



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT

D.P.U. 16-174

November 17, 2016

Petition of NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each d/b/a Eversource Energy, for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of their 2017 Annual Net Metering Recovery Surcharges.

On October 31, 2016, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 138, 139, and 220 C.M.R. § 18.00 et seq., NSTAR Electric Company (“NSTAR Electric”) and Western Massachusetts Electric Company (“WMECo”), each d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or “Company”) filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) their rate adjustments to take effect January 1, 2017, pursuant to: (1) NSTAR Electric’s Net Metering tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 163C, which was approved by the Department in NSTAR Electric Company, D.P.U. 13-171 (2013); and (2) WMECo’s Net Metering tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 1048F, which was approved by the Department in Cost-Based Reconciling Factors, D.P.U. 12-126I (2013).

The Net Metering tariffs allow NSTAR Electric and WMECo to recover an annual Net Metering Recovery Surcharge (“NMRS”) for: (1) credits paid to net metering customers; (2) displaced distribution revenue; and (3) prior period reconciliation adjustments. Average bill impacts for residential customers range from 0.7 percent to 1.7 percent across NSTAR Electric’s three operating territories, and 0.6 percent to 0.9 percent in WMECo’s service territory.

NSTAR Electric proposes the following NMRS rates for each customer class for its Greater Boston customers:¹

Rate Classes	NMRS Rates (\$/kWh)
R-1/R-2/R-4	\$0.00619
R-2/R-3	\$0.00462

¹ In the filing, NSTAR Electric uses the following service area designations: (a) Greater Boston for legacy Boston Edison Company; (b) Cambridge for legacy Cambridge Electric Light Company; and (c) South Shore, Cape Cod, and Martha’s Vineyard for legacy Commonwealth Electric Company.

G-1/T-1	\$0.00737
G-2/H-2	\$0.00480
G-3	\$0.00240
T-2	\$0.00376
S-1/S-2/S-3	\$0.00380
WR	\$0.00060
Amtrak	\$0.00000

Comparing the proposed NMRS to the current NMRS results in a monthly bill increase of approximately \$1.28 or 1.0 percent for an average Greater Boston residential (R-1) customer using 640 kilowatt hours (“kWh”) per month in the summer.

NSTAR Electric proposes the following NMRS rates for each customer class for its Cambridge customers:

Rate Classes	NMRS Rates (\$/kWh)
R-1/R-2/R-5	\$0.01077
R-3/R-4/R-6	\$0.00957
G-0/G-6	\$0.00781
G-1/G-4/G-5	\$0.00572
G-2	\$0.00398
G-3	\$0.00204
S-1/S-2	\$0.01026

Comparing the proposed NMRS to the current NMRS results in a monthly bill increase of approximately \$1.30 or 1.5 percent for an average Cambridge residential (R-1) customer using 393 kWh per month.

NSTAR Electric proposes the following NMRS rates for each customer class for its South Shore, Cape Cod, and Martha’s Vineyard customers:

Rate Classes	NMRS Rates (\$/kWh)
R-1/R-2/R-5/R-6	\$0.00611
R-3/R-4	\$0.00427
G-1/G-4/G-5/G-6	\$0.00377
G-2	\$0.00210
G-3	\$0.00125
S-1/S-2	\$0.00510

Comparing the proposed NMRS to the current NMRS results in a monthly bill increase of approximately \$1.36 or 0.9 percent for an average South Shore, Cape Cod, and Martha's Vineyard residential (R-1) customer using 700 kWh per month.

WMECo proposes the following NMRS rates for each customer class:

Rate Classes	NMRS Rates (\$/kWh)
R-1/R-2	\$0.00471
R-3/R-4	\$0.00408
23/24/G-0/T-0	\$0.00357
G-2/T-4	\$0.00252
T-2	\$0.00168
T-5	\$0.00111
S-1/S-2	\$0.00426

Comparing the proposed NMRS to the current NMRS results in a monthly bill increase of approximately \$0.91 or 0.8 percent for an average WMECo residential (R-1) customer using 600 kWh per month.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 P.M.) on **December 16, 2016**. One original and two (2) copies 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 (1) copy of all written documents must be sent to counsel for the Company, John K. Habib, Esq., 265 Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

A copy of the filing is available at the Department's offices, One South Station-5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts for public view during normal business hours and on the Department's website (insert Docket Number 16-174), at <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber>. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact counsel for the Company, John K. Habib, Esq., at (617) 951-1400. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Jennifer Cargill, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3602.

All documents should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by email attachment to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us and the hearing officer Jennifer.Cargill@state.ma.us or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the email or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 16-174); (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 at the location identified above.