



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 22-23

March 23, 2022

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Grid Modernization Program Factors for effect May 1, 2022.

On March 15, 2022, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Company”), submitted its annual filing with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) requesting the recovery of costs associated with its grid modernization program investments through proposed grid modernization factors (“GMFs”) for effect May 1, 2022. The Company submitted the filing pursuant to Grid Modernization, D.P.U. 15-120/D.P.U. 15-121/D.P.U. 15-122 (2018), Grid Modernization, D.P.U. 15-120-A/D.P.U. 15-121-A/D.P.U. 15-122-A (2019), and its GMF tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1469. The Department docketed the matter as D.P.U. 22-23.

During the period May 1, 2022, through April 30, 2023, National Grid proposes to recover a total of \$9,010,997 in grid modernization program costs incurred through calendar year (“CY”) 2021, consisting of: (1) \$4,734,981 in incremental operations and maintenance expenses incurred during CY 2021; (2) \$2,589,696 for the revenue requirement associated with its CY 2019 through CY 2021 capital investments; (3) \$1,834,328 for CY 2021 hardware and software rents allocated to National Grid by its service company; and (4) a reconciliation credit of \$148,008 for prior period over-recovery. The Company states that the costs proposed for recovery include the revenue requirement for expenses attributed to affected system operator (“ASO”) capacitors, which the Department previously disallowed in Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 21-32 (2021). National Grid states that its ASO capacitors have been fully integrated into the Company’s Volt-VAR Optimization software and Advanced Distribution Management System and thus, consistent with D.P.U. 21-32, the Company claims that these costs may be eligible for recovery through the GMF as a grid modernization investment.

The Company proposes to recover the costs associated with its grid modernization program through the following proposed GMFs for effect May 1, 2022:

Rate Class	Proposed GMFs (\$/kilowatt-hour ("kWh"))
R-1/R-2	0.00061
G-1	0.00055
G-2	0.00041
G-3	0.00024
Streetlighting	0.00057

If the Company's request is approved as proposed, a typical Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company residential basic service customer using 600 kWh per month will experience a monthly bill decrease of \$0.01, or 0.0 percent. The Company states that bill impacts for commercial and industrial customers will increase, with an overall impact of 0.0 percent. Customers may contact the Company for specific bill impact information.

The Department will accept written comments on the Company's filing until close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, April 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 **Wednesday, April 13, 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.

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, at this time, all filings will be submitted only in electronic format consistent with the Commission's June 15, 2021 Memorandum related to continued modified filing requirements. Until further notice, parties must retain the original paper version of the filing 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. In addition, all documents must be sent to the Company's attorney, Melissa G. Liazos, Esq., by e-mail attachment to melissa.liazos@nationalgrid.com. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 22-23); (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. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments or intervention

petitions in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient.

All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "22-23") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Flerom/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. 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 Company's filing, please contact counsel for the Company, Melissa G. Liazos, Esq., at melissa.liazos@nationalgrid.com. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Kerri DeYoung Phillips, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at kerri.phillips@mass.gov.