



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### REVISED NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 20-13

February 12, 2020

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 2020 Off-Peak Period, May 1, 2020, through October 31, 2020.

On January 31, 2020, Boston Gas Company (“Boston Gas”) and Colonial Gas Company (“Colonial Gas”) each d/b/a National Grid (collectively, “National Grid” or “Company”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of its revenue decoupling adjustment factors (“RDAFs”), for effect May 1, 2020. This filing was made pursuant to: Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 17-170 (2018); Boston Gas Company/Essex Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 10-55, at 52-54 (2010); Reduction in Federal Income Tax Rates, D.P.U. 18-15-A (2018); and the Company’s revenue decoupling adjustment clause (“RDAC”) tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 5.5. 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 40-42. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 20-13.

The Company proposes the following credits for Boston Gas customers, effective May 1, 2020, through October 31, 2020:

<b>Boston Gas Company</b>	
<b>Volumetric Rates</b>	RDAF credits (\$ per therm)
Residential	\$0.0248
Small Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0224
Medium Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0152
Large Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0120
<b>Demand Rates</b>	RDAF credits (\$ per maximum daily contract quantity in therms)
Commercial and Industrial (G-44 B)	\$0.0656
Commercial and Industrial (G-54 B)	\$0.0834
Commercial and Industrial (G-53 E)	\$0.2765

The Company proposes the following credits for Colonial Gas customers, effective May 1, 2020, through October 31, 2020:

<b>Colonial Gas Company</b>	
<b>Volumetric Rates</b>	RDAF credits (\$ per therm)
Residential	\$0.0347
Small Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0248
Medium Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0153
Large Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0104

As a result of the changes to the RDAF, the average Boston Gas residential heating customer using 26 therms per month during the off-peak period will experience a bill decrease of \$1.41 or 3.8 percent from the previously effective off-peak RDAF rate. The average Colonial Gas residential heating customer using 25 therms per month will experience a bill decrease of \$1.64 or 4.7 percent from the previously effective off-peak RDAF rate. The Company states that the average monthly bill impact during the off-peak season for all Boston Gas and Colonial Gas rate classes at each class's average usage will be a decrease of between 1.8 and 5.6 percent as compared to last year's off-peak period. 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 **April 17, 2020**. One original copy 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, Meabh Purcell, 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@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and to the Hearing Officer, [Jessica.Ellis@mass.gov](mailto:Jessica.Ellis@mass.gov) 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. 20-13); (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 "20-13"). To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) contact the Department's ADA Coordinator at [DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov](mailto:DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov) 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 Jessica Ellis, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.