



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 10-99

September 3, 2010

Petition of Boston Gas Company, Colonial Gas Company, and Essex Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid to the Department of Public Utilities for Recovery of Lost Base Revenue for Calendar Years 2008 and 2009.

On August 2, 2010, Boston Gas Company, Colonial Gas Company, and Essex Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid (together, "National Grid" or "Company") filed with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") a petition for approval to recover lost base revenue ("LBR") for calendar years 2008 and 2009. The Company states that the proposed LBR represents its decreased distribution revenues associated with reduced gas sales as a result of the Company's 2008 and 2009 energy efficiency programs. The Company seeks to recover \$529,840 in LBR plus carrying charges of \$29,469 for 2008, and \$1,979,653 in LBR plus \$231,601 in carrying charges for 2009. In addition, the Company seeks approval for effect November 1, 2010 of a revised local distribution adjustment clause, M.D.P.U. No. 2.6, which proposes to add an LBR factor to the Company's energy efficiency cost-recovery formulas. The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 10-99.

If the Company's petition is approved as requested, the bill impacts will be as follows: a typical residential heating customer using 190 therms per month during the winter season will experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.49, or approximately 0.17 percent; a typical residential heating customer using 54 therms per month during the summer season will experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.10, or approximately 0.18 percent; a typical residential non-heating customer using 31 therms per month during the winter season will experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.08, or approximately 0.13 percent; and a typical residential non-heating customer using 31 therms per month during the summer season will experience a monthly bill increase of \$0.06, or approximately 0.12 percent. Bill impacts for commercial and industrial customers will vary. These customers should contact the Company for specific bill impact information.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's petition. The hearing will take place on **October 12, 2010, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Department's offices, One South Station - 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. A procedural conference

will take place immediately following the public hearing. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the time and place noted above or submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **October 12, 2010**.

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 not later than the close of business on **October 5, 2010**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 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 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

An original and three (3) copies of all written comments or petitions to intervene must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station - 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 not later than the close of business on the dates noted above. One copy of all written comments or petitions to intervene should also be sent to the Company's attorney, Patricia Crowe, Esq., National Grid, 40 Sylvan Road Waltham, Massachusetts 02451.

A copy of the Company's filing is on file at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts for public viewing during normal business hours. A copy is also on file for public viewing at the offices of National Grid, 40 Sylvan Road Waltham, Massachusetts 02451. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact counsel for the Company, Patricia Crowe, Esq. at (781) 907-1848. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Jennifer Turnbull-Houde, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.

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 [jennifer.turnbull@state.ma.us] or (2) on a 3.5" disk or CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail, disk label, or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding [D.P.U. 10-99]; (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: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

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