



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### CORRECTED NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 26-04

February 6, 2026

Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of its Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2026 Off-Peak Period, May 1, 2026 through October 31, 2026.

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On January 30, 2026, Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid (“Company”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of its off-peak revenue decoupling adjustment factors (“RDAFs”), for effect May 1, 2026. This filing was made pursuant to the Department’s directives in Revised Uniform RDAF Filing Requirements, D.P.U. 14-RDAF-01 (2014) and the Company’s revenue decoupling adjustment clause (“RDAC”) tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 62.7. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 26-04.

In 2008, the Department instituted revenue decoupling by establishing a mechanism through the Company’s RDAC that allows the Company to modify, on a semi-annual basis, its base distribution rates as a result of changes in customer usage. Revenue decoupling severs the link between sales and revenues, and instead provides gas and electric utility companies with a target revenue level, thus removing a disincentive to implement energy efficiency and demand reduction programs that encourage customers to lower energy usage and demand. See generally Revenue Decoupling, D.P.U. 07-50-A (2008); see also Bay State Gas Company, D.P.U. 09-30, at 25-27, 87 (2009) (describing rate setting pursuant to RDAC).

The Company proposes the following RDAF charges effective May 1, 2026 through October 31, 2026:

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Proposed 2026 Off-Peak RDAFs (\$/therm)</b>	<b>Current Off-Peak RDAFs (\$/therm)</b>	<b>Increase/(Decrease) (\$/therm)</b>
Residential (R-1, R-2, R-3B, R-3C, R-4B, R-4C)	(0.0066)	0.0244	(0.0310)
Small Commercial and Industrial ("C&I") (G-41B, G-41C, G-41E, G-51B, G-51C, G-51E)	(0.0055)	0.0208	(0.0263)
Medium C&I (G-42B, G-42C, G-42E, G-52B, G-52C, G-52E)	(0.0037)	0.0146	(0.0183)
Large C&I (G-43B, G-43C, G-43E, G-53B, G-53C, G-53E)	(0.0030)	0.0112	(0.0142)
	<b>Proposed 2026 Off-Peak RDAFs (\$/Maximum Daily Contract Quantity ("MDCQ") therm)</b>	<b>Current Off-Peak RDAFs (\$/MDCQ therm)</b>	<b>Increase/(Decrease) (\$/MDCQ therm)</b>
X-Large C&I (G-44B)	(0.0184)	0.0678	(0.0862)
X-Large C&I (G-54B, G-53E)	(0.0229)	0.0845	(0.1074)

If the Department approves the changes to the RDAFs as proposed, customers will experience the following bill impacts:

- a residential heating customer in the Boston Gas “division” (R-3B) using on average 22 therms per month during the off-peak period will experience a bill decrease of \$0.70 per month or 1.26 percent;
- a residential heating customer in the former Colonial Gas “division” (R-3C) using on average 22 therms per month during the off-peak period will experience a bill decrease of \$0.70 per month or 1.33 percent;
- a residential non-heating customer in the Boston Gas “division” (R-1 Bos) using on average eight therms per month during the off-peak period will experience a bill decrease of \$0.24 per month or 0.76 percent;
- a residential non-heating customer in the Colonial gas “division” (R-1 Col) using on average eight therms per month during the off-peak period will experience a decrease of \$0.24 per month or 0.79 percent;
- a residential heating low-income customer in the Boston Gas “division” (R-4B) using on average 23 therms per month during the off-peak period will experience a bill decrease of \$0.54 per month or 1.27 percent;
- a residential heating low-income customer in the former Colonial Gas “division” (R-4C) using on average 23 therms per month during the off-peak period will experience a bill decrease of \$0.53 per month or 1.34 percent;
- a residential non-heating low-income customer in the Boston Gas “division” (R- 2 Bos) using on average ten therms per month during the off-peak period will experience a bill decrease of \$0.24 per month or 0.84 percent; and
- a residential non-heating low-income customer in the former Colonial Gas “division” (R-2 Col) using on average ten therms per month during the off- peak period will experience a bill decrease of \$0.23 per month or 0.86 percent.
- C&I customers on basic service will experience decreases ranging on average from 0.84 percent to 2.37 percent, depending on rate class and average use.

For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as shown below.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **March 26, 2026**. 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 Peter Ray, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

Any person who otherwise 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 **March 12, 2026**. 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 responses to petitions to intervene must be filed by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the second business day after the petition to intervene was filed.

All documents should be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and [lauren.macarthur@mass.gov](mailto:lauren.macarthur@mass.gov). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 26-04); (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 in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "26-04") 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 Company's attorneys, Christopher Tuomala, Esq., at [christopher.tuomala@nationalgrid.com](mailto:christopher.tuomala@nationalgrid.com), Joseph Dorfler, Esq., at [jdorfler@richmaylaw.com](mailto:jdorfler@richmaylaw.com), and Hayley Kallfelz, Esq., at [hkallfelz@richmaylaw.com](mailto:hkallfelz@richmaylaw.com).

The filing and all subsequent related documents submitted to the Department 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 [eadiversity@mass.gov](mailto:eadiversity@mass.gov) or (617) 626-1282.

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Company's attorneys, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Lauren MacArthur, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at [lauren.macarthur@mass.gov](mailto:lauren.macarthur@mass.gov).

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