



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 22-71

July 19, 2023

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of two long-term contracts for procurement of offshore wind energy generation, pursuant to St. 2008, c. 169, § 83, as amended by St. 2016, c. 188, § 12; St. 2021, c. 8 § 91 et seq.; and St. 2021, c. 24, §§ 69, 72; and 220 CMR 23.00.

On May 25, 2022, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid (together “National Grid” or “Companies”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) seeking approval of two power purchase agreements (“PPAs”) to purchase offshore wind energy generation with Mayflower Wind LLC and Commonwealth Wind LLC (“Commonwealth Wind”). The Companies filed the long-term contracts pursuant to An Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169, § 83, as amended by St. 2016, c. 188, § 12; St. 2021, c. 8 § 91 et seq.; and St. 2021, c. 24, §§ 69, 72 and the Department’s regulations at 220 CMR 23.00. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 22-71.

The Department issued a final order approving the PPAs on December 30, 2022. NSTAR Electric Company, et al., D.P.U. 22-70/D.P.U. 22-71/D.P.U. 20-72, at 46 (2022). On January 19, 2023, Commonwealth Wind appealed the Department’s final order. That appeal is currently pending.

On July 13, 2023, the Companies filed an amendment to their PPA with Commonwealth Wind seeking the Department’s approval to terminate the PPA (“Amendment”). If the Department approves the Amendment, Commonwealth Wind shall pay to National Grid a termination payment of \$21,619,200 that will be credited to National Grid’s customers. In addition, Commonwealth Wind shall withdraw or have dismissed its appeal of the Department’s final order approving Commonwealth Wind’s PPAs.

Any person interested in commenting on the proposed Amendment may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on August 2, 2023. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, kevin.crane@mass.gov, and the Companies’ attorney, John K. Habib, Esq., at jhabib@keeganwerlin.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 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.

All documents should be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and kevin.crane@mass.gov. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 22-71); (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 through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "22-71") at:

<https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>. In addition, one copy of all written comments should be emailed to the Companies' attorney, John K. Habib, Esq., at jhabib@keeganwerlin.com.

The filing and all subsequent related documents submitted to the Department or issued by the Department will be available on the Department's website as referenced above as soon as is practicable. 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 for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at Gabriella.Knight@mass.gov.

For further information regarding the Amendment, please contact the Companies' attorney, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Kevin Crane, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at kevin.crane@mass.gov.