



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 17-164

December 15, 2017

Petition of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, and NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of a proposed revision of Section 3.4.1 of the Standards of Interconnection of Distributed Generation Tariff.

On October 20, 2017, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, and NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (collectively, "Distribution Companies") filed a joint proposed revision of Section 3.4.1 of the Standards of Interconnection of Distributed Generation Tariff ("Interconnection Tariff"), known as Group Study. If approved, the proposed revision would replace the Group Study pilot, which took place from June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016. The Department docketed this filing as D.P.U. 17-164.

The purpose of Group Study is to allow the Distribution Companies to simultaneously study multiple interconnection applications for proposed facilities in the same area on a company's electric power system that may require a common modification or may have a cumulative impact on a company's electric power system. In the petition, the Distribution Companies propose to continue with Group Study on a permanent basis, with modifications to the original pilot provisions including, but not limited to, modified and new definitions, changes to when a Group Study commences, and consensus requirements for instances including extensions of deadlines and project changes.

The Department seeks comments from interested stakeholders on the Group Study revisions as proposed by the Distribution Companies. In addition, the Department also seeks comment specific to the following items as they pertain to Group Study:

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All documents should 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 and the hearing officer [sarah.herbert@state.ma.us]; or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 17-164); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website.

For further information regarding the Joint Petition, please contact counsels for the Distribution Companies, as listed above. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Sarah Herbert, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, 617-305-3500.