



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 26-88

July 20, 2026

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid for Approval of Proposed Long-Term Contracts for Energy Storage Systems Pursuant to Section 83E of An Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169, as inserted by St. 2024, c. 239, § 98.

On July 2, 2026, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid ("Company") filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") seeking approval of four long-term power purchase agreements (the "Agreements") for the Company's pro rata share of the environmental attributes executed in culmination of a competitive solicitation undertaken by the Department of Energy Resources ("DOER") pursuant to Section 83E of An Act Relative to Green Communities, St. 2008, c. 169 ("Section 83E").¹ The Company intends to recover the costs associated with the Agreements, including remuneration of 2.25 percent of the annual contract payments in accordance with Section 83E, through its currently-effective long-term renewable contract adjustment tariff, Renewable Energy Recovery Provision, M.D.P.U. No. 1624. The Company states that the proposed Agreements are cost-effective over the term of the contracts and satisfy the requirements of Section 83E, and therefore the costs associated with the Agreements, including remuneration, are eligible for cost recovery pursuant the Company's tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1624. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 26-88.

Section 83E requires that every distribution company shall, in coordination with DOER, jointly and competitively solicit proposals for energy storage systems, and provided that reasonable proposals have been received, shall enter into cost-effective long-term contracts equal to approximately 5,000 megawatts ("MW") of energy storage systems not later than July 31, 2030. This first procurement is limited to environmental attributes only.² Section 83E(b). All

¹ Section 83E was added to the Green Communities Act by An Act Promoting a Clean Energy Grid, Advancing Equity and Protecting Ratepayers, St. 2024, c. 239, § 98.

² Environmental Attributes are all present and future attributes under any and all international, federal, regional, state or other law or market, including, but not limited to, all credits or certificates that are associated, either now or by future action, with clean

proposed long-term contracts are subject to the review and approval of the Department prior to becoming effective, and as part of its review and approval process for any proposed long-term contracts, the Department shall consider recommendations from the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (“Attorney General”), which must be submitted to the Department within 45 days following the filing of the contract with the Department.

Section 83E(f). The Department shall take into consideration DOER’s recommendations and the requirements of St. 2008, c. 298 and of the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits under G.L. c. 21N. In addition, the Department shall consider both the potential costs and benefits of such contracts and shall approve a contract only upon a finding that it is in the public interest and a cost-effective mechanism for procuring beneficial, reliable energy storage systems on a long-term basis. Section 83E(f).

In accordance with Section 83E, the electric distribution companies and DOER, in consultation with the Attorney General, jointly developed a request for proposals (“RFP”) for this first solicitation of energy storage systems. On July 30, 2025, the Department approved the method of soliciting and executing long-term contracts, as well as the timetable, contained in the RFP. Timetable and Method of Solicitation for Long-Term Contracts for Energy Storage Systems Pursuant to Section 83E, D.P.U. 25-59 (2025). On July 31, 2025, DOER issued the RFP.

The Agreements are for the Company’s pro rata share of the environmental attributes produced by the four agreements for an aggregate of 1,068 MWs of energy storage systems. Two of the Agreements are with Jupiter Power for 100 percent of a 700 MW project in Everett, Massachusetts over a 20-year term; one Agreement is with Flatiron Energy for 80 percent (200 MW) of a 250 MW project in Chelsea, Massachusetts over a twelve-year term; and one Agreement is with Flatiron Energy for 100 percent of a 168 MW project in Somerset, Massachusetts over a 20-year term. The Company states that the Agreements are cost-effective and that execution of the Agreements satisfies the requirements of Section 83E.

According to the Company’s analysis, illustrative bill impacts demonstrate a bill decrease as a result of the proposed Agreements, beginning after the first year of generation in 2030. The Company estimates that the bill of an average residential customer (R-1 rate class) using approximately 600 kilowatt hours of electricity per month may decrease by approximately \$1.37 or 0.6 percent per month in 2030. Estimated bill impacts for commercial and industrial customers will vary depending on rate class and usage. These customers should contact the Company for specific estimated bill impacts.

The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Company’s filing. The Department will conduct the hearings using Zoom videoconferencing on **August 10, 2026**, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Attendees can join by entering the link, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86374805662>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior

energy generation, including, but not limited to, those attributes authorized and created by programs developed under G.L. c. 21N, § 3(c), and G.L. c. 25A, §§ 11F and 17. St. 2024, c. 239, § 95.

software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at **1 646-558-8656 (not toll free)** and then enter the **Meeting ID# 863 7480 5662**. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, please send an email by **August 5, 2026**, to susan.geiser@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address. If you anticipate commenting by telephone, please leave a voicemail message by **August 4, 2026**, at 617-305-3583 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **August 10, 2026**. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, the hearing officer, Susan Geiser, at susan.geiser@mass.gov, and the Companies' attorneys: John K. Habib, Esq. and Jonathan A. Goldberg, Esq. at jhabib@keeganwerlin.com and jgoldberg@keeganwerlin.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 **August 3, 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 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.

On July 6, 2026, the Attorney General filed a Notice of Intervention in this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E. Further, on July 15, 2026, pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the Attorney General 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 who desires to comment on the Attorney General's notice of retention of experts and consultants must file the comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **August 3, 2026**.

All documents should be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and susan.geiser@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 26-88); (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 "26-88" on the line for "Docket No."). In addition, one copy of all

written comments and petitions to intervene should be emailed to the Company's attorneys, John K. Habib, Esq. and Jonathan A. Goldberg, Esq. at jhabib@keeganwerlin.com and jgoldberg@keeganwerlin.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 eeadiversity@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 Susan Geiser, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at susan.geiser@mass.gov.

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