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# **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

### **NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

D.P.U. 23-26

March 14, 2023

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each doing business as National Grid, for Approval of their 2023 Energy Efficiency Reconciling Factors for effect May 1, 2023.

On March 1, 2023, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each doing business as National Grid (together, "Companies"), filed with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") a petition seeking approval of their 2023 Energy Efficiency Reconciling Factors ("EERFs"), effective May 1, 2023. The Department docketed the Companies' petition as D.P.U. 23-26.

An EERF collects additional funds for approved energy efficiency programs when the cost of implementing those programs exceeds other funding sources. See G.L. c. 25, § 19(a). The Companies propose the following EERFs for effect May 1, 2023: (1) 2.395 cents per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") for residential customers; (2) 0.302 cents per kWh for low-income residential customers; and (3) 1.129 cents per kWh for commercial and industrial ("C&I") customers. The proposed EERFs are designed to: (1) collect costs associated with the Companies' 2023 energy efficiency program implementation in excess of other funding sources; and (2) reconcile expenses and revenues from the previous year's program implementation.

If the Department approves the 2023 EERFs as proposed, a residential customer (R-1) using 600 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$2.68 (or approximately 0.9 percent). A low-income residential (R-2) customer using 600 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.43 (Massachusetts Electric Company) or \$0.44 (Nantucket Electric Company) (each approximately 0.2 percent). C&I customers will experience minimal changes to monthly bills. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Companies 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 **Tuesday April 11, 2023**. 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, 2002)); however, 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. 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 communications or other documents should be submitted to the Department in **PDF format** by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and [Krista.Hawley@mass.gov](mailto:Krista.Hawley@mass.gov). In addition, one copy of any documents should be sent to the Companies' attorney, Meabh Purcell, Esq., by email attachment to [Meabh.Purcell@nationalgrid.com](mailto:Meabh.Purcell@nationalgrid.com). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 23-26); (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 in the electric format will be posted on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "23-26") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at [Gabriella.Knight@mass.gov](mailto:Gabriella.Knight@mass.gov).

Any person desiring further information regarding the Companies' filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Meabh Purcell, Esq., [Meabh.Purcell@nationalgrid.com](mailto:Meabh.Purcell@nationalgrid.com). For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Krista Hawley, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at [Krista.Hawley@mass.gov](mailto:Krista.Hawley@mass.gov).