



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 26-43

March 24, 2026

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Grid Modernization Factors for Effect May 1, 2026.

On March 13, 2026, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Company”), submitted its annual filing with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) requesting the recovery of costs associated with its grid modernization program through proposed grid modernization factors (“GMFs”) for effect May 1, 2026. The Company also proposes revisions to its GMF tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1633 (proposed). The Company submitted the filing pursuant to its currently-effective GMF tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1564. The Department originally approved cost recovery through GMFs for eligible grid modernization investments in Second Grid Modernization Plans, D.P.U. 21-80-B/D.P.U. 21-81-B/D.P.U. 21-82-B (2022) and D.P.U. 21-80-A/D.P.U. 21-81-A/D.P.U. 21-82-A (2022); and Grid Modernization, D.P.U. 15-120-A/D.P.U. 15-121-A/D.P.U. 15-122-A (2019) and D.P.U. 15-120/D.P.U. 15-121/D.P.U. 15-122 (2018). The Department docketed the filing as D.P.U. 26-43.

In its filing, National Grid proposes to recover a total of \$55,969,290 of grid modernization program costs and carrying charges (i.e., interest) incurred through the end of calendar year (“CY”) 2025, consisting of: (1) \$9,469,032 in incremental operations and maintenance (“O&M”) expenses incurred during CY 2025; (2) \$21,044,625 for the revenue requirements associated with plant investments placed into service through CY 2025; (3) \$23,271,734 allocated to National Grid by its service company for information and technology investments, plus an additional \$4,168 arising from a prior-period reporting errors by the Company in calculating the tax depreciation applied to these hardware assets; (4) a reconciliation debit of \$458,684 for under recovery associated with prior-period GMFs; and (5) \$1,721,047 in anticipated carrying charges to be incurred during the recovery period of May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027.

The Company proposes to recover these costs through the following proposed GMFs for effect May 1, 2026:

Rate Class	Proposed GMFs (\$/kilowatt-hour (“kWh”))
R-1/R-2	0.00399
G-1	0.00297
G-2	0.00219
G-3	0.00140
Streetlighting	0.00326

If the Company’s request is approved as proposed, a typical Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company residential basic service customer using 600 kWh per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.93, or 0.4 percent. The Company explained that these bill impact estimates exclude the Massachusetts Winter Bill Relief in effect for usage during February 1, 2026, through March 31, 2026. A typical Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company low-income residential basic service customer using 600 kWh per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.63, or 0.4 percent. The Company states that bill impacts for commercial and industrial customers will vary. Customers may contact the Company for specific bill impact information.

Additionally, the Company proposes to modify its GMF tariff to: (1) abbreviate terminology in Section 1.0; (2) add program termination costs as an allowable O&M expense in Section 2.3; (3) to define carry-over costs in Section 2.4 and to include such costs as an eligible grid modernization plan investment cost in Section 2.6; and (4) to update the rate formula in Section 3.0 to reference the correct tariff sections.

The Department will accept written comments on the Company’s filing until close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**. 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 **Wednesday, April 15, 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 documents must be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and [kerri.phillips@mass.gov](mailto:kerri.phillips@mass.gov). In addition, one copy of all written comments and petitions to intervene should be e-mailed to the Company’s attorney, Melissa G. Liazos, Esq., at [melissa.liazos@nationalgrid.com](mailto:melissa.liazos@nationalgrid.com). The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 26-43); (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 “26-43”) at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/dpu/fileroom/#/dockets>.

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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website noted above as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or e-mail addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments.

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