



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 23-112

December 13, 2023

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for review and approval of its proposed Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target Factor Filing for rates to be effective January 1, 2024.

On November 1, 2023, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Company”), filed for approval with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) its 2024 Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target Factors (“SMART Factors”) to be effective January 1, 2024. National Grid states that its filing is consistent with the requirements of Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target Factor Provision, D.P.U. 17-140-A (2018) and its SMART Provision tariff M.D.P.U. No. 1499. On November 21, 2023, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth filed a Notice of Intervention. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 23-112.

The amount to be recovered through the SMART Factor on an annual basis is proposed to be calculated as the sum of: (1) the estimated annual incentive payments and alternative on-bill credits less estimated market revenue; (2) the incremental administrative costs incurred during the prior program year, including the costs for administering the SMART Program, billing system upgrades, and incremental personnel; and (3) a reconciliation amount that is the difference between the actual costs incurred and the amount of revenue billed by National Grid in the prior program year, as well as interest applied to the reconciling balance. National Grid’s proposed monthly SMART Factors for effect January 1, 2024, are set forth in the attached Appendix on a dollars per kilowatt-hour (“kWh”) basis.

If the Department approves the Company’s 2024 SMART Factors as proposed, a typical Massachusetts Electric Company residential (R1) customer using 600 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill decrease of \$2.03, or approximately 1.00 percent due to the change in the SMART Factor. A typical Nantucket Electric Company residential (R1) customer using 600 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill decrease of \$2.03, or approximately 0.9 percent due to the change in the SMART Factor. A Massachusetts Electric Company low-income residential (R2) customer using 600 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill decrease of \$1.38 or

approximately 1.0 percent due to the change in the SMART Factor. A Nantucket Electric Company low-income residential (R2) customer using 600 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill decrease of \$1.38 or approximately 1.0 percent due to the change in the SMART Factor. Monthly bill impacts for Commercial & Industrial customers will vary depending on rate class and usage, in the range of (0.6) percent to (1.0) percent, due to the change in the SMART Factors. For specific bill impacts, customers should contact the Company as shown below.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments or if interested in participating in the evidentiary portion of this case may a petition for leave to intervene each no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, December 27, 2023**. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, and andrew.w.strumfels@mass.gov and the Company's attorneys, Liana Moore, Esq. at liana.moore@nationalgrid.com and Patrick Houghton, Esq. at patrick.houghton@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, 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. One copy of any petition to intervene must be emailed to the Company's attorneys, Liana P. Moore, Esq. and Patrick Houghton, Esq. at the email addresses listed above. All responses to petitions to intervene must be filed by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the third business day after the petition to intervene was filed.

All documents must also be submitted to the Department in **PDF format** by email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and andrew.w.strumfels@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 23-112); (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 as soon as practicable at <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. The email must also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. 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 (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA Coordinator at gabriella.knight@mass.gov.

The Company's filing and all subsequent related documents, pleadings and/or filings submitted to the Department and/or issued by the Department will be available on the Department's website as soon as is practicable at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "23-112").

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Company's counsel, Liana Moore, Esq. or Patrick Houghton, Esq. at (508) 416-2470 or at the email addresses listed above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Andrew Strumfels, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at andrew.w.strumfels@mass.gov.

Appendix

Proposed SMART Factors by Rate Class	
Class	Factor (\$/kWh)
Residential Rate Classes (R-1/R-2)	0.00681
General Service, Small C&I Rate Class G-1	0.00637
General Service, Demand Rate Class G-2	0.00471
Time-of-Use Rate Class G-3	0.00274
Outdoor Lighting Rate Classes (S-1, S-2, S-3, S-5, S-6)	0.00867