



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 25-22

March 31, 2025

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Grid Modernization Program Factors.

On March 14, 2025, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Company”), submitted its annual filing with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) requesting the recovery of costs associated with its grid modernization program through proposed grid modernization factors (“GMFs”) for effect May 1, 2025. The Company submitted the filing pursuant to its GMF tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1564. The Department approved cost recovery through GMFs for eligible grid modernization investments in Second Grid Modernization Plans, D.P.U. 21-80-B/D.P.U. 21-81-B/D.P.U. 21-82-B (2022); Second Grid Modernization Plans, D.P.U. 21-80-A/ D.P.U. 21-81-A/D.P.U. 21-82-A (2022); Grid Modernization, D.P.U. 15-120-A/ D.P.U. 15-121-A/D.P.U. 15-122-A (2019); and Grid Modernization, D.P.U. 15-120/D.P.U. 15-121/D.P.U. 15-122 (2018). The Department docketed the filing as D.P.U. 25-22.

On March 19, 2025, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts filed a notice of intervention pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(a).

In its filing, National Grid proposes to recover a total of \$32,739,977 of grid modernization program costs incurred through calendar year (“CY”) 2024, consisting of: (1) \$4,249,139 in incremental operations and maintenance expenses incurred during CY 2024; (2) \$11,114,307 in revenue requirement on plant investments placed into service through CY 2024; (3) \$16,227,710 allocated to National Grid by its service company for information and technology investments; (4) a reconciliation debit of \$1,009,628 for prior period under recovery; and (5) an additional \$139,192 revision to the CY 2023 revenue requirement to account for costs the Company states were inadvertently excluded from its 2024 grid modernization program filing, D.P.U. 24-36.

In addition, the Company seeks to recover \$1,191,227 in anticipated carrying charges to be incurred during the recovery period of May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026. The Company proposes to recover these costs through the following proposed GMFs for effect May 1, 2025:

Rate Class	Proposed GMFs (\$/kilowatt-hour (“kWh”))
R-1/R-2	0.00244
G-1	0.00183
G-2	0.00135
G-3	0.00085
Streetlighting	0.00188

If the Company’s request is approved as proposed, a typical Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company residential basic service customer using 600 kWh per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.60, or 0.3 percent, and a typical Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company low-income residential basic service customer using 600 kWh per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.41, or 0.3 percent. The Company states that bill impacts for commercial and industrial customers will vary. Customers may contact the Company for specific bill impact information. Further, in its filing, National Grid stated that it would submit in the instant proceeding its proposed Summaries of Electric Delivery Service Rates and Summaries of Basic Service Rates for Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company to reflect all factors and rates proposed for effect on May 1, 2025.

Further, National Grid states that it will supplement this filing with proposed Summaries of Electric Delivery Service Rates and Summaries of Basic Service Rates for Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company to reflect all proposed rate changes for effect May 1, 2025.

The Department will accept written comments on the Company’s filing until close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Thursday, April 17, 2025**. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, w.jay.lee@mass.gov, and the Company’s attorney, Melissa G. Liazos, at melissa.liazos@nationalgrid.com. Please note that in the interest of transparency, any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

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, April 17, 2025**. 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 and w.jay.lee@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 25-22); (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 through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "25-22") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>. In addition, one copy of all written comments and petitions to intervene should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Melissa G. Liazos, Esq., by e-mail attachment to melissa.liazos@nationalgrid.com.

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 or intervene 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 eadiversity@mass.gov or at 617-626-1282.

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Company's attorney, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact W. Jay Lee, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at w.jay.lee@mass.gov.