



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 23-108

June 7, 2024

Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil for review and approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the Companies' revised model net metering tariff (Model NM Tariff).

On February 15, 2024, the Department issued its Order promulgating final net metering regulations amending 220 CMR 18.00 to implement the net metering provisions of Chapter 8 of the Acts of 2021 ("2021 Climate Act"). Net Metering Rulemaking, D.P.U. 21-100-A (February 15, 2024). In D.P.U. 21-100-A, the Department directed NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (collectively "Distribution Companies" or "Petitioners") to jointly file a revised model Net Metering Tariff ("NM Tariff"). D.P.U. 21-100-A at 97, 99-100. On March 29, 2024, the Distribution Companies filed with the Department a revised model NM Tariff addressing the Department's directives pursuant to D.P.U. 21-100-A. The directives include: (a) include specific information regarding the Net Metering Recovery Surcharge, (b) allow for transfer of net metering credits across each Distribution Company's service territory, and (c) for NSTAR Electric Company only, provide specified information regarding estimated costs associated with billing system upgrades regarding the Net Metering Recovery Surcharge. D.P.U. 21-100-A at 100. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 23-108.

The Department will accept written comments on the Distribution Companies' compliance filing no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, June 28, 2024**. The Department anticipates that a number of persons will be interested in this proceeding and encourages interested persons to present consensus positions and submit comments jointly, when possible. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, jennifer.cargill@mass.gov, and the Petitioners' attorney, Ashley Marton, Esq. amarton@keeganwerlin.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 desires to participate otherwise in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, June 21, 2024**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03. Receipt by the Department 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 responses to petitions for leave to intervene must be filed by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the second business day after the petition for leave to intervene was filed.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (“Attorney General”) filed a Notice of Intervention 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 Distribution Companies’ compliance 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 each Distribution Company’s 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 **Friday, June 21, 2024**. **A copy of any such comments must be sent to Benny.Meshoulam@mass.gov.**

All documents should be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and jennifer.cargill@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 23-108); (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 “23-108”) at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Flerom/dockets/bynumber>. In addition, one copy of all written comments and petitions to intervene should be emailed to the Petitioners’ attorney, Ashley Marton, Esq. at amarton@keeganwerlin.com.

The filing and all subsequent related documents submitted to the Department 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 Jenka.Spitz-Gassnola2@mass.gov.

For further information regarding the Company’s filing, please contact the Petitioners’ attorney, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Jennifer Cargill, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at jennifer.cargill@mass.gov.