



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 18-131

December 4, 2018

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid for Approval of 2019 Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target Factors.

On September 12, 2017, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid”), and NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (collectively “Distribution Companies”) filed a Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target tariff (“SMART Provision”) to implement An Act Relative to Solar Energy, St. 2016, c. 75, § 11(b), G. L. c. 25A, § 6, and 225 CMR 20.00 (“SMART Program Regulations”). The SMART Program Regulations establish a voluntary statewide solar incentive program. 225 CMR 20.00. The Distribution Companies jointly developed and submitted a model SMART Provision, which the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) approved with modifications in Order Approving Model SMART Provision, D.P.U. 17-140-A (September 26, 2018) (“SMART Order”). In the SMART Order, the Department directed the Distribution Companies to file their respective first annual reconciliation factor filings (“SMART Factors”) at least 60 days prior to January 1, 2019. D.P.U. 17-140-A at 192.

As directed in the SMART Order. On November 2, 2018, National Grid filed for approval with the Department its 2019 SMART Factors to be effective January 1, 2019. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 18-131. The amount to be recovered through the SMART Factor on an annual basis is proposed to be calculated as the sum of: (1) the estimated annual incentive payments and alternative on-bill credits less estimated market revenue; (2) the incremental administrative costs incurred during the prior program year, including the costs for administering the SMART Program, billing system upgrades, incremental personnel; and (3) a reconciliation amount that is the difference between the actual costs incurred and the amount of revenue billed by National Grid in the prior program year, as well as interest applied to the reconciling balance. National Grid’s proposed SMART Factors for effect January 1, 2019 are set forth in the attached Appendix.

Copies of the Company’s petition and accompanying exhibits are available for public viewing during regular business hours at the Department’s offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 and on the Department’s website at

<http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. Documents on the Department's website may be accessed by docket number (18-131) in the file room at <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber>.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's petition on **Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Department's offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the time and place noted above or submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, December 14, 2018**. A procedural conference will immediately follow the public hearing. Reasonable accommodations at public hearings for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can. Also include a way the Department can contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be able to be accommodated. Contact the Department's Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3500.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, December 14, 2018**. 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. Individuals and entities granted intervenor and limited participant status will be added to the service list in this docket.

An original hard copy of all comments and petitions to intervene must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. One copy of all comments or petitions to intervene must also be sent to: (1) Gregory Wade, Hearing Officer at the Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110; (2) the Company's attorney, Laura Bickel, Esq., National Grid, 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451.

All documents must also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and to the Hearing Officer, Gregory Wade, greggory.wade@mass.gov, or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 18-131); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing must also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website:

<http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber> (insert 18-131). To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3500.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact counsel for the Company, Laura Bickel, Esq., at (781)-907-2126. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Gregory Wade, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3605.

Appendix

Proposed SMART Factors	
Class	Factor (\$/kWh)
Residential Rate Classes R-1/R-2	\$0.00146
Residential - Optional Time-of-Use Rate Class R-4	\$0.00197
General Service, Small C&I Rate Class G-1	\$0.00114
General Service, Demand Rate Class G-2	\$0.00086
Time-of-Use Rate Class G-3	\$0.00053
Outdoor Lighting Rate Classes (S-1, S-2, S-3, S-5, S-6)	\$0.00120