



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 26-42

March 25, 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 Advanced Metering Infrastructure Factors.

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 to recover the costs associated with its advanced metering infrastructure (“AMI”) implementation program through proposed AMI factors (“AMIFs”) for effect May 1, 2026. The Company submitted the filing pursuant to Second Grid Modernization Plans, D.P.U. 21-80-B/D.P.U. 21-81-B/D.P.U. 21-82-B (2022) and the Company’s AMIF tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1557. The Department docketed the filing as D.P.U. 26-42.

In D.P.U. 21-80-B/D.P.U. 21-81-B/D.P.U. 21-82-B at 337, 338, the Department approved the Company’s grid modernization plan, including the Company’s AMI implementation plan, and established the AMIF for cost recovery of eligible core and supporting AMI investments. Core AMI investments are infrastructure investments necessary to install and enable AMI functionality to produce more granular customer usage data, as well as voltage and other grid-facing data while supporting AMI investments are investments that utilize the AMI data to provide broader customer and system benefits. D.P.U. 21-80-B/D.P.U. 21-81-B/D.P.U. 21-82-B at 196. The Department preauthorized core AMI investments through 2027, with a combined five-year budget cap of \$391.1 million, and preliminarily approved supporting AMI investment for implementation through 2027, with a combined five-year budget cap of \$96.1 million. *Id.* at 257. Further, in the Company’s most recent base distribution rate proceeding, the Department approved the removal of all depreciation expense associated with legacy meters and directed the Company to reflect those costs outside of base distribution rates in the AMIF. Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 23-150, at 233 (2024).

In the present proceeding, National Grid seeks to recover \$44,668,649 in AMI implementation program costs and carrying charges (*i.e.*, interest) consisting of: (1) \$1,827,653 in service company rent incurred in calendar year (“CY”) 2025; (2) \$13,471,368 in operations and maintenance costs incurred in CY 2025; (3) a revenue requirement for 2025 of \$3,813,671

for capital investments placed in service in CY 2025; (4) a revenue requirement for 2026 of \$8,150,270 for capital investments placed in service in CYs 2024 and 2025; (5) \$15,865,682 in depreciation expense associated with legacy meters; (6) \$166,450 in AMI reconciliation amount; and (7) \$1,373,554 in estimated 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 AMIFs for effect May 1, 2026:

Rate Class	Proposed AMIF (\$/kilowatt-hour (“kWh”))
R-1/R-2	0.00318
G-1	0.00237
G-2	0.00175
G-3	0.00111
Streetlighting	0.00260

If the Company’s request is approved as proposed, a typical Massachusetts Electric Company residential basic service customer using 600 kWh per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.76, or 0.3 percent, and a typical Massachusetts Electric Company low-income residential basic service customer using 600 kWh per month will experience a monthly bill increase ranging from \$0.22, or 0.3 percent to \$0.52, or 0.3 percent based on discount tiers. A typical Nantucket Electric Company residential basic service customer using 600 kWh per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.76, or 0.3 percent, and a typical Nantucket Electric Company low-income residential basic service customer using 600 kWh per month will experience a monthly bill increase ranging from \$0.22, or 0.3 percent to \$0.52 or 0.3 percent based on discount tiers. The Company states that bill impacts for commercial and industrial customers will vary. Customers may contact the Company for specific bill impact information.

The Department will accept written comments on the Company’s filing until close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**. Written comments from the public may be sent by e-mail to du.e.filing@mass.gov, w.jay.lee@mass.gov, and the Company’s attorney, Melissa G. Liazos, Esq., at 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 e-mail 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 e-mail. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by e-mail, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, 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 **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 and w.jay.lee@mass.gov. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 26-42); (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 "26-42") 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 e-mailed to the Company's attorney, Melissa G. Liazos, Esq., by e-mail attachment to 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 print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at eeadiversity@mass.gov or at 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 W. Jay Lee, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at w.jay.lee@mass.gov.

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