



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 26-79

September 11, 2026

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for recovery of incremental operations and maintenance expenses associated with ten (10) qualifying storm events that occurred during calendar year 2024.

On June 30, 2026, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid ("Company") submitted a storm cost recovery filing with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") involving eligible storm preparation and response costs associated with ten (10) storm fund-eligible storm events ("Storm Events") that occurred from January 2024 through December 2024. The Company submitted the filing pursuant to Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 23-150 (2024), Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 18-150 (2019), and Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 15-155-A (2017). The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 26-79.

The Company seeks approval to recover \$72,086,740 of incremental operations and maintenance ("O&M") costs associated with the ten Storm Events through the Company's storm fund. The amount requested for recovery excludes \$23,111,705 in costs incurred during the storm events involving: (1) \$5,241,870 in capital costs; (2) \$970,610 for cost of removal; (3) \$1,149,224 billable to Verizon; and (4) \$15,750,000 of storm fund threshold costs.

The Company states that the filing is a final accounting of the costs related to the ten Storm Events requested for recovery through the storm fund, and does not affect current rates. Further, the Company states that its filing demonstrates that the incremental O&M costs proposed for recovery are storm-related, incremental, and prudently incurred. The Company further states that, consistent with the storm fund recovery parameters established by the Department in D.P.U. 18-150 and D.P.U. 23-150, the costs incurred for storm fund-eligible events exceed the applicable storm cost thresholds of \$1.55 million per storm event through September 30, 2024, and \$1.8 million beginning October 1, 2024, as applicable, and are less than \$30 million, exclusive of Verizon costs. For these reasons, the Company states that its proposed recovery of costs is appropriate and warranted.

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. 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 Company's 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 Company's rates.

Any person interested in commenting on the Company's filing or the Attorney General's notice of retention of experts and consultants may submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, October 9, 2026**. Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 9, 2026**. 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 documents must be submitted to the Department by email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, ian.bollag-miller@mass.gov, and the Company's attorney, Stacey M. Donnelly, Esq., at stacey.donnelly@nationalgrid.com. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 26-79); (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. 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. All documents submitted will be posted on the Department's website through our online [File Room](#) as soon as practicable (enter "26-79" on the line for "Docket No.").

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 Peter A. Ray, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 3rd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

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For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Company's attorney, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Ian Bollag-Miller, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at ian.bollag-miller@mass.gov.

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