pursuant to Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 18-150 (2019), and Boston Gas Company, D.P.U. 20-120 (2021). The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 22-138.

Specifically, MECo and Nantucket Electric propose to defer recovery of approximately \$8.6 million and Boston Gas proposes to defer recovery of approximately \$2.5 million. The Companies propose to defer these incremental property tax costs on their general ledgers for future recovery and assert that the costs are eligible for recovery through the exogenous cost provision of their respective PBR mechanisms. The Companies state that, if the Department approves the proposal, they will submit a proposal for recovery in a compliance filing within 60 days.

The Companies provided bill impacts based on the assumption that the Department approves the proposal and costs are recovered over a twelve-month period beginning May 1, 2023. MECo states that the bill impacts for all customers, including commercial and industrial customers, range from an increase of approximately 0.1 percent to an increase of 0.6 percent, depending on rate class and usage. Nantucket Electric states that the bill impacts for all customers, including commercial and industrial customers, range from an increase of approximately 0.1 percent to an increase of 0.6 percent, depending on rate class and usage. Boston Gas states that the bill impacts for all customers, including commercial and industrial customers, range from an increase of less than 0.1 percent to an increase of 0.2 percent during

the peak and off-peak periods, depending on rate class and usage. For specific bill impacts, contact the company as shown below.

The Department will accept written comments on the Companies' filing until close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, December 13, 2022**. Any person who otherwise 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 **Tuesday, December 6, 2022**. 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 documents must be submitted to the Department in **PDF format** by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and Scott.Seigal@mass.gov. In addition, all documents must be sent to the Companies' attorneys, Melissa Liazos, Esq., at melissa.liazos@nationalgrid.com and Andrea Keeffe, Esq., at Andrea.Keeffe@nationalgrid.com. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 22-138); (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.

All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "22-138") 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 Companies' offices or the Department. 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.

For further information regarding the Companies' filing, please contact counsel for the Companies, Melissa Liazos, Esq., at melissa.liazos@nationalgrid.com and Andrea Keeffe, Esq., at Andrea.Keeffe@nationalgrid.com. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Scott Seigal, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at Scott.Seigal@mass.gov.