



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 19-24

February 25, 2019

Joint Petition of Distribution Companies to Revise Model Tariffs Governing Net Metering and SMART pursuant to Department Inquiry, D.P.U. 17-146-B (February 1, 2019).

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On February 1, 2019, the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) issued Net Metering, SMART Provision, and the Forward Capacity Market, D.P.U. 17-146-B (February 1, 2019). The Department directed Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (“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 (“Eversource”) (collectively “Distribution Companies”) to jointly develop and submit revised model net metering and Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (“SMART”) tariffs in a new docket. D.P.U. 17-146-B at 80-81. On February 15, 2019, the Distribution Companies filed with the Department revised model net metering and SMART tariffs pursuant to D.P.U. 17-146-B, which clarify the net metering and SMART program rules applicable to qualification and participation in the ISO New England Inc. Forward Capacity Market. The proposed model net metering tariff also includes revisions concerning the eligibility of net metering facilities paired with energy storage systems to net meter, pursuant to Net Metering and Energy Storage Systems, D.P.U. 17-146-A (February 1, 2019). The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 19-24.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed model net metering and SMART tariffs, on **Wednesday, March 13, 2019, beginning at 2:00 p.m.**, at the Department’s offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110. Any person interested in participating may appear at the public hearing or submit written comments to the Department not later than 5:00 p.m. on **March 13, 2019**. The Department anticipates that a number of persons will be interested in this proceeding, and encourages interested persons to present consensus positions and submit comments jointly, when possible.

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 no later than the close of business on **Monday, March 11, 2019**. 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.

One original of all written documents must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. In addition, one copy of all written comments should be sent to Petitioners' attorneys via Matthew Stern, Esq., Keegan Werlin LLP, 99 High Street, 29<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02110.

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](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and the Hearing Officer, Kate Tohme at [kate.tohme@mass.gov](mailto:kate.tohme@mass.gov); or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 19-24); (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: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

A copy of the filing is available for public viewing during regular business hours at the offices of the Department, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. A copy of the filing also is available at the File Room link on the Department's website: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom> (insert "19-24"). To request materials in accessible formats (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at [DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov](mailto:DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov) or (617) 305-3500.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Distribution Companies' filing should contact Matthew Stern, Esq. at (617) 951-1400. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Kate Tohme, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.

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