



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT

D.P.U. 23-21

March 22, 2023

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for review and approval of their basic service administrative cost factors for effect May 1, 2023.

On March 15, 2023, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each doing business as National Grid (“Companies”), filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) their annual reconciliation filing of administrative costs associated with basic service, and the proposed Basic Service Administrative Cost Factors (“BSACF”). The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 23-21.

The Companies propose to recover or return through their BSACF the reconciliation of their electric supply-related administrative costs and revenues from January 2022 through December 2022 and their supply-related administrative forecasted costs from January 2023 through December 2023, which include: (1) cash working capital; (2) bad debt; (3) administration of basic service; (4) conducting the competitive bidding processes; and (5) regulatory compliance. In 2022 the Companies state that it under-recovered its supply-related administrative costs by approximately \$7.3 million.

The Companies propose the following BSACFs to take effect on May 1, 2023:

- (1) \$0.00519 per kilowatt-hour (“kWh”) for residential customers (rate classes R-1 and R-2);
- (2) \$0.00373 per kWh for commercial customers (rate classes G-1 and streetlighting); and
- (3) \$0.00165 per kWh for industrial customers (rate classes G-2 and G-3).

If the Companies’ BSACFs are approved as proposed, the monthly bill for an average basic service residential customer (i.e., a customer using 600 kWh of electricity per month) will increase by approximately \$1.75, or 0.6 percent. The monthly bill impacts for all customers will be an increase of less than one percent. For specific bill impacts depending on class and usage, please contact the Companies as shown below.

Any person interested in commenting on the Company’s filing may submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, April 5, 2023**. Written comments may be sent by email to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, julianne.desmet@mass.gov, and to the Companies’ attorney, Meabh Purcell, Esq., at meabh.purcell@nationalgrid.com. At this time, the Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted only in electronic format consistent with the Commission’s

June 15, 2021 directive related to modified filing requirements. 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, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

All documents must be submitted to the Department in .pdf format by email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and julianne.desmet@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 23-21); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; (3) a brief descriptive title of the document; and (4) the name, title, email address, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Importantly, all large files submitted must be broken down into electronic files that **do not exceed 20 MB**. In addition, all written comments and petitions to intervene should be emailed to the Companies' attorney, Meabh Purcell, Esq., at meabh.purcell@nationalgrid.com.

The Companies' filing and all related documents submitted to the Department 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 "23-21"). 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 (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) for people with disabilities, contact the Department's ADA coordinator at Gabriella.Knight@mass.gov.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Companies' filing should contact counsel for the Companies, Meabh Purcell, Esq., at meabh.purcell@nationalgrid.com. For further information regarding this notice, contact Julianne Desmet, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at julianne.desmet@mass.gov.