



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 21-34

March 19, 2021

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for review and approval of their basic service costs adder rate adjustment for effect May 1, 2021.

On March 15, 2021, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each doing business as National Grid (“Companies”), filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”), their annual basic service costs adder (“BSCA”) rate adjustment and reconciliation filing. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 21-34.

The Companies propose to recover or return through their BSCA the reconciliation of their electric supply-related costs and revenues from January 2020 through December 2020 and their supply-related forecasted costs from January 2021 through December 2021, which include: (1) cash working capital; (2) bad debt; (3) administration of basic service; (4) conducting the competitive bidding processes; and (5) regulatory compliance.

The Companies propose the following BSCAs to take effect on May 1, 2021: (1) (\$0.00015) per kilowatt-hour (“kWh”) for residential customers; (2) \$0.00032 per kWh for commercial customers (rate classes G-1 and streetlighting); and (3) \$0.00023 per kWh for industrial customers (rate classes G-2 and G-3).

If the Companies’ BSCAs are approved as proposed, the monthly bill for an average basic service residential customer (*i.e.*, a customer using 600 kWh of electricity per month) will decrease by approximately \$2.56, or 1.5 percent, per month. The bill impacts for all customers will be a decrease of no more than two percent per month. For specific bill impacts depending on class and usage, please contact the Companies as shown below.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **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.

All documents must be submitted to the Department in **pdf format** by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and henry.d.kahn@mass.gov. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 21-34); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. 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 the Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us.

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

The Companies' 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 21-34). 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.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Companies' filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Meabh Purcell, Esq., at 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.