



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 18-04

February 5, 2018

Joint Petition of Distribution Companies to Revise Model Tariff Governing Net Metering pursuant to An Act to Promote Energy Diversity, St. 2016, c. 188, § 10, 220 CMR 18.00, Net Metering Rulemaking, D.P.U. 17-10-A (2017), and Net Metering Rulemaking, D.P.U. 16-64-H (2017).

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On November 17, 2017, the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) issued an Order promulgating final net metering regulations, 220 CMR 18.00, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 2, and 220 CMR 2.00, to implement net metering provisions of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2016, An Act to Promote Energy Diversity (“Act”). Net Metering Regulations, D.P.U. 17-10-A at 40 (2017). The Order and regulations implement certain changes to the net metering provisions of G.L. c. 164, § 139A. St. 2016, c. 188, § 10. The Department directed Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (“Unitil”), Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid”), and NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) (collectively “Electric Distribution Companies”) to jointly develop and submit a revised model net metering tariff in a new docket to comply with the regulations. D.P.U. 17-10-A at 38, 41.

On January 18, 2018, the Electric Distribution Companies filed with the Department a revised model net metering tariff pursuant to D.P.U. 17-10-A at 38, 41, which addresses small hydroelectric net metering facilities and agricultural net metering facilities, and Net Metering Rulemaking, D.P.U. 16-64-H (2017), which clarifies the net metering credits for cap exempt facilities and grandfathered facilities. The Electric Distribution Companies submitted the revised model net metering tariff to implement changes mandated by the Act. St. 2016, c. 188, § 10; G.L. c. 164, § 139A; 220 CMR 18.00. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 18-04.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed model net metering tariff, on **Monday, February 26, 2018, beginning at 2:00 p.m.**, at the Department’s offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110. Any person interested in participating may appear at the public hearing or submit written

comments to the Department not later than 5:00 p.m. on **February 26, 2018**. The Department anticipates that a number of persons will be interested in this proceeding, and encourages interested persons to present consensus positions and submit comments jointly, when possible.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department no later than the close of business on **Monday, February 26, 2018**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, 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. Following the deadline for submitting comments and petitions to intervene, the Department will schedule a conference call with the parties to discuss the proposed revised model net metering tariff.

One original of all written documents must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. In addition, one copy of all written comments should be sent to Petitioners' attorneys:

- Gary Epler, Esq., Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, 6 Liberty Lane West, Hampton, NH 03842; and
- Nancy Israel, Esq., Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, MA 02451; and
- John K. Habib, Esq., NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each d/b/a Eversource Energy, Keegan Werlin LLP, 99 High Street, 29<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02110.

All documents must also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dpu.efiling@state.ma.us) and the Hearing Officer, Staci Rubin at [staci.rubin@state.ma.us](mailto:staci.rubin@state.ma.us); or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 18-04); (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: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

A copy of the filing is available for public viewing during regular business hours at the offices of the Department, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. A copy of the filing also is available at the File Room link on the Department's website: <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber> (insert "18-04"). To request

materials in accessible formats (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA coordinator at [DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us](mailto:DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us) or (617) 305-3642.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Electric Distribution Companies' filing should contact the counsel as follows: Unitil at (603) 773-6440; National Grid at (781) 907-1852; and Eversource at (617) 951-1400. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Staci Rubin, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3592.

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