



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 21-01

January 28, 2021

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for approval of their 2020 electric reconciliation filing effective March 1, 2021, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 1A(a) through 1H and 220 CMR 11.03(4)(e).

On January 15, 2021, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid (collectively, “Company”), filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) its annual electric reconciliation filing, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 1A(a) through 1H and 220 CMR 11.03(4)(e). The annual electric reconciliation filing consists of the preliminary reconciliation of 2020 costs and revenues for basic service adjustment rates, transition charge, transmission service charge, long-term renewable contract adjustment (“LTRCA”), Attorney General consultant expense factor (“AGCEF”), net metering recovery surcharge (“NMRS”), Tax Act Credit Factor (“TACF”), and residential assistance adjustment factor (“RAAF”). The Company proposes updated charges and tariffs to be effective March 1, 2021. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 21-01.

The Company proposes the following charges/(credits), effective March 1, 2021, applicable to all customers:

Rate Factor	Proposed Rate (\$/kWh)
Transition Charge	(0.00104)
LTRCA	0.00075

Additionally, the Company proposes changes to the basic service adjustment rates, transmission service charge, AGCEF, NMRS, TACF, and RAAF effective March 1, 2021, with charges/(credits) varying by rate class. The Company proposes the following charges/(credits) for residential customers (R-1 and R-2):

Rate Factor	Proposed Rate (\$/kWh)
Basic Service Adjustment	0.00105
Transmission Service Charge	0.03858
AGCEF	0.00003
NMRS	0.01163
TACF	(0.00062)
RAAF	0.00488

(Exh. MR-2). The Company’s proposed charges for other rate classes are set forth in the Company’s Filing in Exhibit MR-2.

In separate filings, the Company is proposing changes, effective March 1, 2021, to its capital investment recovery mechanism factor (D.P.U. 20-60), vegetation management factor (D.P.U. 20-140), pension adjustment factor (D.P.U. 21-02), revenue decoupling adjustment factor (D.P.U. 21-06), and solar cost adjustment factor (D.P.U. 21-07).

Approval of all of the Company's proposed rate adjustments and charges for effect March 1, 2021 would result in a monthly bill increase of \$7.46, from \$158.60 to \$166.06, or 4.7 percent for a typical Massachusetts Electric Company residential Basic Service customer with a typical usage of 600 kilowatt-hours ("kWh") of electricity per month as compared to current rates.<sup>1</sup> For a typical Nantucket Electric Company residential Basic Service customer with a typical usage of 600 kWh of electricity per month, the proposed rate adjustments and charges for effect March 1, 2021 would result in a monthly bill increase of \$7.46, from \$161.35 to \$168.81, or 4.6 percent as compared to current rates.<sup>2</sup> The Company states that the bill impacts over current rates for all customers range from an increase of 2.9 percent to an increase of 7.5 percent, depending on rate class and usage. For specific bill impacts, contact the Company as shown below.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Thursday, February 18, 2021**. 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. at [meabh.purcell@nationalgrid.com](mailto:meabh.purcell@nationalgrid.com).

All documents should also be submitted to the Department in **PDF format** by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and [Scott.Seigal@mass.gov](mailto:Scott.Seigal@mass.gov). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 21-01); (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>. 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

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<sup>1</sup> Current rates are as of February 1, 2021.

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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 "21-01"). 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 Meabh Purcell, Esq. at [meabh.purcell@nationalgrid.com](mailto:meabh.purcell@nationalgrid.com). For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Scott Seigal, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at [Scott.Seigal@mass.gov](mailto:Scott.Seigal@mass.gov).