



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 21-74

July 1, 2021

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for review and approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the Companies' Performance-Based Ratemaking Plan for effect October 1, 2021.

On June 15, 2021, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid (together, "Company"), submitted its second annual Performance-Based Ratemaking ("PBR") Plan filing with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") seeking approval to recover the increase in base distribution revenue requirement associated with its PBR Mechanism through the proposed Performance Based Ratemaking Adjustment ("PBRA") for effect October 1, 2021. This filing was made pursuant to Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 18-150 (2019) and the Company's PBR tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1423. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 21-74.

The Company proposes an increase in base distribution revenue of approximately \$22.8 million in conjunction with its proposed PBRA. The Company also proposes an increase in base distribution revenue of approximately \$28.7 million associated with its Capital Expenditure Factors ("CapEx Factors").

To recover these costs, the Company proposes to increase the residential rate classes R-1 and R-2 to \$0.05267 per kilowatt hour ("kWh") for effect October 1, 2021. Further, the Company proposes to increase the streetlighting rate class S-5 to \$0.04805 per kWh for effect October 1, 2021. For commercial and industrial rate classes G-1, G-2, and G-3, the Company proposes to increase the current charges for effect October 1, 2021 such that the rate adjustments preserve the ratio of revenue generated through kilowatt-hour deliveries, billing demand, and distribution rate credits, as approved by the Department in the Company's most recent base distribution rate case, D.P.U. 18-150.

The Company states that, at the time of the increase in base distribution rates resulting from these adjustments, the currently effective CapEx Factors that are recovering revenue

requirement associated with calendar year 2019 capital investment will terminate with usage on and after October 1, 2021, pursuant to Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 20-60-A (June 8, 2021) and the Company's Capital Investment Recovery tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1417.

If the Department approves the Company's proposed rate changes for effect October 1, 2021, a typical Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company residential basic service customer with a typical usage of 600 kWh of electricity per month would experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.06 as compared to current rates. The Company states that the bill impacts over current rates for all customers, including commercial and industrial customers, will be no more than an increase of 5.9 percent, depending on rate class and usage. For specific bill impacts, contact the Company as shown below.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, July 30, 2021**. At this time, all filings will be submitted only in electronic format consistent with the Commission's June 15, 2021 directive related to modified filing requirements. Ordinarily, all parties would follow Sections B.1 and B.4 of the Department's Standard Ground Rules (D.P.U. 15-184-A, App. 1 (March 4, 2020)); however, until further notice, parties must retain the original paper version and the Department will later determine when the paper version must be filed with the Department Secretary. Importantly, all large files submitted must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20 MB. In addition, one copy of all written comments should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Andrea Keeffe, Esq. at [Andrea.Keeffe@nationalgrid.com](mailto:Andrea.Keeffe@nationalgrid.com).

All documents should also be submitted to the Department in **PDF format** by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and [Scott.Seigal@mass.gov](mailto:Scott.Seigal@mass.gov). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 21-74); (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 as soon as practicable at <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. The e-mail must also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient. To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA Coordinator at [DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us](mailto:DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us).

The Company's filing and all subsequent related documents, pleadings and/or filings submitted to the Department and/or issued by the Department will be available on the Department's website as soon as is practicable at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "21-74"). A paper copy of the filing will not be available for public viewing at the Company's offices or the Department's office at this time. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Andrea Keeffe, Esq., at

[Andrea.Keeffe@nationalgrid.com](mailto:Andrea.Keeffe@nationalgrid.com). For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Scott Seigal, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at [Scott.Seigal@mass.gov](mailto:Scott.Seigal@mass.gov).