



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 17-29

February 17, 2017

Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid for approval of its Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2017 Off Peak Period, May 1, 2017, through October 31, 2017.

On January 31, 2017, Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid ("Company") filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of its revenue decoupling adjustment factors ("RDAFs"), for effect May 1, 2017. This filing was made pursuant to Boston Gas Company/Essex Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 10-55, at 52-54 (2010) and the Company's revenue decoupling adjustment clause ("RDAC") tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 5.3. The RDAC allows the Company to modify, on a semi-annual basis, its base distribution rates as a result of changes in customer usage, in order to promote the efficient deployment of demand resources. D.P.U. 10-55, at 52-54. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 17-29.

The Company proposes the following RDAFs for Boston Gas Company, effective May 1, 2017:

Boston Gas	
Volumetric rates	RDAF (\$ per therm)
Residential	\$0.0177
Small Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0197
Medium Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0114
Large Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0084
Demand rates	RDAF (\$ per maximum daily contract quantity in therms)
Commercial and Industrial (G-44 B)	\$0.0380
Commercial and Industrial (G-54 B)	\$0.0575
Commercial and Industrial (G-53 E)	\$0.1342

For Colonial Gas Company, the Company proposes the following RDAFs, effective May 1, 2017:

Colonial Gas	
Volumetric rates	RDAF (\$ per therm)
Residential	\$0.0304
Small Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0175
Medium Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0108
Large Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0085

The Company proposes to recover approximately \$1.5 million in bill credits applied to customers in accordance with a Settlement Agreement reached between the Company and the Massachusetts Attorney General, currently under review in Boston Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 16-170.

As a result of the changes to the RDAF, the average Boston Gas residential heating customer using 29 therms per month during the off peak period will experience a bill increase of \$0.25 or 0.68 percent compared to the previously effective off-peak RDAFs. The average Colonial Gas residential heating customer using 27 therms per month during the off peak period will experience a bill increase of \$0.13 or 0.37 percent compared to the previously effective off-peak RDAFs. National Grid states that the average bill impact for all Boston Gas rate classes for customers on basic service during the off-peak period will range between an increase of 0.21 percent to 1.05 percent depending on the customer's rate class. National Grid adds that the average bill impact for all Colonial Gas rate classes for customers on basic service during the off-peak period will be less than one percent depending on the customer's rate class. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as shown 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, March 31, 2017**. 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, Patricia Crowe, Esq., National Grid, 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 and to the Hearing Officer, Lauren Morris, at Lauren.Morris@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. 17-29); (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 the filing is available for public viewing during regular business hours at The Company's offices, 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, Massachusetts; and at the Department, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. The filing is also available on the Department's website, <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "17-29"). To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large

print, electronic files, audio format), contact Theresa Kelly at Theresa.Kelly@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3642.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact its counsel, Patricia Crowe, Esq., at (781) 907-1848. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Lauren Morris, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.