



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 21-33

March 18, 2021

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for Approval of its 2021 Smart Grid Pilot Program Rate Adjustment and Reconciliation Filing.

On March 15, 2021, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Company”), filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) a request to recover costs incurred as of December 31, 2020, associated with its smart grid pilot program, which ended on December 31, 2018. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 21-33.

The Department approved the Company’s smart grid pilot program pursuant to St. 2008, c. 169, § 85, in Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 11-129 (2012), and an interim extension in Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 16-149 (2016). National Grid recovers distribution-facing pilot program costs from distribution customers through a smart grid distribution adjustment factor (“SGDAF”), pursuant to the Company’s smart grid adjustment provision (“SGAP”) tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1442. National Grid recovers customer-facing smart grid pilot program costs from basic service customers through a smart grid customer cost adjustment factor (“SGCCAF”), pursuant to the Company’s basic service tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1443.

The Company proposes revised SGDAFs and SGCCAFs for effect May 1, 2021, through April 30, 2022. The proposed factors are designed to recover \$734,074 as follows: (1) \$378,716 through the SGDAFs and \$64,824 through SGCCAFs the for the revenue requirement on pilot-related capital investments made between 2012 and 2016; and (2) \$106,136 through the SGDAFs and \$184,398 through SGCCAFs for reconciliation of pilot-related cost recovery from prior years.

The Company proposes the following revised SGDAFs for effect May 1, 2021:

Rate Class	Proposed SGDAFs (\$/kWh)
R-1, R-2	\$0.00003
G-1	\$0.00003
G-2	\$0.00002
G-3	\$0.00001
S	\$0.00003

The Company proposes the following revised SGCCAFs for effect May 1, 2021:

Customer Group	Proposed SGCCAFs (\$/kWh)
Residential	\$0.00004
Commercial	\$0.00004
Industrial	\$0.00006

If the Department approves National Grid's request as proposed, the monthly bill for a typical Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company residential customer (*i.e.*, a customer using 600 kilowatt-hours ("kWh") of electricity per month) will decrease by \$0.07 (or approximately 0.0 percent). Commercial and industrial customers should contact National Grid for specific bill impacts.

Any person interested in commenting on the Company's filing may submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, April 13, 2021**. Additionally, any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, April 6, 2021**. 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.

All comments or petitions to intervene must be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and kerri.phillips@mass.gov. In addition, one copy of all written comments should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Melissa G. Liazos, Esq., melissa.liazos@nationalgrid.com; and to Assistant Attorney General, Shannon S. Beale, shannon.beale@mass.gov. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 21-33); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; (3) a brief descriptive title of the document; and (4) the name, title, e-mail address, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. The file name should identify the document but should not exceed 50 characters in length. Importantly, all large files submitted must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20 MB.

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. Ordinarily, parties would follow Sections B.1 and B.4 of the Department's Standard Ground Rules regarding the filing of original paper versions (D.P.U. 15-184-A, App. 1 (March 4, 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 paper copies. To the extent a person wishes to submit comments in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient. 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.

The Company's filing and any comments or petitions to intervene will be posted on the Department's website as soon as practicable at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "21-33"). At this time, 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), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov.

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact National Grid's counsel, Melissa G. Liazos, Esq., at melissa.liazos@nationalgrid.com. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Kerri DeYoung Phillips, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at kerri.phillips@mass.gov.