



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 22-09

February 17, 2022

Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of its Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factors for the 2022 Off-Peak Period, May 1, 2022, through October 31, 2022.

On January 27, 2022, Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid (“Company”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of its revenue decoupling adjustment factors (“RDAFs”), for effect May 1, 2022. This filing was made pursuant to: Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 17-170 (2018); Boston Gas Company, D.P.U. 20-120 (2021); and the Company’s revenue decoupling adjustment clause (“RDAC”) tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 62.1. Pursuant to Department approval in D.P.U. 20-120 at 28, the Company submitted a consolidated set of proposed RDAFs for Boston Gas Company and the former Colonial Gas Company. The Company also submitted proposed revisions to its currently effective RDAC tariff to (1) remove references to benchmark revenue per customer and distribution revenue allocators that were in effect prior to those currently in effect to simplify the Company’s RDAC tariff effective May 1, 2022, and (2) consolidate the maximum daily contract quantity conversion factors and RDAFs for rate classes G-54B and G-53E consistent with the Department’s approval of equalized base distribution rates for these rate classes in D.P.U. 20-120. The RDAC allows the Company to modify, on a semi-annual basis, its base distribution rates as a result of changes in customer usage, in order to promote the efficient deployment of demand resources. Boston Gas Company/Essex Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 10-55, at 40-42 (2010). The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 22-09.

The Company proposes the following charges for Boston Gas Company and the former Colonial Gas Company customers, effective May 1, 2022, through October 31, 2022:

Boston Gas Company and former Colonial Gas Company	
Customer Class	RDAF charges (\$ per therm)
Residential	\$0.0366
Small Commercial and Industrial (“C&I”)	\$0.0278
Medium C&I	\$0.0196
Large C&I	\$0.0168
	RDAF charges (\$ per maximum daily contract quantity in therms)
X-Large C&I (G-44)	\$0.1087
X-Large C&I (G-54B)	\$0.1355

X-Large C&I (G-53E)	\$0.1355
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As a result of the proposed changes to the RDAF, the average Boston Gas Company residential heating customer (customer class R-3) using on average 27 therms per month during the off-peak period will experience a bill increase of \$1.10 or 2.69 percent from the previously effective off-peak period RDAF. The average former Colonial Gas residential heating customer (customer class R-3) using on average 26 therms per month will experience a bill increase of \$1.73 or 4.13 percent from the previously effective off-peak period RDAF. The Company states that the average monthly bill impact during the off-peak season for all Boston Gas Company and former Colonial Gas Company rate classes at each class's average usage will range from increases of between 1.38 percent and 4.78 percent as compared to the previously effective off-peak period RDAFs. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as shown below.

Any person who desires to comment on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, April 1, 2022**. 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.

All written comments or other documents should be submitted to the Department in **PDF format** by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and stephanie.mealey@mass.gov. In addition, all written comments should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Meabh Purcell, Esq., at maebh.purcell@nationalgrid.com. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 22-09); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. 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. The electronic file name should identify the document but should not exceed 50 characters in length. Importantly, all large files submitted must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20 MB. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "22-09") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>.

At this time, a paper copy of the filing will not be available for public viewing at the Company's offices or the Department due to certain ongoing safety measures and precautions relating to in-person events as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The 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 referenced above as soon as is practicable. 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 for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov.

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Company's attorney, Meabh Purcell, Esq., at maebh.purcell@nationalgrid.com or (781) 907-1789. For

further information regarding this Notice, please contact Stephanie Mealey, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at stephanie.mealey@mass.gov.