



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 19-102

August 26, 2019

Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid for approval of their annual pension adjustment factor reconciliation filing for effect November 1, 2019.

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On August 1, 2019, Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company each d/b/a National Grid (“Boston Gas” and “Colonial Gas,” together the “Companies”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of their annual pension and post-retirement benefits other than pensions (“PBOP”) adjustment factors (“PAFs”). The Companies made this filing pursuant to: Boston Gas Company, D.T.E. 03-40 (2003); Boston Gas Company/Essex Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 10-55 (2010); and M.D.P.U. Nos. 3.11. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 19-102. In separate filings, the Companies are proposing other changes to their rates effective November 1, 2019, that may also have an impact on customers’ bills. See Boston Gas Company/Colonial Gas Company, D.P.U. 19-GAF-P5.

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 Companies’ 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 Companies’ 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 the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, September 25, 2019**.

Boston Gas and Colonial Gas have provided their proposed PAFs as part of their filing in D.P.U.19-GAF-P5. Boston Gas proposes the following PAFs, effective November 1, 2019, and included for billing purposes in its local distribution adjustment factor:

<b>Rate Classes</b>	<b>PAF (per therm)</b>
Residential and Outdoor Lighting (R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, and G-17)	\$0.0048
Small Commercial/Industrial and Streetlighting (G-41B, G41E, G51B, G-51E, and G-7)	\$0.0032
Medium Commercial/Industrial (G-42B, G-42E, G52-B, and G-52E)	\$0.0029
Large Commercial/Industrial (G-43B, G-43E, G-53B, and G-53E)	\$0.0020
Extra Large Commercial/Industrial (G-44B and G-54B)	\$0.0016

Colonial Gas proposes the following PAFs, effective November 1, 2019, and included for billing purposes in its local distribution adjustment factor:

<b>Rate Classes</b>	<b>PAF (per therm)</b>
Residential and Outdoor Lighting (R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, and G-17)	\$0.0015
Small Commercial/Industrial (G-41 and G-51)	\$0.0010
Medium Commercial/Industrial (G-42 and G-52)	\$0.0005
Large Commercial/Industrial (G-42 and G-52)	\$0.0003

Any person who desires to file written comments or to participate otherwise in this proceeding shall file written comments or a petition for leave to intervene no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, September 25, 2019**. One original and one (1) copy 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 the Companies' attorney, Meabh Purcell, Esq. Assistant General Counsel, National Grid, 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451.

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 should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dpu.efiling@state.ma.us) and the hearing officer, Sarah Spruce at [sarah.spruce@mass.gov](mailto:sarah.spruce@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. 19-102); (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://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber> (enter docket number "19-102").

A copy of the filing is available for public viewing during regular business hours at the office of the Department, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. The filing is also available on the Department's website <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "19-102"). 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) or (617) 305-3500.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Companies' filing should contact counsel for the Companies, Meabh Purcell, Esq. at (781) 907-1789. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Sarah Spruce, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.