



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 21-32

March 22, 2021

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Grid Modernization Program Factors for effect May 1, 2021.

On March 15, 2021, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid (together, “Company”), filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) requesting to recover the costs associated with its grid modernization program through its grid modernization factor (“GMF”) for effect on May 1, 2021. This filing was made pursuant to Grid Modernization, D.P.U. 15-120/ D.P.U. 15-121/D.P.U. 15-122 (2018) and the Company’s GMF tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1445. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 21-32.

The Company proposes to recover a total of \$8,332,910 in revenue requirement associated with its grid modernization program through its GMF. Specifically, the Company proposes recovery of (1) \$7,652,888 in incremental operations and maintenance expenses; (2) \$449,015 associated with its calendar year 2020 grid modernization capital investments; and (3) \$231,007 associated with its calendar year 2019 grid modernization capital investments.

The Company proposes to recover the costs associated with its grid modernization program through the following proposed GMFs for effect May 1, 2021:

Rate Class	Proposed GMF
R-1 and R-2	0.00063
G-1	0.00054
G-2	0.00040
G-3	0.00023
Streetlighting	0.00055

If the Department approves the Company’s proposed GMF for effect May 1, 2021, a typical Massachusetts Electric Company residential basic service customer using

600 kilowatt-hours (“kWh”) of electricity per month would experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.19 or 0.1 percent as compared to current rates. For a typical Nantucket Electric Company residential basic service customer using 600 kWh of electricity per month, the proposed charges for effect May 1, 2021 would result in a monthly bill increase of \$0.19 or 0.1 percent as compared to current rates. The Company states that the bill impacts over current rates for all customers range from no increase to an increase of 0.1 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, April 15, 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, Melissa Liazos, Esq. at melissa.liazos@nationalgrid.com.

All documents should also be submitted to the Department in **PDF format** by e-mail attachment to peter.ray@mass.gov and Scott.Seigal@mass.gov. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 21-32); (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.

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 “21-32”). 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 Melissa Liazos, Esq., at melissa.liazos@nationalgrid.com. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Scott Seigal, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at Scott.Seigal@mass.gov.