



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 18-10

March 15, 2018

Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid for approval of their Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2018 Off-Peak Period, May 1, 2018, through October 31, 2018.

On January 29, 2018, Boston Gas Company (“Boston Gas”) and Colonial Gas Company (“Colonial Gas”), each d/b/a National Grid (“Companies”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of their revenue decoupling adjustment factors (“RDAFs”), for effect May 1, 2018. 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 Companies’ revenue decoupling adjustment clause (“RDAC”) tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 5.4. The RDAC allows the Companies to modify, on a semi-annual basis, their 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. 18-10.

The Companies propose the following RDAFs for Boston Gas, effective May 1, 2018:

<b>Boston Gas</b>	
<b>Volumetric rates</b>	RDAF (\$ per therm)
Residential	\$0.0257
Small Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0249
Medium Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0148
Large Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0112
<b>Demand rates</b>	RDAF (\$ per maximum daily contract quantity in therms)
Commercial and Industrial (G-44 B)	\$0.0580
Commercial and Industrial (G-54 B)	\$0.0877
Commercial and Industrial (G-53 E)	\$0.1789

For Colonial Gas, the Companies propose the following RDAFs, effective May 1, 2018:

<b>Colonial Gas</b>	
<b>Volumetric rates</b>	<b>RDAF (\$ per therm)</b>
Residential	\$0.0334
Small Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0191
Medium Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0118
Large Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0092

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 \$0.23 or 0.61 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 \$0.08 or 0.24 percent compared to the previously effective off-peak RDAFs. The Companies state that the average bill impact for all Boston Gas rate classes during the off-peak period will range between an increase of 0.24 percent to 0.65 percent depending on the customer's rate class. The Companies state that the average bill impact for all Colonial Gas rate classes during the off-peak period will range between an increase of 0.11 percent to 0.24 percent depending on the customer's rate class. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Companies 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, April 13, 2018**. 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 Companies' 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](mailto:dpu.efiling@state.ma.us) and to the Hearing Officer, Shane Early, at [shane.early@state.ma.us](mailto:shane.early@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. 18-10); (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 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 "18-10"). To request materials in accessible formats (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA Coordinator at [DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us](mailto:DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us) or (617) 305-3642.

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