



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 16-32

March 23, 2016

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid for approval of its basic service costs adder rate adjustment for effect May 1, 2016.

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On March 15, 2016, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Company”) filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”), its annual basic service costs adder (“BSCA”) rate adjustment and reconciliation filing. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 16-32.

The BSCA is designed to recover the administrative costs associated with providing basic service, including supply-related costs for: (1) cash working capital; (2) bad debt; (3) administration of basic service; (4) conducting the competitive bidding processes; and (5) regulatory compliance. The Company proposes to recover through its BSCAs projected costs for January through December 2016 and a reconciliation of its actual costs and revenues for the twelve month period ending December 31, 2015.

National Grid proposes the following BSCAs to take effect on May 1, 2016: (1) \$0.00503 per kilowatt-hour (“kWh”) for residential customers; (2) \$0.00222 per kWh for commercial customers (rate classes G-1 and streetlighting); and (3) \$0.00100 per kWh for industrial customers (rate classes G-2 and G-3).

If National Grid’s BSCAs are approved as proposed, the monthly bill for an average basic service residential customer (i.e., a customer using 600 kWh of electricity per month) will increase by approximately \$1.06, or 0.80 percent, per month. The Company states that the impact for all customers on basic service will range between a decrease of 0.2 percent to an increase of 0.8 percent depending on class and usage. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as shown below.

Any person interested in submitting written comments regarding National Grid’s filing must do so no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, April 15, 2016**. One (1) original should be delivered to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, and one (1) copy to the

hearing officer, Elizabeth Lydon. The originals and copies should be delivered to the Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. All comments also must be sent to the Company's counsel, Camal O. Robinson, Esq., 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, Massachusetts, 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](mailto:dpu.efiling@state.ma.us) and [Elizabeth.Lydon@state.ma.us](mailto:Elizabeth.Lydon@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. 16-32); (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: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

A copy of National Grid's petition is available for inspection Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Department's offices at One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, and through the Department's website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>, by accessing the File Room link. The Company's petition is also available for inspection at National Grid's offices, 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, Massachusetts, 02451. Any person desiring further information regarding National Grid's filing should contact the Company's counsel, Camal O. Robinson, Esq., at 781-907-3336. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Elizabeth Lydon, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at 617-305-3500.