



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 24-182

February 3, 2025

Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for review and approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the Companies' revised model distributed generation interconnection tariff (Model DG Interconnection Tariff).

On November 29, 2024, the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) issued its Order promulgating final net metering regulations amending 220 CMR 18.00 to implement the net metering provisions of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2022, An Act Driving Clean Energy and Offshore Wind, (“2022 Clean Energy Act”). Net Metering Rulemaking, D.P.U. 23-140-A (2024). In D.P.U. 23-140-A, the Department directed NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (collectively “Distribution Companies” or “Petitioners”) to jointly file a revised model distributed generation interconnection tariff (“DG Interconnection Tariff”). D.P.U. 23-140-A at 73. The Department directed the Distribution Companies to propose revisions to promote clarity regarding the regulatory treatment of facility expansions. D.P.U. 23-140-A at 75.

On November 29, 2024, the Department also issued its Order establishing the Self-Certification Process for determining eligibility for an exception to the Single Parcel Rule under G.L. c. 164, § 139(l). Revisions to the Single Parcel Rule Pursuant to the Acts of 2022, c. 179, § 55, D.P.U. 23-20-A (2024). Specifically, Section 55 of the 2022 Clean Energy Act prescribed five circumstances when more than one Net Metering facility can be located on a single parcel of land (“Statutory Exceptions”). In D.P.U. 23-20-A, the Department established the Self-Certification Process and introduced the Self-Certification Form, whereby Host Customers applying to the Net Metering Program with more than one facility on a parcel of land may demonstrate eligibility for a Statutory Exception. The

Department directed the Distribution Companies to modify Schedule Z¹ to collect information for the Distribution Companies to notify new Host Customers of Net Metering facilities that are operating with a Statutory Exception of their obligation to report Host Customer changes to the Self-Certification Form Reviewer. D.P.U. 23-20-A at 66.

On January 13, 2025, the Distribution Companies filed with the Department a revised model DG Interconnection Tariff in response to the Department's directives pursuant to D.P.U. 23-140-A and D.P.U. 23-20-A. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 24-182.

The Department will accept written comments on the Distribution Companies' compliance filing no later than 5:00 p.m. on **February 24, 2025**. The Department anticipates that a number of persons will be interested in this proceeding and encourages interested persons to present consensus positions and submit comments jointly, when possible. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, annemarie.belle@mass.gov, and the Petitioners' attorney, Laura C. Bickel, Esq. Laura.Bickel@nationalgrid.com. Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

Any person who desires to participate otherwise in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene no later than 5:00 p.m. on **February 18, 2025**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03. Receipt by the Department 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

¹ Schedule Z to the DG Interconnection Tariff is completed by or on behalf of a Host Customer and contains information regarding the Host Customer and the interconnecting generating facility necessary to receive Net Metering services from the Distribution Company.

responses to petitions for leave to intervene must be filed by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the second business day after the petition for leave to intervene was filed.

All documents should be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and annemarie.belle@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 24-181); (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 through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "24-181") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>. In addition, one copy of all written comments and petitions to intervene should be emailed to the Petitioners' attorney, Laura C. Bickel, Esq. Laura.Bickel@nationalgrid.com.

The 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 referenced above as soon as is practicable. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments or intervene in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at eeadiversity@mass.gov, 617-626-1282.

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Petitioners' attorney, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Annemarie Belle, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at annemarie.belle@mass.gov.