



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 22-25

April 1, 2022

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for a Waiver of the Department of Public Utilities' Basic Service Procurement Requirements.

On March 15, 2022, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid" or "Companies") filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for a waiver of the basic service procurement requirements for residential and small commercial customers for the Winter 2022-2023 basic service period (*i.e.*, November 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023). The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 22-25.

Pursuant to Pricing and Procurement of Default Service, D.T.E. 99-60-B (2000) and Default Service Procurement, D.T.E. 02-40-B (2003), the Department requires electric distribution companies to procure 50 percent of their residential and small commercial basic service load requirements through two overlapping twelve-month procurements that, when combined, provide 100 percent of the basic service load requirements for a six-month basic service period. Consistent with these requirements, on February 4, 2022, National Grid issued a request for proposals to solicit 50 percent of their basic service load requirements for residential and small commercial customers for the Summer 2022 (*i.e.*, May 1, 2022 through October 31, 2022) and Winter 2022-2023 basic service periods.

On March 22, 2022, the Department approved the Companies' proposed basic service rates for the Summer 2022 basic service period. Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 22-BSF-D1 (March 22, 2022). However, the Companies did not award several load blocks to suppliers for the Winter 2022-2023 period from the February 4, 2022 solicitation. Accordingly, National Grid procured less than 50 percent of load requirements for the Winter 2022-2023 basic service period from this solicitation. Accordingly, National Grid seeks a waiver from the Department's basic service procurement requirements so they may secure the outstanding basic service load for the Winter 2022-2023 basic service period.

The Department will accept written comments on the Companies' petition. Written comments must be filed with the Department no later than close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, April 15, 2022**. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed below, is sufficient.

All comments must be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and henry.d.kahn@mass.gov. All comments also must be sent to counsel for National Grid, Meabh Purcell, Esq., by email attachment to Meabh.Purcell@nationalgrid.com. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 22-25); (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.

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, 2020)) regarding the filing of documents. However, at this time, all filings will be submitted to the Department only in electronic format, consistent with the Department's June 15, 2021 Memorandum addressing continued modified filing requirements. Until further notice, parties must retain the original paper version of the filing and the Department will later determine when the paper version must be filed with the Department Secretary.

At this time, a paper copy of the filing will not be available for public viewing at the Companies' offices or the Department. The filing and other documents submitted in electronic format will be posted as soon as practicable at on the Department's website through our online File Room at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "22-25"). 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.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Companies' filing should contact counsel for National Grid, Meabh Purcell, Esq., at Meabh.Purcell@nationalgrid.com. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice may contact Henry Kahn, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at henry.d.kahn@mass.gov.