



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 24-37

April 9, 2024

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for review and approval of their basic service administrative cost factors for effect August 1, 2024.

On March 15, 2024, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each doing business as National Grid (“Companies”), filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) their annual reconciliation filing of administrative costs associated with basic service, and the proposed Basic Service Administrative Cost Factors (“BSACF”). The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 24-37.

The Companies propose to recover through their BSACF the reconciliation of their electric supply-related administrative costs and revenues from January 2023 through December 2023 and their supply-related administrative forecasted costs from January 2024 through December 2024, which include: (1) cash working capital; (2) bad debt; (3) administration of basic service; (4) conducting the competitive bidding processes; and (5) regulatory compliance. In 2023 the Companies state that it under-recovered its supply-related administrative costs by approximately \$14.4 million. The Companies’ forecasted costs from January 2024 through December 2024 are \$26.9 million. The Companies also propose to recover \$51,890 reflecting the residual balance associated with the smart grid customer adjustment factor under-recovery, pursuant to the Department’s Order Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 22-24-A (2022). Therefore, the total recovery proposed by the Companies is \$41.3 million.

The Companies propose the following BSACFs to take effect on August 1, 2024:

- (1) \$0.00913 per kilowatt-hour (“kWh”) for residential customers (rate classes R-1 and R-2);
- (2) \$0.00646 per kWh for commercial customers (rate classes G-1 and streetlighting); and
- (3) \$0.00570 per kWh for industrial customers (rate classes G-2 and G-3).

If the Companies’ BSACFs are approved as proposed, the monthly bill for an average basic service residential customer (i.e., a customer using 600 kWh of electricity per month) will increase by approximately \$2.36, or 1.1 percent. The monthly bill impacts for all customers will range between an increase of 0.8 percent and 1.8 percent. For specific bill impacts depending on rate class and usage, please contact the Companies as shown below.

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, May 5, 2024**. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, julianne.desmet@mass.gov, and the Company's attorney, Joseph Dorfler, Esq., at jdorfler@richmaylaw.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 **Monday, May 5, 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 julianne.desmet@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 24-37); (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 "24-37") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Flerom/dockets/bynumber>. In addition, one copy of all written comments and petitions to intervene should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Company's attorney, Joseph Dorfler, Esq., at jdorfler@richmaylaw.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 Andrea.R.Casul@mass.gov.

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Company's attorney, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Julianne Desmet, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at julianne.desmet@mass.gov.