



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 23-28

March 23, 2023

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

On March 15, 2023, 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 the recovery of costs associated with its grid modernization program through proposed grid modernization factors (“GMFs”) for effect May 1, 2023. The Company submitted the filing pursuant to its GMF tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1502. 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. 23-28.

During the period May 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024, National Grid proposes to recover a total of \$15,063,751 in grid modernization program costs incurred through calendar year (“CY”) 2022, consisting of: (1) \$5,800,541 in incremental operations and maintenance expenses incurred during CY 2022; (2) \$4,696,053 for the revenue requirement associated with its CY 2019 through CY 2022 capital investments; (3) \$5,039,927 for CY 2022 hardware and software costs allocated to National Grid by its service company; and (4) a reconciliation credit of \$472,771 for prior period over-recovery. The Company proposes to recover these costs through the following proposed GMFs for effect May 1, 2023:

Rate Class	Proposed GMFs (\$/kilowatt-hour ("kWh"))
R-1/R-2	0.00103
G-1	0.00093
G-2	0.00072
G-3	0.00040
Streetlighting	0.00110

If the Company's request is approved as proposed, a typical Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company residential basic service customer using 600 kWh per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.26, or 0.1 percent, and a typical Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company low-income residential basic service customer using 600 kWh per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.17, or 0.1 percent. The Company states that bill impacts for commercial and industrial customers will vary. Customers may contact the Company for specific bill impact information.

The Department will accept written comments on the Company's filing until close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, April 18, 2023**. 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 18, 2023**. 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.

At this time, all filings will be submitted only in electronic format consistent with the Commission's June 15, 2021 directive related to modified filing requirements. Ordinarily, all parties would follow Sections B.1 and B.4 of the Department's Standard Ground Rules (D.P.U. 15-184-A, App. 1 (March 4, 2020)); however, until further notice, parties must retain the original paper version and the Department will later determine when the paper version must be filed with the Department Secretary.

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 [kerri.phillips@mass.gov](mailto:kerri.phillips@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). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 23-28); (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 "23-28") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Filesroom/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 [DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov](mailto:DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov).

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact counsel for the Company, Melissa G. Liazos, Esq., at [melissa.liazos@nationalgrid.com](mailto:melissa.liazos@nationalgrid.com). For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Kerri DeYoung Phillips, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at [kerri.phillips@mass.gov](mailto:kerri.phillips@mass.gov).