



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 20-POR-01

April 8, 2020

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid pursuant to the Company's Tariffs M.D.P.U. Nos. 1420 and 1421, § 8B, for review and approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the Company's Standard Complete Billing Percentages for effect May 1, 2020, under the Company's Purchase of Receivables Program.

On March 13, 2020, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid ("Company") filed with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") its calculation of purchase of receivables ("POR") discount rates by customer class for effect May 1, 2020. The Company made this filing pursuant to the Company's POR Program set forth in Terms and Conditions for Competitive Suppliers tariffs, M.D.P.U. Nos. 1420, § 8B and Terms and Conditions For Municipal Aggregators M.D.P.U. No. 1421, § 8 B. The Department has docketed this filing as D.P.U. 20-POR-01.

The Company's POR Program provides for the Company to purchase, at a discounted rate, the billing accounts receivable of competitive suppliers operating in the Company's service territory that take standard complete billing service from the Company. The discounted rate, called the standard complete bill percentage ("SCBP"), is set annually for effect May 1 for a 12-month period. The SCBP is comprised of the following: (1) the uncollectible percentage, which is calculated for each customer class based on actual uncollectible expense data for all distribution customers in that class; (2) administrative costs incurred by the Company in implementing the POR Program; and (3) the reconciliation of projected and actual uncollectible expenses experienced during the previous year. M.D.P.U. No. 1421, § 8B.2.b; M.D.P.U. No. 14210, § 8B.2.b.

In its filing, the Company proposes the following SCBPs for effect May 1, 2020:

SCBPs	
Customer Class	SCBP %
Residential	3.11 %
Commercial	1.35 %
Industrial	0.12 %

Also, the Company states that the average historical payment periods that will be in place effective May 1, 2020 are as follows:

Payment Periods	
Customer Class	Days
Residential	45 Days
Commercial	45 Days
Industrial	37 Days

The Department will accept written comments on the Company's filing. Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, April 22, 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. On March 10, 2020, Governor Baker issued a state of emergency related to COVID-19 for the entire Commonwealth. 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, 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 20 MB.

In addition, one copy of all written comments should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Meabh Purcell, Esq., meabh.purcell@nationalgrid.com.

All documents must be submitted to the Department in electronic format using the following method: by e-mail attachment to peter.ray@mass.gov and andrew.w.strumfels@mass.gov. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number

of the proceeding (D.P.U. 20-POR-01); (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>. 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) for people with disabilities contact Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3500.

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> (insert 20-POR-01). 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. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Meabh Purcell, Esq., at (781) 907-1789. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Andrew Strumfels, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.