



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 22-46

May 10, 2022

Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, for Approval of its 2022 Energy Efficiency Reconciling Factors for effect July 1, 2022.

On April 29, 2022, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Company"), filed with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") a petition seeking approval of its 2022 Energy Efficiency Reconciling Factors ("EERFs") for effect July 1, 2022. The Department docketed the Company's petition as D.P.U. 22-46.

An EERF collects additional funds for approved energy efficiency programs when the cost of implementing those programs exceeds other funding sources. See G.L. c. 25, § 19(a). The Company's proposed EERFs incorporate a 2022 budget of \$326.7 million for energy efficiency programs approved by the Department as part of its most recent three-year energy efficiency plan. 2022-2024 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plans, D.P.U. 21-120 through D.P.U. 21-129, at 219-220 (January 31, 2022).

The Company proposes to implement the following revised EERFs for its electric division customers in eastern Massachusetts (formerly NSTAR Electric) for effect July 1, 2022: (1) 2.005 cents per kilowatt-hour ("kWh") for residential customers; (2) 0.378 cents per kWh for low-income customers; and (3) 0.824 cents per kWh for commercial and industrial ("C&I") customers. The Company proposes to implement the following revised EERFs for its electric division customers in western Massachusetts (formerly Western Massachusetts Electric Company) for effect July 1, 2022: (1) 1.983 cents per kWh for residential customers; (2) 0.376 cents per kWh for low-income customers; and (3) 0.845 cents per kWh for C&I customers.

If the Department approves the 2022 EERFs as proposed, a residential (R-1) customer in eastern Massachusetts using 600 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$3.24 (or approximately 1.8 percent) and a residential low-income (R-2) customer using 600 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.39 (or approximately 0.3 percent). In western Massachusetts, a residential (R-1) customer using 600 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of \$2.95 (or approximately 1.7 percent) and a residential low-income (R-2) customer using 600 kWh of

electricity per month will experience a monthly bill decrease of \$0.07 (or approximately 0.1 percent).

C&I customers in eastern Massachusetts will experience an increase to monthly bills in the range of 0.1 to 0.4 percent. C&I customers in western Massachusetts will experience an increase to monthly bills in the range of 0.1 to 0.3 percent. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as shown below.

The Department will accept written comments on the Company's filing until close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, June 3, 2022**. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed below, is sufficient.

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, at this time, all filings will be submitted to the Department only in electronic format, consistent with the Department's June 15, 2021 Memorandum addressing continued modified filing requirements. 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.

All comments must be submitted to the Department in **pdf format** by e-mail attachment to du.effing@mass.gov and Krista.Hawley@mass.gov. In addition, one copy of all written comments should be emailed to the Company's attorney, John K. Habib, Esq., jhabib@keeganwerlin.com. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 22-46); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; (3) a brief descriptive title of the document; and (4) the name, title, e-mail address, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. The file name should identify the document but should not exceed 50 characters in length. Importantly, all large files must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20 MB.

The Company's filing and any comments received will be available on the Department's website as soon as is practicable at <https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "22-46"). A paper copy of the filing will not be available for public viewing at the Company's offices or at the Department. To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) for people with disabilities contact Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact John K. Habib, Esq at jhabib@keeganwerlin.com. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Krista Hawley, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at Krista.Hawley@mass.gov.