



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 16-158

October 12, 2016

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for Approval of its Renewable Energy Recovery Factor, for effect November 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017.

On September 15, 2016, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid (together “National Grid” or “Company”), filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) its proposed renewable energy recovery factor (“RERF”), for effect November 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017. This filing was made pursuant to Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, et al., D.P.U. 13-146/D.P.U. 13-147/D.P.U. 13-148/D.P.U. 13-149 (2014) and the Company’s Renewable Energy Recovery Provision (“RERP”) tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1235. Under the RERP tariff, the Company’s distribution rates are subject to adjustment to reflect the recovery of payments under the Company’s long term renewable energy contracts executed pursuant to § 83A of the Green Communities Act, St. 2008, c. 169, as amended by St. 2012, c. 209, § 36, along with contract remuneration associated with payments made under such contracts. The Department docketed the Company’s petition as D.P.U. 16-158.

On October 7, 2016, the Company filed a revised RERF, for effect November 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017, to transition to an annual RERF filing effective March 1, 2017, consistent with the Department’s directives in Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 16-34-A (September 30, 2016). In its revised filing, the Company proposes a RERF of \$(0.00012) per kilowatt-hour (“kWh”) for all rate classes for effect November 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017. If the Department approves the proposed RERF, the average National Grid basic service residential customer (R-1) using 600 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill decrease of \$0.14, or a bill decrease of 0.1 percent. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as indicated below.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, October 28, 2016**. One original and two (2) copies of all written documents must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

In addition, one copy of all written comments should be sent to the Company's attorney, Laura C. Bickel, Esq., 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, MA 02451.

All documents should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us and the hearing officer, tina.chin@state.ma.us or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding, D.P.U. 16-158; (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

National Grid's filings are available for public inspection during regular business hours at National Grid's offices, 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451; and at the Department's offices, One South Station – 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. The filing is also available on the Department's website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>, by accessing the File Room link. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Tina W. Chin, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at 617-305-3500.