



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 24-160

November 12, 2024

Joint Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid, and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Until for Approval of Settlement Agreement on Amendment of Transmission Service Agreements.

On October 28, 2024, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”), Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid”), and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a (“Unutil”) (collectively, “Distribution Companies”) filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) the Settlement Agreement between the Distribution Companies, the NECEC Transmission LLC (“NECEC LLC”), the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (“Attorney General”), and the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (“DOER”) allowing for cost recovery associated with the amendment of certain Transmission Service Agreements associated with the Power Purchase Agreements approved in D.P.U. 18-64, D.P.U. 18-65, and D.P.U. 18-66 through each Distribution Company’s respective Long-Term Renewable Contract Adjustment Mechanism. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 24-160.

The Distribution Companies state that approval of the Settlement Agreement will result in a monthly bill decrease of \$1.35, or 0.7 percent for the average residential customer in the Eversource East service territory using 530 kilowatt-hours (“kWh”) per month, a monthly bill decrease of \$1.38, or 0.8 percent for the average residential customer in the Eversource West service territory using 545 kWh per month, a monthly bill decrease of \$1.52, or 0.7 percent for the average residential customer in the National Grid service territory using 600 kWh per month, and a monthly bill decrease of \$1.53, or 0.6 percent for the average residential customer in the Unutil service territory using 565 kWh per month.

The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Distribution Companies’ filing. The Department will conduct the hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on **Monday, December 16, 2024**, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Attendees can join by entering the link, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88135741942>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at +1 309 205 3325 (**not toll free**) and then enter the **Meeting ID# 881 3574 1942**. Interpretation services (Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese [Mandarin and Cantonese], Haitian Creole, and

Vietnamese) will be available over the Zoom platform by clicking the “Interpretation” button on the menu at the bottom of the Zoom application screen and selecting your language (i.e., Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese [Mandarin and Cantonese], Haitian Creole, and Vietnamese). If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, please send an email by **Friday, December 13, 2024** to Lauren.Morris@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address. If you anticipate commenting by telephone, please leave a voicemail message by **Friday, December 13, 2024**, at 617-851-8930 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 **Monday, December 16, 2024**. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, Lauren.Morris@mass.gov, and the Distribution Companies’ attorney, John K. Habib, Esq., jhabib@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 Mark D. Marini, 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 **November 26, 2024**. 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 email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and Lauren.Morris@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 24-160); (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 “24-160”) 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 emailed to the Distribution Companies’ attorney, John K. Habib, Esq. at jhabib@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 Distribution Companies' filing, please contact the Distribution Companies' attorney, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Lauren Morris, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at Lauren.Morris@mass.gov.