



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 26-GC-08

May 1, 2026

Petition of Boston Gas d/b/a National Grid for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Salem Hospital, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.

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On March 31, 2026, Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid (“Company”) filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”), pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03, a request for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement (“Agreement”) between the Company and Salem Hospital (“Customer”) for service to the Customer’s fuel plant at 81 Highland Avenue, Salem, Massachusetts, 01970. The filing consists of the following: (1) an explanatory cover letter; (2) a copy of the Agreement; (3) a marginal cost analysis; (4) a comparison of the proposed contract rate to the Company’s otherwise applicable filed tariff rate; (5) a copy of the prior Firm Transportation Service Agreement that the Agreement is intended to replace (“2025 Agreement”); (6) a copy of the Customer’s alternative fuel permits; (7) a comparative cost analysis; and (8) an affidavit declaring that the Customer has a decarbonization strategy. Accompanying the filing are (1) a motion for protective treatment and (2) a plain language summary and outreach plan. The Department has docketed the petition as D.P.U. 26-GC-08.

The Company proposes a 12-month Agreement, effective June 1, 2026, subject to the Department’s review and approval. This Agreement supersedes the 2025 Agreement, which went into effect April 1, 2025, also for a term of 12 months. The Agreement provides for an Annual Contract Volume of 83,961 million British Thermal Units, and a Maximum Hourly Transportation Quantity of 65,000 cubic feet per hour. The Company has also agreed to help the Customer participate in its Energy Efficiency Program. The Customer asserts that it has the capacity to bypass the Company’s natural gas system with dual fuel capability, burning No. 2 fuel oil as a competitive alternative to natural gas. The Company asserts that the negotiated rate in effect for the Agreement exceeds the Company’s marginal cost to provide this service to the Customer.

The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the company’s filing. The Department will conduct the public hearing on May 5, 2026, beginning at 2 p.m. Attendees can join by entering the link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83151164483>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio only access to the hearing, attendees can dial in at 1 (646) 5588656 (not toll free) and then enter the Webinar ID number: 831 5116 4483. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public

hearing, please send an email by May 4, 2026 to [Mathieu.Cunha@mass.gov](mailto:Mathieu.Cunha@mass.gov) with your name, email address, and mailing address. In addition, any person who desires to provide written comment on this matter may submit their comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on May 15, 2026. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov), [Mathieu.Cunha@mass.gov](mailto:Mathieu.Cunha@mass.gov), and the Company's attorneys, Kevin Penders, Esq., at [KPenders@keeganwerlin.com](mailto:KPenders@keeganwerlin.com) and Joseph Kelley, [jkelley@keeganwerlin.com](mailto:jkelley@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 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 **May 8, 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.

All documents should be submitted to the Department in PDF format by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and [Mathieu.Cunha@mass.gov](mailto:Mathieu.Cunha@mass.gov). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 26-GC-08); (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 online [File Room](#) (enter "26-GC-08" on the line for Docket No.). In addition, one copy of all written comments and petitions for leave to intervene should be emailed to the Company's attorneys, Kevin Penders, Esq., at [KPenders@keeganwerlin.com](mailto:KPenders@keeganwerlin.com) and Joseph Kelley, [jkelley@keeganwerlin.com](mailto:jkelley@keeganwerlin.com).

The Company's 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 in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient. To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at [eadiversity@mass.gov](mailto:eadiversity@mass.gov) or (617) 626-1282.

For further information regarding the Company's filing please contact the Company's attorney, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Mathieu Cunha, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at [Mathieu.Cunha@mass.gov](mailto:Mathieu.Cunha@mass.gov).