



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 20-05

January 30, 2020

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid, for approval of their annual Pension/PBOP Adjustment Factors for effect March 1, 2020.

On January 15, 2020, 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 pension and post-retirement benefits other than pensions (“PBOP”) adjustment factors (“PAFs”). The Company made this filing pursuant to its Pension/PBOP Adjustment Mechanism tariff M.D.P.U. 1419. Additionally, the Company proposes to revise its Pension/PBOP Adjustment Mechanism tariff to include the labor allocators approved in the Company’s most recent base distribution rate case, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 18-150 (September 30, 2019). The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 20-05.

The Company proposes the following PAFs, effective March 1, 2020:

Rate Classes	PAF Charges (\$/kilowatt hour (“kWh”))
Residential (R-1/R-2)	\$0.00182
General Service – Small Commercial and Industrial (G-1)	\$0.00157
General Service – Demand (G-2)	\$0.00114
Time-of-Use (G-3)	\$0.00064
Streetlighting (S)	\$0.00778

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (“Attorney General”) filed a notice to intervene in this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(a). Further, pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the Attorney General filed a notice of intent to retain experts and consultants to assist her investigation of the Company’s filing, and has requested Department approval to spend up to \$150,000 in this regard. Pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the costs

incurred by the Attorney General relative to her retention of experts and consultants may be recovered in the Company's rates.

Any person who desires to file written comments on either the Company's filing or the Attorney General's notice of intent to retain experts and consultants or to participate otherwise in this proceeding shall file written comments or a petition for leave to intervene no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **February 20, 2020**. One original of all written documents or petitions to intervene 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 counsel for the Company, Meabh Purcell, Esq., National Grid, 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451.

A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, 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 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

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, Sarah Spruce at sarah.spruce@mass.gov or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 20-05); (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://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber> (enter docket number "20-05").

A copy of the filing is available for public viewing during regular business hours at the office of 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 "20-05"). To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA Coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3500.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact its counsel, Meabh Purcell, Esq., at (781) 907-1789. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Sarah Spruce, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.