



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 26-74

May 19, 2026

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for Approval by the Department of Public Utilities of Proposed Electric Sector Modernization Plan Factors for Effect July 1, 2026.

On May 1, 2026, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Company”), submitted its first annual filing with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) requesting the recovery of costs associated with the Company’s Electric Sector Modernization Plan (“ESMP”) investments and activities conducted through calendar year (“CY”) 2025. The Company proposed cost recovery through proposed ESMP factors (“ESMPFs”) for effect July 1, 2026, and identified estimated bill impacts associated with the proposed ESMPFs. The Company will submit at a later date consolidated bill impacts for all proposed rate factors submitted to the Department for effect July 1, 2026. The Company submitted the filing pursuant to its current ESMP Provision tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1588, Electric Sector Modernization Plans, D.P.U. 24-10-A/D.P.U. 24-11-A/D.P.U. 24-12-A (2025), and D.P.U. 24-10/D.P.U. 24-11/D.P.U. 24-12 (2024). The Department docketed the Company’s filing as D.P.U. 26-74.

In its filing, National Grid proposes to recover through proposed ESMPFs \$850,571 in ESMP-related costs and carrying charges (i.e., interest), consisting of: (1) \$774,516 in total incremental operations and maintenance (“O&M”) expenses incurred through the end of CY 2025; (2) \$44,778 in service company rents; and (3) \$31,277 in anticipated carrying charges to be incurred from January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Service company rents involve shared costs for information technology assets used by National Grid but owned by its service company with the associated costs allocated between National Grid and the Company’s affiliates.

The incremental O&M expenses include four ESMP activity categories with the following costs: (1) \$176,409 in customer investments, including (a) \$76,156 in expenses and labor associated with implementation of the Grid Services Compensation Fund in coordination with the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center and the other two Massachusetts electric distribution companies, and (b) \$100,254 in expenses and labor to support additional customer category investments; (2) \$142,868 in network investments, including (a) \$142,703 in expenses and labor associated with integrated energy planning between the electric and local gas distribution companies, and (b) \$165 in expenses associated with early fault detection investments; (3) \$255,800 in platform investments, namely expenses and labor associated with implementation of various technology platforms and related functionalities; and (4) \$199,438 in

ESMP program administration costs, including (a) \$18,483 in stakeholder engagement expenses, and (b) \$180,956 labor associated with management of the overall ESMP portfolio. Minor discrepancies in totals are due to rounding for purposes of this Notice.

Additionally, National Grid's filing includes materials and descriptions of: (1) implementation and activities related to specific ESMP investments and programs; (2) the extent to which the Company considered alternative investments to the ESMP investments and programs it ultimately pursued, including the alternative(s) considered along with any alternatives analyses; (3) outside funding the Company is pursuing to offset ESMP costs; (4) the Company's capital authorization and non-wires alternatives policies and practices; (5) calculations associated with the ESMP costs submitted for recovery, including estimated customer bill impacts for the upcoming recovery year and offsets if certain costs were recovered elsewhere (e.g., through alternative government funding sources, such as Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships Program funding issued by the U.S. Department of Energy, or through the Company's grid modernization factor); and (6) confirmation that the ESMP costs proposed for recovery remain below an annual 2.5 percent revenue cap and total ESMP term spending cap established by the Department.

The Company proposes to recover these costs through the following proposed ESMPFs for effect July 1, 2026, to be presented as a separate charge on customer bills:

Rate Class	Proposed ESMPFs (\$/kilowatt-hour ("kWh"))
R-1/R-2	0.00006
G-1	0.00004
G-2	0.00003
G-3	0.00002
Streetlighting	0.00004

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 \$0.04, or 0.0 percent, and a typical Nantucket Electric Company residential basic service customer will experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.04 or 0.0 percent. A typical Massachusetts Electric Company low-income residential basic service customer using 600 kWh per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.02, or 0.0 percent, and a typical Nantucket Electric Company residential basic service customer will experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.02 or 0.0 percent. These bill impact estimates exclude other rate factors proposed for effect July 1, 2026, in separate Department proceedings. Further, the Company states that bill impacts for commercial and industrial customers will vary. Customers may contact the Company for specific bill impact information.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("Attorney General") filed a notice of intervention in this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(a). Further, pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the Attorney General has 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 interested in commenting on the Company's filing and/or the Attorney General's notice of retention of experts and consultants may submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Thursday, June 11, 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 **Thursday, June 11, 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 kerri.phillips@mass.gov. In addition, one copy of all written comments and petitions to intervene should be e-mailed to the Company's attorneys: (1) Nancy D. Israel, Esq., at nancy.israel@nationalgrid.com; (2) Jonathan A. Goldberg, Esq., at jonathan.goldberg@keeganwerlin.com; and (3) Joseph F. Kelley, Esq., at joseph.kelley@keeganwerlin.com. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 26-74); (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 "26-74") 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, 3rd 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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For further information regarding National Grid's filing, please contact the Company's attorneys identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Kerri DeYoung Phillips, Department Hearing Officer, at kerri.phillips@mass.gov.

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