



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 25-61

November 17, 2025

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for recovery of incremental operations and maintenance expenses associated with sixteen (16) qualifying storm events that occurred during calendar year 2023.

On June 30, 2025, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid" or "Company") submitted a storm cost recovery filing with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") involving storm preparation and response costs associated with sixteen (16) qualifying storm events that occurred during calendar year 2023. The Company identified costs associated with fourteen (14) of the storm events as eligible for recovery through its storm fund and, for certain costs, through its storm fund replenishment factor ("SFRF") ("Storm Fund Events") and two (2) of the storm events as exogenous events eligible for recovery through its performance-based ratemaking ("PBR") mechanism ("Exogenous Events") (together, "Storm Events"). On November 10, 2025, the Company submitted a supplemental filing that identified and included additional costs and invoices associated with the Storm Events for the Department's review. The Company submitted the filings pursuant to Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 23-150 (2024); Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 18-150 (2019), and Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 15-155-A (2017). The Department's review of National Grid's filings will include a prudency review of the costs identified in the filings. The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 25-61.

The Company seeks approval to recover a total of \$152,609,910, including: (1) through its storm fund, \$72,617,002 in incremental operations and maintenance ("O&M") costs associated with the fourteen Storm Fund Events; (2) through the SFRF, \$10,850,000 in storm fund threshold incremental O&M costs deferred for recovery by the Department in Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 24-95; and (3) through its PBR mechanism, \$69,142,908 in incremental O&M costs associated with the two Exogenous Events. The amount requested for recovery excludes: (1) \$16,199,340 in storm-related capital costs; (2) \$1,889,147 in storm-related removal/other costs; (3) \$2,229,641 billed to Verizon; and (4) for the fourteen Storm Fund Events only, \$1.55 million in per-storm thresholds totaling \$21,700,000, less the \$10,850,000 in storm fund threshold costs permitted for recovery through the SFRF. The Department does not apply a per-storm threshold to exogenous storm events.

The Company states that the filing is a final accounting of the costs related to the sixteen Storm Events and does not affect current rates. Further, the Company states that its filing demonstrates that its incremental O&M costs proposed for recovery are storm-related, incremental, and prudently incurred, and, as established by the Department in D.P.U. 18-150 for storm fund-eligible events applicable to storm events occurring in calendar year 2023, the per-storm costs sought for recovery for the Storm Events are greater than the applicable \$1.55 million deductible and less than \$30 million, exclusive of Verizon costs. For the storm fund threshold costs to be recovered through the SFRF, the Company states that the Department in D.P.U. 24-95 permitted recovery of these costs through the SFRF, subject to a prudency review. For these reasons, the Company states that its proposed recovery of costs is appropriate and warranted.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (“Attorney General”) filed a notice of intervention in this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(a). Further, pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the Attorney General has filed a notice of retention of experts and consultants to assist in her investigation of the Company’s filing and has requested Department approval to spend up to \$150,000 in this regard. Pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the costs incurred by the Attorney General relative to her retention of experts and consultants may be recovered in the Company’s rates.

Any person interested in commenting on the Company’s filing or the Attorney General’s notice of retention of experts and consultants may submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, December 12, 2025**. Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a written petition for leave to intervene no later than close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, December 12, 2025**. 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 documents 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, all documents should be emailed to the Company’s attorneys, Stacey M. Donnelly, Esq., Patrick Houghton, Esq., and Courtney Mulvey, Esq., at the following e-mail addresses: stacey.donnelly@nationalgrid.com, patrick.houghton@nationalgrid.com, and courtney.mulvey@nationalgrid.com. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 25-61); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic 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. All documents submitted for this matter will be posted on the Department’s website through our online File Room as soon as practicable at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/dpu/fileroom/#/dockets> (enter “25-61”).

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. If a member of the public is unable to send written comments by e-mail, a paper copy may be sent to Peter Ray, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 3rd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. 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 e-mail addresses. As such, members of the public should consider the extent of information they wish to share when submitting comments.

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at ceadiversity@mass.gov or (617) 626-1282.

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Company's attorneys through e-mail, as identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Kerri DeYoung Phillips, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at kerri.phillips@mass.gov.