



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 24-38

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 Advanced Metering Infrastructure Factors.

On March 15, 2024, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Company”), submitted its first annual filing with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) requesting to recover the costs associated with its advanced metering infrastructure (“AMI”) implementation program through proposed AMI factors (“AMIFs”) for effect May 1, 2024. The Company submitted the filing pursuant to Second Grid Modernization Plans, D.P.U. 21-80-B/D.P.U. 21-81-B/D.P.U. 21-82-B (2022) and the Company’s AMIF tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1501. The Department docketed the filing as D.P.U. 24-38.

In D.P.U. 21-80-B/D.P.U. 21-81-B/D.P.U. 21-82-B at 337, 338, the Department approved the Company’s grid modernization plan, including the Company’s AMI implementation plan, and established the AMIF for cost recovery of eligible core and supporting AMI investments. Core AMI investments are infrastructure investments necessary to install and enable AMI functionality to produce more granular customer usage data, as well as voltage and other grid-facing data while supporting AMI investments are investments that utilize the AMI data to provide broader customer and system benefits. D.P.U. 21-80-B/D.P.U. 21-81-B/D.P.U. 21-82-B at 196. The Department preauthorized core AMI investments through 2027, with a combined five-year budget cap of \$391.1 million, and preliminarily approved supporting AMI investment for implementation through 2027, with a combined five-year budget cap of \$96.1 million. *Id.* at 257.

In the present proceeding, National Grid proposes to recover a total of \$3,985,620 in AMI program operation and maintenance (“O&M”) costs incurred in calendar year (“CY”) 2023, consisting of \$3,925,726 in O&M costs for core AMI investments and \$59,895 in O&M costs for supporting AMI investments. Additionally, National Grid proposes to recover \$151,975 in estimated interest. In total, the Company proposes to recover \$4,137,595 through the following proposed AMIFs for effect May 1, 2024:

Rate Class	Proposed AMIF (\$/kilowatt-hour (“kWh”))
R-1/R-2	0.00027
G-1	0.00026
G-2	0.00019
G-3	0.00011
Streetlighting	0.00035

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 \$0.16, 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 \$0.11 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 **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 **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 and 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. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 24-38); (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 "24-38") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Flerom/dockets/bynumber>. 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.

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact counsel the Company's attorney, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Susan L. Geiser, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at susan.geiser@mass.gov.