



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 20-82

September 9, 2020

Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid for approval of their annual pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2020.

On July 31, 2020, Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid (“Boston Gas” and “Colonial Gas,” together the “Companies”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of their annual pension and post-retirement benefits other than pensions (“PBOP”) adjustment factors (“PAFs”). The Companies made this filing pursuant to: Boston Gas Company, D.T.E. 03-40 (2003); Boston Gas Company/Essex Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 10-55 (2010); and M.D.P.U. Nos. 3.11. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 20-82. In separate filings, the Companies are proposing other changes to their rates effective November 1, 2020, that may also have an impact on customers’ bills. See Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 20-GAF-P5.

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 Companies’ 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 Companies’ rates. Any person who desires to comment on the Attorney General’s notice of intent to retain experts and consultants may submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **September 30, 2020**.

Boston Gas and Colonial Gas have provided their proposed PAFs as part of their filing in D.P.U. 20-GAF-05. Boston Gas proposes the following PAFs, effective November 1, 2020, and included for billing purposes in its local distribution adjustment factor:

Rate Classes	PAF (per therm)
Residential and Outdoor Lighting (R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, and G-17)	\$0.0092
Small Commercial/Industrial and Streetlighting (G-41B, G41E, G51B, G-51E, and G-7)	\$0.0059
Medium Commercial/Industrial (G-42B, G-42E, G52-B, and G-52E)	\$0.0053
Large Commercial/Industrial (G-43B, G-43E, G-53B, and G-53E)	\$0.0036
Extra Large Commercial/Industrial (G-44B and G-54B)	\$0.0028

Colonial Gas proposes the following PAFs, effective November 1, 2020, and included for billing purposes in its local distribution adjustment factor:

Rate Classes	PAF (per therm)
Residential and Outdoor Lighting (R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, and G-17)	\$0.0042
Small Commercial/Industrial (G-41 and G-51)	\$0.0024
Medium Commercial/Industrial (G-42 and G-52)	\$0.0013
Large Commercial/Industrial (G-43 and G-53)	\$0.0010

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 or to participate otherwise in this proceeding shall file electronic written comments or a petition for leave to intervene no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **September 30, 2020**. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to peter.ray@mass.gov, henry.d.kahn@mass.gov, and the Companies'

attorney, Meabh Purcell, Esq., at meabh.purcell@nationalgrid.com. 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. 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 Companies' attorney, Meabh Purcell, Esq., National Grid, 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, MA 02451.

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.

Documents provided to the Department must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 20-82); (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 Companies' 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://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "20-82"). A paper copy of the filing will not be available for public viewing at the Companies' 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 Companies' filing should contact counsel for the Companies, Meabh Purcell, Esq. at (781) 907-1789 or meabh.purcell@nationalgrid.com. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Henry Kahn, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at henry.d.kahn@mass.gov.