



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 22-30

July 12, 2023

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of its 2021 Interconnection Timeline Enforcement Mechanism Report

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On April 1, 2022, the Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (“Company”) filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) its annual Timeline Enforcement Mechanism (“TEM”) Report (“Report”) pursuant to the Department’s Order in Timeline Enforcement Mechanism, D.P.U. 11-75-F (2014) and the Company’s Standards for Interconnection of Distributed Generation, M.D.P.U. No. 1468 (“Interconnection Tariff”). The Report also contains the Company’s informational filing of supplemental data as directed by the Department for pre-application reports, group studies, construction time frames, holds, and other time frames. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 22-30.

In D.P.U. 11-75-F, the Department directed each Distribution Company to report annually its compliance in meeting interconnection timeframes to execute an early or final Interconnection Service Agreement (“ISA”), measured from January 1 through December 31 (“Reporting Year”), for the following interconnection tracks: (1) Simplified Process, (2) Expedited Process, and (3) Standard Process. D.P.U. 11-75-F at 4. The TEM provides a way to measure each Distribution Company’s performance in meeting interconnection timelines and requires each Distribution Company to report its aggregate performance in meeting interconnection time frames; penalties or offsets based on the annual reporting; a deadband and cap to limit the penalties incurred and offsets earned; and a method for calculating penalties and offsets. D.P.U. 11-75-F at 2. Compliance with the interconnection timeframes for each track is determined by comparing (1) the aggregate average time measured in business days necessary to execute an early or final ISA (the Aggregate Necessary Tariff Time Frames), with (2) the total aggregate number of business days allowed by its Interconnection Tariff to execute an early or final ISA for the Reporting Year (the Aggregate Allowed Time Frames). The resulting value is then multiplied by the weighting given to each interconnection track: 20 percent for the Simplified Process, 40 percent for the Expedited Process, and 40 percent for the Standard Process. D.P.U. 11-75-F at 4. Penalties or offsets are earned when performance by a Distribution Company’s performance deviates by more than five percent from the Aggregate Allowed Tariff Time Frames. D.P.U. 11-75-F at 4.

The Company states that it has met the interconnection timeframes as required by the Interconnection Tariff and as a result has not incurred any penalties. The Company calculates that it has earned the maximum eligible amount of offsets, \$1,500,000, which represents double the amount of interconnection application fees collected by the Company during the Reporting year, to be applied against any penalties incurred in the following Reporting Year.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments or petition for leave to intervene no later than close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Monday, August 14, 2023**. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to [dpuefiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpuefiling@mass.gov), and [katherine.e.stock@mass.gov](mailto:katherine.e.stock@mass.gov) and the Company's attorney, Liana Moore, Esq., at [liana.moore@nationalgrid.com](mailto: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.

A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03. Receipt by the Department constitutes filing and determines whether a petition is timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 CMR 1.101(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 CMR 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10. All responses to petitions for leave to intervene must be filed by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the second business day after the petition for leave to intervene was filed.

All documents must be submitted to the Department in **pdf format** by email attachment to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov), and [katherine.e.stock@mass.gov](mailto:katherine.e.stock@mass.gov). The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 22-30); (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 not exceed 50 characters in length. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "22-30") at: <http://eeasonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Flerom/dockets/bynumber>. In addition, one copy of all written comments and petitions to intervene should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Liana Moore, Esq., at [liana.moore@nationalgrid.com](mailto:liana.moore@nationalgrid.com).

The filing and all subsequent documents submitted to the Department or issued by the Department will be available on the Department's website as referenced above as soon as practicable. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments or intervene 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 [Gabriella.Knight@mass.gov](mailto:Gabriella.Knight@mass.gov).

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Company's counsel, Liana Moore, Esq. at (508) 416-2470 or [liana.moore@nationalgrid.com](mailto:liana.moore@nationalgrid.com). 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).