



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 26-57

April 21, 2026

Joint Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy; Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid; and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of proposed revisions to the Model Standards for Interconnection of Distributed Generation Tariff that incorporate a Common System Modification Fee, pursuant to Department Inquiry, D.P.U. 25-48.

On March 25, 2025, the Interconnection Implementation Review Group (“IIRG”) submitted to the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) proposed revisions to the Model Standards for Interconnection of Distributed Generation Tariff (“DG Interconnection Tariff”). On May 27, 2025, the Department opened an investigation into the IIRG Filing. Department Investigation Into Interconnection Implementation Review Group’s Proposed Revisions to the Model Standards for Interconnection of Distributed Generation Tariff, D.P.U. 25-48, Vote and Order Opening Investigation (2025).

The IIRG is a Department-sanctioned working group established under Distributed Generation Interconnection, D.P.U. 19-55-F (2023). The IIRG provides a forum to identify and discuss issues related to DG interconnection and to ensure continued review of DG interconnection standards and procedures. Information on the IIRG can be found at its website: <https://gridforce.my.site.com/s/article/Interconnection-Implementation-Review-Group>.

The IIRG members collaborated for a year and half leading up to the March 25, 2025 filing to identify proposed revisions to the DG Interconnection Tariff, specifically to Simplified and Expedited interconnection process requirements. These processes set out operational actions necessary for a DG facility to connect with an electric distribution company’s (“Distribution Company”)¹ electric power system (“EPS”). The revisions proposed in the IIRG filing in

¹ The Distribution Companies are Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (“Unitil”), NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“NSTAR Electric”), and Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National

D.P.U. 25-48 are intended to, among other things, understand and explore ways to address system modification costs for projects under the Simplified Process.

On March 27, 2026, the Distribution Companies filed a joint proposal to further revise the Model DG Interconnection Tariff to incorporate a Common System Modification Fee (“CSM Fee”). The joint CSM Fee proposal was developed with the IIRG’s Interconnection Fees Subgroup and on March 26, 2026, the IIRG voted unanimously to support the joint CSM Fee proposal. The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 26-57.

If approved as proposed, this non-refundable CSM Fee will apply to all DG Simplified Process applicants seeking to interconnect to a Distribution Company’s EPS. The proposed cost-sharing approach is intended to reduce the financial burden on individual Simplified Process Interconnecting Customers when EPS modifications are necessary. As proposed, the CSM Fee will cover distribution work and equipment directly required for Simplified Process facilities to interconnect to the Distribution Company’s EPS, up to each Distribution Company’s CSM Benefit Threshold. The CSM Benefit Threshold is the maximum CSM benefit allowed per eligible Simplified Process Application. The proposed CSM Fees and Benefit Thresholds are as follows:

Distribution Company	CSM Fee	CSM Benefit Threshold
National Grid	\$225	\$10,000
NSTAR Electric	\$225	\$10,000
Unitil	\$225	\$1,450

The CSM Fee proposal is intended to be self-sustaining, with collections matching expenditures for equipment and work necessary for related upgrades to a Distribution Company’s EPS. The Distribution Companies also request permission to recover: (1) the difference of any under-collection of CSM Fees through base distribution rates, subject to approval by the Department and (2) the costs of implementation of the CSM Fee Program. The estimated implementation costs and method to recover those costs are to be determined.

Grid (“National Grid”). Each Distribution Company’s currently effective DG Interconnection Tariff is: Unitil, M.D.P.U. No. 474; NSTAR Electric, M.D.P.U. No. 55C; and National Grid, M.D.P.U No. 1620.

The Department will accept written comments on the Distribution Companies' filing no later than 5:00 p.m. on **April 28, 2026**. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, annemarie.belle@mass.gov, and the Distribution Companies' attorneys, John K. Habib, Esq. jhabib@keeganwerlin.com; Alice Davey, Esq. daveya@unitil.com; Melissa Liazos, Esq. melissa.liazos@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 Peter A. Ray, 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 **April 28, 2026**. 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 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. 26-57); (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 "26-57") 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 Distribution Companies' attorneys, John K. Habib, Esq. jhabib@keeganwerlin.com, Alice Davey, Esq. daveya@unitil.com; and Melissa Liazos, Esq. melissa.liazos@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

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

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