The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 26-GC-25 September 11, 2026

Petition of Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between National Grid and Vicinity Energy Boston, Inc. (Scotia), pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03.

On August 28, 2026, Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid ("Company") filed with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department"), pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.03, a request for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement ("Agreement") between the Company and Vicinity Energy Boston, Inc. (Scotia) ("Customer") for service to the Customer's fuel plant at 19-27 Scotia Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111. The filing consists of the following: (1) an explanatory cover letter; (2) a copy of the Agreement; (3) a marginal cost analysis; (4) a comparison of the proposed contract rate to the Company's otherwise applicable filed tariff rate; (5) a copy of the prior Firm Transportation Service Agreement that the Agreement is intended to replace ("2025 Agreement"); (6) a copy of the Customer's air quality plan permits; (7) a comparative cost analysis; and (8) an affidavit declaring that the Customer has a decarbonization strategy. Accompanying the filing are (1) a motion for protective treatment and (2) a plain language summary and outreach plan. The Department has docketed the petition as D.P.U. 26-GC-25.

The Company proposes a 12-month Agreement, effective November 1, 2026, subject to the Department's review and approval. This Agreement supersedes the 2025 Agreement, which went into effect November 1, 2025, also for a term of 12 months. The Agreement provides for an Annual Contract Volume of 300,000 million British Thermal Units and a Maximum Hourly Transportation Quantity ("MHTQ") of 150,000 cubic feet per hour ("cfh") on any day where Heating Degree Day is less than 50, and 0 on any day where HDD is equal to or greater than 50.[1] The Company may, at its sole discretion, allow the Customer to exceed the gas contract's MHTQ. In the event that the Customer exceeds its MHTQ without first obtaining the Company's

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[1] "Heating Degree Day" or "HDD" means the departure of the daily mean temperature from sixty-five degrees Fahrenheit (65°F), as measured at Logan International Airport located in East Boston, Massachusetts, and reported to Company by its weather service provider (Initial Company Filing, Att. 1 § 1.9).

consent, the Company will charge the Customer an amount equal to five times the Daily Index.[2] The Customer asserts that it has dual fuel capability and can use ultra low sulfur diesel fuel oil as a competitive alternative to natural gas. The Company explains that the negotiated rate in effect for the Agreement exceeds the Company's marginal cost to provide this service to the Customer.

The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Company's filing. The Department will conduct the hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on **September 25, 2026**, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Attendees can join by entering the link, https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86803073182, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at +1 309 205 3325 **(not toll free)** and then enter the following **Meeting ID # 868 0307 3182**.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **October 3, 2026**, using the method described below. 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 **September 25, 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 responses to petitions to intervene must be filed by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the **second** business day after the petition to intervene is filed.

All documents should be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and Mathieu.Cunha@mass.gov. In addition, one copy of all documents should be emailed to the Company's attorneys, Kevin F. Penders at kpenders@keeganwerlin.com, and Joseph Kelley at jkelley@keeganwerlin.com. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 26-GC-25); (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-GC-25" on the line for "Docket No."). Please note that in the interest of transparency, any public 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

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[2] As defined in Boston Gas Company's Distribution Service Terms and Conditions tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 61.3 § 2.

share when submitting comments. 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.

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

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