The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 26-32 November 24, 2026

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for review and approval by the Department of Public Utilities of the Company's revised Standards for Interconnection of Distributed Generation Tariff pursuant to Department Inquiry, D.P.U. 25-48.

The Department of Public Utilities ("Department") recently approved revisions to a model Standards for Interconnection of Distributed Generation tariff ("Model Interconnection Tariff") submitted by the Interconnection Implementation Review Group ("IIRG"), whose membership includes NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid"), and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (collectively "Distribution Companies"). IIRG, D.P.U. 25-48, Stamp-Approved Model DG Interconnection Tariff (September 15, 2026). On September 15, 2026, in a Hearing Officer Memorandum accompanying the Stamp-Approved Model Interconnection Tariff, the Department directed each of the Distribution Companies to file company-specific compliance tariffs ("Company-Specific Compliance Tariff"). IIRG, D.P.U. 25-48, Hearing Officer Memorandum (September 15, 2026). On November 5, 2026, National Grid filed its Company-Specific Compliance Tariff in D.P.U. 26-32.

The Model Interconnection Tariff and National Grid's Company-Specific Compliance Tariff include revisions to sections governing: (1) the Simplified and Expedited Processes as well as certain definitions; (2) the interconnection process for energy storage systems; and (3) the Group Study process, to allow for exemptions for certain Facilities that qualify for the Expedited Process. One such revised definition is that of "Nameplate Capacity." In the Department's net metering rulemaking, D.P.U. 23-140, we also modified the definition of "Nameplate Capacity," including revising the name of the term to "Nameplate Rating." We directed this change to occur in the Net Metering tariff and related net metering program guidance for the purposes of net metering only. Definitions and Treatment of Energy Storage Systems, D.P.U. 23-140-D at 10-11 (September 15, 2026). The definition of Nameplate Rating approved in D.P.U. 23-140-D is "[t]he rating of a Facility, in alternating current that reflects Maximum

Operating Conditions, and not Normal Operating Conditions." D.P.U. 23-140-D at 11. The Model Interconnection Tariff includes the following definitions:

- "Nameplate, design, or generation 'capacity' or 'rating'" shall mean the maximum continuous power output (AC) listed by the manufacturer.
- "Nameplate Capacity" shall mean the individual or sum total maximum continuous power output (AC) capacity of all of a DER's constituent generating or storage units, regardless of whether it is limited by any approved means noted elsewhere in this tariff.

In addition to comments on the Company-Specific Compliance Tariff generally, the Department seeks comment on whether to: (1) update the Interconnection Tariff to replace the definitions of "Nameplate, design, or generation 'capacity' or 'rating'" and "Nameplate Capacity" with the definition of "Nameplate Rating" approved in D.P.U. 23-140-D or (2) retain the definitions approved in the Model Interconnection Tariff.

The Department will accept written comments on the above matter and the Distribution Company's compliance filing no later than 5:00 p.m. on **December 9, 2026**. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, gavin.tullis2@mass.gov, and the Petitioners' attorneys, Melissa Liazos, Esq., melissa.liazos@nationalgrid.com, Liana Moore, Esq., liana.moore@nationalgrid.com, and Bonnie Raffetto, Esq., Bonnie.Raffetto@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 otherwise in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene no later than 5:00 p.m. on **December 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 responses to petitions for leave to intervene must be filed by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the second business day after the petition for leave to intervene was filed.

All documents should be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and gavin.tullis2@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 26-32); (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 "26-32") at: https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber. In addition, one copy of all written comments and petitions to intervene should be emailed to the Petitioners' attorneys, Melissa Liazos, Esq., melissa.liazos@nationalgrid.com, Liana Moore, Esq., liana.moore@nationalgrid.com, and Bonnie Raffetto, Esq., Bonnie.Raffetto@nationalgrid.com.

The filing and all subsequent related documents, pleadings and/or filings submitted to the Department and/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, 617-626-1282.

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Petitioners' attorney, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Gavin Tullis, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at gavin.tullis2@mass.gov.