



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 24-04

February 6, 2024

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid for approval of their annual Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for effect March 1, 2024.

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On January 16, 2024, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid (“Company”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of its annual Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors (“RDAFs”). This filing was made pursuant to: the Company’s Revenue Decoupling Mechanism (“RDM”) Tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1509, Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factor Filing Procedures, D.P.U. 14-RDAF-01 (2014), and directives in the Company’s most recent base distribution rate proceeding, D.P.U. 18-150 (2019). In 2008, the Department developed revenue decoupling by establishing a mechanism through the RDM that allows the Company to modify, on an annual basis, its base distribution rates as a result of changes in customer usage. Revenue decoupling severs the link between sales and revenues, and instead provides gas and electric utility companies with a target revenue level, thus removing the disincentive of implementation of energy efficiency and demand reduction programs that encourage customers to lower energy usage and demand. See generally Revenue Decoupling, D.P.U. 07-50-A (2008). The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 24-04.

The Company proposes the following RDAFs for effect March 1, 2024. The table below compares the proposed RDAFs to the most recently effective RDAFs.

Rate Group	Proposed RDAF (\$/kWh)	Current RDAF (\$/kWh)	Increase/(Decrease) RDAF (\$/kWh)
Residential (R-1 and R-2)	0.00226	0.00071	0.00155
Small Commercial G-1	0.00213	0.00064	0.00149
General Service Demand, G-2	0.00158	0.00050	0.00108
Time of Use, Industrial, G-3	0.00092	0.00028	0.00064
Streetlighting, S	0.00290	0.00076	0.00214

If the Company's RDAFs are approved as filed, a typical residential customer served by Massachusetts Electric Company that is on Basic service and uses 600 kWh per month would experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.93, or 0.4 percent. An average Nantucket Basic Service residential customer using 600 kWh per month would also experience an increase of \$0.93, or 0.4 percent.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on February 16, 2024. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov), [timothy.m.federico@mass.gov](mailto:timothy.m.federico@mass.gov), and the Company's attorney, Patrick Houghton, Esq., at [Patrick.houghton@nationalgrid.com](mailto:Patrick.houghton@nationalgrid.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.

Any person who desires to participate otherwise in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 16, 2023. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03. Receipt by the Department 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 responses to petitions to

intervene must be filed by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the second business day after the petition to intervene was filed.

All documents should be submitted to the Department in .pdf format by email attachment to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and [timothy.m.federico@mass.gov](mailto:timothy.m.federico@mass.gov). The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 24-04); (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 (enter "24-04") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>. In addition, one copy of all written comments and petitions to intervene should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Patrick Houghton, Esq., at [Patrick.houghton@nationalgrid.com](mailto:Patrick.houghton@nationalgrid.com).

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 or intervene 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 [Andrea.R.Casul@Mass.Gov](mailto:Andrea.R.Casul@Mass.Gov).

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Company's attorney, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Timothy Federico, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at [timothy.m.federico@mass.gov](mailto:timothy.m.federico@mass.gov).