The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

ORDER OF NOTICE

D.P.U. 26-102 November 13, 2026

Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities into the Model Net Metering Tariff filed by Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid, and NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy in compliance with Net Metering Rulemaking, D.P.U. 23-140-D (September 15, 2026).

Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid, and NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (individually "Distribution Company," collectively "Distribution Companies") shall, no later than November 20, 2026, (1) electronically distribute the attached Notice of Filing and Request For Comments ("Notice") to the Department of Public Utilities' ("Department") distributed generation electronic service list, and (2) serve, electronically where practicable, the Notice on any person who has filed a request for notice with a Distribution Company. Further, each Distribution Company shall prominently display the Notice on its website beginning three business days following receipt of the Notice from the Department through the end of the comment period. The Department finds that this period and the means for notice are reasonable and consistent with the public interest. The Distribution Companies are directed to make return of service by the comment deadline.

By Order of the Department,

Peter A. Ray, Secretary

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On November 29, 2024, the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") issued its Order promulgating final net metering regulations amending 220 CMR 18 to implement the Net Metering provisions of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2022, An Act Driving Clean Energy and Offshore Wind ("2022 Clean Energy Act"). Net Metering Rulemaking, D.P.U. 23-140-A (2024). In D.P.U. 23-140-A, the Department identified two topics that require additional process: (1) the development of a definition for nameplate capacity; and (2) Northeast Clean Energy Council's concern that an addition of an energy storage system ("ESS") to a Net Metering facility may trigger a new Interconnection Service Agreement, resulting in a loss of a Cap Allocation. D.P.U. 23-140-A at 15-16, 63. On July 3, 2025, the Department requested comments from interested stakeholders on these two topics, among other items. D.P.U. 23-140, Hearing Officer Memorandum at 6-10 (July 3, 2025).

On September 15, 2026, the Department directed Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid, and NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (collectively "Distribution Companies" or "Petitioners") to jointly file a revised model Net Metering Tariff ("NM Tariff"). Order on Definitions and Treatment of Energy Storage System, D.P.U. 23-140-D at 17 (September 15, 2026). On October 15, 2026, the Distribution Companies filed with the Department a revised model NM Tariff in response to the Department's directives pursuant to D.P.U. 23-140-D. The Department's directives include but are not limited to the addition of definitions to the NM Tariff for the new terms "Nameplate Rating," "Nominal Rating," "Normal Operating Conditions," and "Maximum Operating Conditions." D.P.U. 23-140-D at 17. The Distribution Companies also include in the model NM Tariff the definition of "Facility" as noted by the Department in D.P.U. 23-140-D at 11, n.13. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 26-102.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Monday, December 7, 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 **Monday, November 30, 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 jennifer.cargill@mass.gov. In addition, one copy of all documents should be emailed to the Petitioners' attorney, Joseph Dorfler, Esq. at jdorfler@richmaylaw.com. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 26-102); (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 "26-102" 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 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 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.

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