



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 22-73

June 24, 2022

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for review and approval of a Performance-Based Ratemaking Plan for effect October 1, 2022.

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On June 17, 2022, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid (together, “Company”), submitted its third annual performance-based ratemaking (“PBR”) plan 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, 2022. This filing was made pursuant to Massachusetts Electric Company/Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 18-150 (2019) and the Company’s PBR tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1423. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 22-73.

The Company proposes an increase in base distribution revenue of approximately \$43.9 million or 4.92 percent in conjunction with its proposed PBRA, which includes a one-time customer impact mitigation plan to moderate bill impacts due to the extreme economic circumstances currently affecting the nation’s economy. In the absence of the customer impact mitigation plan, the Company states that it would seek an increase in base distribution revenue of approximately \$78.7 million consisting of: (1) \$68.1 million or 7.63 percent associated with its PBRA, and (2) \$10.6 million associated with an abnormally costly storm event, otherwise known as an exogenous storm event. The Company also provides a progress report on its PBR scorecard metrics.

To recover these costs, the Company proposes to increase the PBRA for the regular residential and low-income residential rate classes to \$0.05575 per kilowatt hour (“kWh”) for effect October 1, 2022. The Company also proposes revisions to its currently effective Revenue Decoupling Mechanism Provision, M.D.P.U. No. 1463, and Streetlighting Retail Delivery Service Tariffs, M.D.P.U. Nos. 641, 642, 643, 647, 1465, 1466, 1467, 1476.

If the Department approves the Company's proposed rate changes for effect October 1, 2022, a 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 \$1.85 or 1.2 percent and 1.1 percent, respectively, as compared to current rates and a Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company low-income residential basic service customer with a typical usage of 600 kWh of electricity per month would experience a monthly bill increase of \$1.26 or 1.2 percent as compared to current rates. The Company states that the bill impacts for all customers, including commercial and industrial customers, range from an increase of 0.5 percent to an increase of 4.8 percent, depending on rate class and usage. For specific bill impacts, contact the Company as shown below.

The Department will accept written comments on the Company's filing until close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Thursday, July 21, 2022**. Any person who otherwise desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Thursday, July 21, 2022**. 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 documents must 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). In addition, all documents must be sent to the Company's attorney, Andrea Keeffe, Esq., by email attachment to [Andrea.Keeffe@nationalgrid.com](mailto:Andrea.Keeffe@nationalgrid.com). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 22-73); (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. 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 "22-73") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Flerom/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. 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](mailto:DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov).

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact counsel for the Company, 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).