



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 21-132

December 6, 2021

Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and NSTAR Gas Company each d/b/a Eversource Energy, for their approval of their annual Pension/PBOP Adjustment Factors for effect January 1, 2022.

On November 30, 2021, NSTAR Electric Company ("NSTAR Electric") and NSTAR Gas Company ("NSTAR Gas"), each d/b/a Eversource Energy (together, "Companies"), filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of their annual pension and post-retirement benefits other than pensions ("PBOP") adjustment factors ("PAFs"). The Companies make this filing pursuant to NSTAR Electric Company/Western Massachusetts Electric Company, D.P.U. 17-05 (2017), NSTAR Gas Company, D.P.U. 14-150 (2015), and the following tariffs: NSTAR Electric, M.D.P.U. No. 61A, and NSTAR Gas, M.D.P.U. 402T. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 21-132.

NSTAR Electric proposes the following PAF charges effective January 1, 2022:

Service Area	Rate Classes	PAF Charges (\$/kWh)
All	Residential (R-1/R-2)	\$0.00120
	Residential Space Heating (R-3/R-4)	\$0.00115
Greater Boston	General Service/Time of Use ("TOU") (G-1/T-1)	\$0.00123
	General Service/TOU (G-2/T-2)	\$0.00061
	General Service TOU/General Service Standby/Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (G-3/SBG3/WR)	\$0.00041
Cambridge	General (Non-Demand)/General/ General TOU (Non-Demand) (G-0/G-1/G-6)	\$0.00073
	Large General TOU (Secondary) (G-2)	\$0.00055
	Large General TOU (G-3/SB1/SB3)	\$0.00044
	Optional General TOU (G-4)	\$0.00080
	Commercial Space Heating (G-5)	\$0.00147
South	General/Optional General TOU (G-1/G-7)	\$0.00097
	Medium General TOU (G-2)	\$0.00065
	Large General TOU (G-3)	\$0.00041
	General Power (G-4)	\$0.00094
	Commercial Space Heating (G-5)	\$0.00206
	Electric School (G-6)	\$0.00075
Eastern Massachusetts	Street Lighting (S-1/S-2)	\$0.00305
Western Massachusetts	Optional Water Heating/Optional Church/Small General/ Small General TOU (23/24/G-0/T-0)	\$0.00081
	Primary General/Large Primary General TOU (G-2/T-4)	\$0.00054
	Large Primary TOU (T-2)	\$0.00042
	Extra Large Primary TOU (T-5)	\$0.00025
	Street Lighting (S-1/S-2)	\$0.00304

NSTAR Gas proposes the following PAF charges for its customers, effective January 1, 2022:

Rate Class	PAF Charges (\$/therm)
Residential (R-1/R-2/R-3/R-4)	\$0.0191
Small Commercial/Industrial (G-41/G-51)	\$0.0088
Medium Commercial/Industrial (G-42/G-52)	\$0.0049
Large Commercial/Industrial (G-43/G-53)	\$0.0037

NSTAR Electric proposes a PAF revenue requirement of \$18.236 million, which is a decrease of approximately \$1.595 million from the current NSTAR Electric PAF revenue requirement, and NSTAR Gas proposes a PAF revenue requirement of \$5.909 million, which is a decrease of approximately \$0.241 million from the current NSTAR Gas PAF revenue requirement. The bill impacts for all customers resulting from the change in the PAFs is less than 0.1 percent.

Any person who desires to file written comments or to participate otherwise in this proceeding shall file written comments or a petition for leave to intervene no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, December 17, 2021**. At this time, all filings will be submitted only in electronic format consistent with the Commission's June 15, 2021 directive related to modified filing requirements. Ordinarily, all parties would follow Sections B.1 and B.4 of the Department's Standard Ground Rules (D.P.U. 15-184-A, App. 1 (March 4, 2020)); however, until further notice, parties must retain the original paper version and the Department will later determine when the paper version must be filed with the Department Secretary.

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.

All written comments or other documents must be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and katherine.e.stock@mass.gov. In addition, all written comments should be emailed to the Companies' attorney, Steven Frias at sfrias@keeganwerlin.com.

The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 21-132); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The email must also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about this filing. The electronic file name should identify the document but should not exceed 50 characters in length. Importantly, all large files submitted must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20 MB. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website through

our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter “21-132”) at:
<https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>.

At this time, a paper copy of the filing will not be available for public viewing at the Companies’ offices or the Department due to certain ongoing safety measures and precautions relating to in-person events as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov.

For further information regarding the Companies’ filing, please contact the Companies’ attorney, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Katherine Stock, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at katherine.e.stock@mass.gov.