



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 24-41

July 24, 2024

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for recovery of incremental operations and maintenance expenses associated with eight (8) qualifying storm events that occurred from January through December 2022.

On May 31, 2024, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid (“Company”) submitted a storm cost recovery filing with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) involving eligible storm preparation and response costs associated with eight (8) storm fund-eligible storm events (“Storm Events”) that occurred from January 2022 through December 2022. The Company submitted the filing pursuant to Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 18-150 (2019), and Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 15-155-A (2017). The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 24-41.

The Company seeks approval to recover \$45,076,900 of incremental operations and maintenance (“O&M”) costs associated with the eight Storm Events through the Company’s storm fund. The amount requested for recovery excludes: (1) \$2,686,561 in storm-related capital costs; (2) \$492,234 in storm-related removal/other costs; (3) \$906,994 billed to Verizon; and (4) \$1.55 million in per-storm thresholds totaling \$12,400,000.

The Company states that the filing is a final accounting of the costs related to the eight Storm Events and does not affect current rates. Further, the Company states that its filing demonstrates that its incremental O&M costs proposed for recovery are storm-related, incremental, and prudently incurred, and, as established by the Department in D.P.U. 18-150 for storm fund-eligible events, the per-storm costs sought for recovery for the Storm Events are greater than the applicable \$1.55 million deductible and less than \$30 million, exclusive of Verizon costs. For these reasons, the Company states that its proposed recovery of costs is appropriate and warranted.

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 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 **Friday, September 6, 2024**. Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a written petition for leave to intervene no later than close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, September 6, 2024**. 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, all documents should be emailed to the Company's attorneys, Bonnie C. Raffetto, Esq., and Patrick Houghton, Esq., at bonnie.raffetto@nationalgrid.com and patrick.houghton@nationalgrid.com. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 24-41); (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.

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 Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 3rd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. All documents submitted will be posted on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable. Please enter 24-41 at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> to view documents related to this proceeding. 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, members of the public should consider the extent of information they wish to share when submitting comments. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at Jenyka.Spitz-Gassnola2@mass.gov.

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Company's attorneys, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact

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