



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 24-36

March 25, 2024

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Grid Modernization Program Factors.

On March 15, 2024, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Company”), submitted its annual filing with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) requesting to recover the costs associated with its grid modernization program through proposed grid modernization factors (“GMFs”) for effect May 1, 2024. The Company submitted the filing pursuant to its GMF tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1539. The Department approved cost recovery through GMFs for eligible grid modernization investments in Second Grid Modernization Plans, D.P.U. 21-80-B/D.P.U. 21-81-B/ D.P.U. 21-82-B (November 30, 2022); Second Grid Modernization Plans, D.P.U. 21-80-A/D.P.U. 21-81-A/D.P.U. 21-82-A (October 7, 2022); Grid Modernization, D.P.U. 15-120-A/D.P.U. 15-121-A/D.P.U. 15-122-A (2019); and Grid Modernization, D.P.U. 15-120/D.P.U. 15-121/D.P.U. 15-122 (2018). The Department docketed the filing as D.P.U. 24-36.

In the present proceeding, National Grid proposes to recover \$20,856,687 in grid modernization program costs incurred through calendar year (“CY”) 2023, consisting of: (1) \$6,286,056 in incremental operations and maintenance expenses incurred during CY 2023; (2) \$6,494,138 for the revenue requirement associated with its CY 2020 through CY 2023 capital investments; (3) \$7,597,963 for CY 2023 hardware and software costs allocated to National Grid by its service company; and (4) a reconciliation debit of \$478,529 for prior period under recovery. Additionally, the Company proposes to recover \$795,295 in estimated interest. In total, the Company proposes to recover \$21,651,982 through the following proposed GMFs for effect May 1, 2024:

Rate Class	Proposed GMFs (\$/kilowatt-hour ("kWh"))
R-1/R-2	0.00144
GD-1	0.00136
GD-2	0.00101
G-3	0.00058
Street & Area Lighting	0.00185

If the Department approves the Company's request as proposed, a typical Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company residential basic service customer using 600 kWh per month would experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.25, or 0.1 percent, as compared to current rates. Similarly, the Company states that a typical low-income residential basic service customer using 600 kWh per month would experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.17 or 0.1 percent, as compared to current rates. The Company states that bill impacts for commercial and industrial customers will vary. Customers may contact the Company for specific bill impact information.

Any person interested in commenting on the Company's filing may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, April 16, 2024**. 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.

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 **Tuesday, April 16, 2024**. 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.

All documents must be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and [susan.geiser@mass.gov](mailto:susan.geiser@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](mailto:melissa.liazos@nationalgrid.com). **mailto:** The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 24-36); (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**. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments or intervention petitions in accordance

with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient. If a member of the public is unable to send written comments by e-mail, 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 submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "24-36") 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 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 [Andrea.R.Casul@mass.gov](mailto:Andrea.R.Casul@mass.gov).

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