



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

D.P.U. 19-35

March 29, 2019

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for Approval of its 2019 Smart Grid Pilot Program Rate Adjustment and Reconciliation Filing.

On March 15, 2019, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, doing business as National Grid (“National Grid” or “Company”), filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) a request to recover costs associated with the implementation of its smart grid pilot program through December 31, 2018. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 19-35.

The Department approved the Company’s smart grid pilot program pursuant to St. 2008, c. 169, § 85, in Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 11-129 (2012), and its interim extension in Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 16-149 (2016). The Company’s smart grid pilot program ended on December 31, 2018.

Distribution-facing smart grid pilot program costs are recovered from distribution customers through a smart grid distribution adjustment factor (“SGDAF”), pursuant to M.D.P.U. No. 1342. Customer-facing smart grid pilot program costs are recovered from basic service customers through a smart grid customer cost adjustment factor (“SGCCAF”), pursuant to M.D.P.U. No. 1341.

The Company proposes revised SGDAFs and SGCCAFs for effect May 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019. The proposed factors are designed to recover: (1) smart grid pilot-related operations and maintenance costs incurred by the Company in 2018; (2) nine months of the revenue requirement on smart grid pilot-related capital investments made between 2012 and 2016; and (3) a reconciliation of smart grid pilot-related costs from prior years. The Company’s proposal is related to a proposal in its pending base distribution rate case, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 18-150, to transfer recovery of smart grid pilot program-related costs from the SGDAFs and SGCCAFs to base distribution rates effective October 1, 2019.

The Company proposes the following revised SGDAFs for effect May 1, 2019:

Rate Class	Proposed SGDAFs (\$/kWh)
R-1, R-2	\$0.00046
R-4	\$0.00063
G-1	\$0.00034
G-2	\$0.00025
G-3	\$0.00016
S	\$0.00041

The Company proposes the following revised SGCCAFs for effect May 1, 2019:

Customer Group	Proposed SGCCAFs (\$/kWh)
Residential	\$0.00058
Commercial	\$0.00048
Industrial	\$0.00060

If the Department approves National Grid's request as proposed, the monthly bill for a typical Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company residential basic service customer (*i.e.*, a customer using 600 kilowatt-hours ("kWh") of electricity per month) will increase by \$0.01 or 0.01 percent. Commercial and industrial customers should contact National Grid for bill impacts.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("Attorney General") filed a notice to intervene in this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(a). Further, pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the Attorney General filed a notice of intent to retain experts and consultants to assist 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 who desires to comment on the Attorney General's notice of intent to retain experts and consultants may submit written comments to the Department not later than 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 17, 2019**.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's petition on **Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Department's offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. The Department will conduct a procedural conference immediately following the public hearing. 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 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 17, 2019.**

Any person who desires to participate otherwise in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file such written petition for leave to intervene no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 17, 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. All responses to petitions to intervene must be filed by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the third business day after the petition to intervene was filed.

An original and one copy of all written comments or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110. One copy of all written comments or petitions to intervene should also be sent to counsel for the Company, Melissa G. Liazos, Senior Counsel, National Grid, 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451.

All documents should 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 the hearing officer at kerri.phillips@mass.gov; or (2) on a CD-ROM or USB drive. The text of the e-mail, CD-ROM, or USB drive must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 19-35); (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. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website (enter "19-35") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>.

Copies of the filings are available for inspection during regular business hours at the Department's offices. In addition, the filing is available on the Department's website as referenced above. 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@mass.gov or (617) 305-3500.

In addition, reasonable accommodations at public or evidentiary 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 ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov or (617) 305-3500.

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact National Grid's counsel, Melissa G. Liazos, Esq. at (781) 907-2108. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Kerri DeYoung Phillips, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.