



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 20-81

September 2, 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 Peak Period, November 1, 2020, through April 30, 2021.

On July 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 November 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); 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. 20-81.

The Company proposes the following credits for Boston Gas customers, effective November 1, 2020, through April 30, 2021:

Boston Gas Company	
Volumetric Rates	RDAF credits (\$ per therm)
Residential	\$0.0014
Small Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0009
Medium Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0008
Large Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0007
Demand Rates	RDAF credits (\$ per maximum daily contract quantity in therms)
Commercial and Industrial (G-44 B)	\$0.0098
Commercial and Industrial (G-54 B)	\$0.0106
Commercial and Industrial (G-53 E)	\$0.0128

The Company proposes the following credits for Colonial Gas customers, effective November 1, 2020, through April 30, 2021:

Colonial Gas Company	
Volumetric Rates	RDAF credits (\$ per therm)
Residential	\$0.0187
Small Commercial and Industrial	\$0..0128
Medium Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0105
Large Commercial and Industrial	\$0.0089

As a result of the changes to the RDAF, the average Boston Gas residential heating customer using 122 therms per month during the peak period will experience a bill increase of \$5.03 or 2.7 percent from the previously effective peak RDAF rate. The average Colonial Gas residential heating customer using 105 therms per month will experience a bill increase of \$3.07 or 2.2 percent from the previously effective peak RDAF rate. The Company states that the average monthly bill impact during the peak season for all Boston Gas and Colonial Gas rate classes at each class's average usage will be an increase of between 1.25 and 2.7 percent as compared to last year's peak period. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as shown below.

On March 10, 2020, Governor Baker issued Executive Order No. 591, Declaration of a State of Emergency to Respond to COVID-19, which required the closing of certain brick and mortar premises, including the Department's offices, and limited gatherings of more than ten people. Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **October 16, 2020**. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to peter.ray@mass.gov, Stephanie.Mealey@mass.gov, and the Company's attorney, Meabh Purcell, at Meabh.Purcell@nationalgrid.com. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, as well as to the Company's attorney, Meabh Purcell, National Grid, 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451.

Documents provided to the Department must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 20-81); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; (3) a brief descriptive title of the document; and (4) the name, title, email address, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing.

The Company's filing and all related documents submitted to the Department or issued by the Department will be available on the Department's website as soon as is practicable at <https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "20-81"). A paper copy of the filing will not be available for public viewing at the Company's offices or the Department due to the State of Emergency. To request materials in accessible formats

(Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) for people with disabilities, contact the Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact counsel for the Company, Meabh Purcell, at 781-907-1789 or meabh.purcell@nationalgrid.com. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Stephanie Mealey, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at Stephanie.Mealey@mass.gov.