



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 20-17

August 31, 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 Section 83C of An Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169, as amended by St. 2016, c. 188, § 12.

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D.P.U. 22-71

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On August 29, 2023, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“NSTAR Electric”), Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid”), and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (“Unitil”) (collectively, “Companies”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) seeking approval to terminate power purchase agreements (“PPAs”) to purchase offshore wind energy generation from SouthCoast Wind Energy LLC f/k/a Mayflower Wind Energy LLC (“SouthCoast Wind”). The proposed Amendments are as follows:

1. The Companies each filed a Second Amendment to Power Purchase Agreement Phase I, Termination Agreement and Release. These proposed amendments terminate the Phase I PPAs between the Companies and SouthCoast Wind approved by the Department in NSTAR Electric Company, et al., D.P.U. 20-16/D.P.U. 20-17/D.P.U. 20-18 (2020). If approved, SouthCoast Wind will pay the Companies termination payments that will be credited to the Companies’ customers as follows: (a) \$12,032,350 to NSTAR Electric customers; (b) \$10,189,850 to National Grid customers; and (c) \$217,800 to Unitil customers.
2. The Companies each filed a Second Amendment to Power Purchase Agreement Phase II, Termination Agreement and Release. These proposed amendments terminate the Phase II PPAs between the Companies and SouthCoast Wind approved by the

Department in D.P.U. 20-16/D.P.U. 20-17/D.P.U. 20-18. If approved, SouthCoast Wind will pay the Companies termination payments that will be credited to the Companies' customers as follows: (a) \$11,678,700 to NSTAR Electric customers; (b) \$9,890,100 to National Grid customers; and (c) \$211,200 to Unitil customers.

3. The Companies each filed a First Amendment to Power Purchase Agreement, Termination Agreement and Release. These proposed amendments terminate the PPAs between the Companies and SouthCoast Wind approved by the Department in NSTAR Electric Company, et al., D.P.U. 22-10/D.P.U. 22-71/D.P.U. 22-72 (2022). If approved, SouthCoast Wind will pay the Companies termination payments that will be credited to the Companies' customers as follows: (a) \$8,741,520 to NSTAR Electric customers; (b) \$7,296,480 to National Grid customers; and (c) \$162,000 to Unitil customers.

**Any person interested in commenting on the proposed Amendments may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on September 15, 2023.** Written comments from the public may be sent by email to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov), [kevin.crane@mass.gov](mailto:kevin.crane@mass.gov), and the Companies attorneys, Danielle C. Winter, Esq., at [dwinter@keeganwerlin.com](mailto:dwinter@keeganwerlin.com); John K. Habib, Esq. at [jhabib@keeganwerlin.com](mailto:jhabib@keeganwerlin.com); and William D. Hewitt, Esq., at [whewitt@HewittLegalAdvisors.com](mailto:whewitt@HewittLegalAdvisors.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](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and [kevin.crane@mass.gov](mailto:kevin.crane@mass.gov). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket numbers of the proceedings (D.P.U. 20-17/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 at:

<https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>.

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](mailto:Gabriella.Knight@mass.gov).

For further information regarding the Amendment, please contact the Companies' attorneys, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Kevin Crane, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at [kevin.crane@mass.gov](mailto:kevin.crane@mass.gov).