The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 26-104 September 18, 2026

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, pursuant to St. 2024, c. 239, § 103, for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Section 103 Plan.

On August 11, 2026, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid (together, "National Grid" or "Company"), filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of its electric vehicle ("EV") infrastructure plan proposal. The Company filed its petition pursuant to Section 103 of An Act Promoting a Clean Energy Grid, Advancing Equity and Protecting Ratepayers, St. 2024, c. 239 ("2024 Climate Act"), as amended by Section 54 of An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2025, St. 2025, c. 14 ("2025 Appropriations Act") (together "Section 103"). The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 26-104.

In 2022, the Legislature enacted An Act Driving Clean Energy and Offshore Wind, St. 2022, c. 179 ("2022 Clean Energy Act"), which created the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Coordinating Council ("EVICC"). EVICC is a thirteen-member intergovernmental council comprised of representatives from the Department, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, the Executive Office of Administration and Finance, an executive director of a regional planning agency, the chairs of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, and the Massachusetts Division of Standards.

EVICC is responsible for assessing and reporting on strategies and plans necessary to deploy EV charging infrastructure across the Commonwealth. Pursuant to Section 103(d)(2), EVICC is required to submit a biennial assessment to the Legislature addressing, among other things, a ten-year forecast of EV charging demand in the Commonwealth, an assessment of the impacts of that demand on the electric distribution system, and identification of areas of the electric distribution system that may require modification due to such impacts. Section 103(d)(3) requires EVICC to coordinate with various stakeholders within six months of completing each assessment to identify optimal sites for EV fast-charging hubs and fleet depots along or near highways and major roadways. On August 11, 2025, EVICC provided its Second Assessment to the Legislature.

Pursuant to Section 103(d)(4), the Company must develop a plan by August 11, 2026 to build the additional distribution infrastructure needed to accommodate the EVICC ten-year forecast of EV charging demand in the Commonwealth identified in its Second Assessment to the Legislature as well as the EV fast-charging hub and fleet depot sites identified as optimal along or near highways and major roadways. Section 54 of the 2025 Appropriations Act permits the Company to submit an application to the Department to revise its rates to account for the additional distribution infrastructure included in its EV infrastructure plan. Section 54 of the 2025 Appropriations Act further provides that the Department's review of a Company's application to revise its rates does not constitute a prudence determination and that the prudence of a Company's distribution infrastructure investments will instead be examined in each Company's next base distribution rate case. Further, in addition to its statutorily-mandated responsibilities as a member of EVICC and its obligations under Section 103 to review an electric distribution company's application to revise rates, the Department also has broad supervisory authority over electric distribution companies under G.L. c. 164, § 76 as well as the inherent authority to regulate in the public interest. See Zachs v. Department of Public Utilities, 406 Mass. 107, 223 (1989) ("the mission of the agency is to regulate in the public interest").

In this filing, National Grid submits its Section 103 strategic plan that outlines how the Company proposes to address the forecasted ten-year EV charging demand in EVICC's Second Assessment. Based on its review of EVICC's Second Assessment and the sites identified as optimal for EV fast-charging hubs and fleet depots, National Grid expects to meet the EV charging demand identified by EVICC through its existing distribution infrastructure and previously planned infrastructure investments. Accordingly, the Company is not proposing any additional distribution infrastructure investments or a corresponding application to revise rates pursuant to Section 103. National Grid maintains, however, that the Department's precedent for cost recovery of capital investments does not contemplate the process, standards, and cost recovery framework established in Section 103.

The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Company's filing. The Department will conduct the public hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on **Friday, October 16, 2026**, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The public hearing will be conducted jointly with the Section 103-related petitions filed by NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, docketed as D.P.U. 26-103, and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, docketed as D.P.U. 26-105. Attendees can join by entering the link, https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82485863774, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at **(646) 931-3860 (not toll free)** and then enter the **Meeting ID# 824 8586 3774**. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, please send an email to scott.seigal@mass.gov by **Wednesday, October 14, 2026** with your name, email address, and mailing address.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, October 23, 2026**. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, Scott.Seigal@mass.gov, and the Company's attorney, Jonathan Goldberg, Esq., at jgoldberg@keeganwerlin.com and Nancy

Israel, Esq., at nancy.israel@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 Peter A. Ray, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

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 16, 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 should be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and Scott.Seigal@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 26-104); (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 "26-104" on the line for "Docket No."). In addition, one copy of all documents should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Jonathan Goldberg, Esq., at jgoldberg@keeganwerlin.com and Nancy Israel, Esq., at nancy.israel@nationalgrid.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 eeadiversity@mass.gov or (617) 626-1282.

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Company's attorneys, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Scott Seigal, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at Scott.Seigal@mass.gov.

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