



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 20-132

November 17, 2020

Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid, for review and approval of its five-year Forecast and Supply Plan for the period November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2025.

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On October 30, 2020, Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid (“Company”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of the Company’s Long-Range Forecast and Supply Plan (“Plan”) for the five-year forecast period November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2025. Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69I, the Department must ensure a necessary energy supply for the Commonwealth at the lowest possible cost. Accordingly, the Department will review the Company’s Plan to ensure that the forecast accurately projects the gas sendout requirements of the utility’s market area. The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 20-132.

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 in her investigation of the Company’s filing and has requested Department approval to spend up to \$150,000.00 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.

**Due to the COVID-19 state of emergency issued by Governor Baker on March 10, 2020, and certain ongoing restrictions and safety measures relating to in-person events, the Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Company’s filing.** The Department will conduct the hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on **Monday, December 14, 2020** beginning at 2:00 p.m. Attendees can join by entering the link, <https://zoom.us/j/91942559113>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at (301) 715-8592 (not toll free) and then enter the **Meeting ID# 919 4255 9113**. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, please send an email by Monday, December 7, 2020, to [stephanie.mealey@mass.gov](mailto:stephanie.mealey@mass.gov) with your name, email address, and mailing address.

Any person who desires to comment on this matter or the Attorney General’s notice of intent to retain experts and consultants in this matter may submit electronic written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Monday, December 7, 2020**. At this time, all filings will be submitted only in electronic format in recognition of the difficulty

that parties and the Department may have filing and receiving original copies. Ordinarily, all parties would follow Sections B.1 and B.4 of the Department's Standard Ground Rules (D.P.U. 15-184-A, App. 1 (March 4, 2020)). However, due to the Commonwealth state of emergency, until further notice, parties must retain the original paper version, and the Department will later determine when the paper version must be filed with the Department Secretary. Importantly, all large files submitted must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20MB. In addition, one copy of all written comments should be emailed to the Company's attorneys, John Habib, Esq., at [jhabib@keeganwerlin.com](mailto:jhabib@keeganwerlin.com), Ashley Wagner, Esq., at [awagner@keeganwerlin.com](mailto:awagner@keeganwerlin.com), and Stacey Donnelly, Esq., at [stacey.donnelly@nationalgrid.com](mailto:stacey.donnelly@nationalgrid.com).

Any person who desires to participate otherwise in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, December 7, 2020**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 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 CMR 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 CMR 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10. All responses to petitions to intervene must be filed by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the second business day after the petition to intervene was filed.

All documents should also be submitted to the Department in **PDF format** by e-mail attachment to [peter.ray@mass.gov](mailto:peter.ray@mass.gov) and [stephanie.mealey@mass.gov](mailto:stephanie.mealey@mass.gov). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 20-132); (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 as soon as practicable at <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. The e-mail must also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient. 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).

The Company's filing and all subsequent related documents, pleadings and/or filings submitted to the Department and/or issued by the Department will be available on the Department's website as soon as is practicable at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "20-132"). A paper copy of the filing will not be available for public viewing at the Company's offices or the Department's office due to the state of emergency.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact John Habib, Esq., at [jhabib@keeganwerlin.com](mailto:jhabib@keeganwerlin.com), Ashley Wagner, Esq., at [awagner@keeganwerlin.com](mailto:awagner@keeganwerlin.com), and Stacey Donnelly, Esq., at [stacey.donnelly@nationalgrid.com](mailto:stacey.donnelly@nationalgrid.com). For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Stephanie Mealey, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at [stephanie.mealey@mass.gov](mailto:stephanie.mealey@mass.gov).