



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 22-24

March 23, 2022

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for Approval of its 2022 Smart Grid Pilot Program Rate Adjustment and Reconciliation Filing.

On March 15, 2022, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Company”), filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) its 2022 Smart Grid Pilot Program Rate Adjustment and Reconciliation Filing for effect May 1, 2022. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 22-24.

Pursuant to St. 2008, c. 169, § 85, the Department approved a smart grid pilot program for the Company in Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 11-129 (2012) and an interim extension for the pilot in Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 16-149 (2016). The pilot concluded on December 31, 2018. Currently, National Grid recovers grid-facing pilot costs from distribution customers through smart grid distribution adjustment factors (“SGDAFs”) in accordance with its smart grid adjustment provision tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1442. National Grid recovers customer-facing pilot costs from basic service customers through smart grid customer cost adjustment factors (“SGCCAFs”) in accordance with its basic service tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1443. The Department approved National Grid’s current SGDAFs and SGCCAFs in Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 21-33.

The Company proposes to terminate its SGDAFs and SGCCAFs effective May 1, 2022. The Company indicates that there are no additional pilot revenue requirements to be recovered through the SGDAFs and SGCCAFs. In addition, the Company maintains that the current reconciliation amounts for prior periods (through February 2022) are too small to result in chargeable factors. The Company states that once it has determined its final grid-facing and customer-facing reconciliation balances, it will submit a supplemental filing with a proposed disposition of the remaining amounts.

If the Company's request is approved as proposed, all customers (basic service and competitive supply) will experience a bill decrease. A typical Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company residential (R-1) basic service customer using 600 kilowatt-hours ("kWh") of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill decrease of approximately \$0.05 (or 0.0 percent). A low-income (R-2) basic service customer using 600 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill decrease of approximately \$0.04 (or 0.0 percent). Competitive supply customers will experience smaller bill decreases. Commercial and industrial customers will experience decreases to monthly bills that vary. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as shown below.

The Department will accept written comments on the Company's filing until close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, April 13, 2022**. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed below, is sufficient.

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. 22-24); (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 "22-24") 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 at 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.