



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 22-BSF-C3 (NEMA)

September 8, 2022

Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for Approval of an Alternative Basic Service Procurement Plan.

On September 6, 2022, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“NSTAR Electric” or the “Company”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of an alternative basic service procurement plan for the Company’s large commercial and industrial (“C&I”) customers in the Northeastern Massachusetts Reliability Region (“NEMA”) load zone for the period October 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 22-BSF-C3 (NEMA).

Pursuant to Pricing and Procurement of Default Service, D.T.E. 99-60-B (2000) and Default Service Procurement, D.T.E. 02-40-C (2003), the Department requires electric distribution companies to procure 100 percent of their C&I basic service load requirements on a quarterly basis. Consistent with these requirements, on July 19, 2022, the Company issued a request for proposal (“RFP”) to solicit 100 percent of its basic service load requirements for its large C&I basic service customers in the NEMA and Southeastern Massachusetts Reliability Region (“SEMA”) load zones for the three month (October 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022) basic service period.

On August 25, 2022, the Department approved the Company’s proposed basic service rates for the SEMA load zone. NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, D.P.U. 22-BSF-C3 (SEMA) (August 25, 2022). However, the Company did not award load blocks to suppliers for the three-month basic service period in the NEMA load zones. The NEMA bids for each 25 percent tranche resulting from the July 19, 2022 RFP were limited and were substantially higher than the winning SEMA bid. In its analysis, the Company determined the NEMA bids were unreasonably high and unacceptable.

Accordingly, the Company has proposed an alternative basic service procurement plan to serve large C&I customers in the NEMA load zone. The Company proposes to self-supply for these customers by assuming the responsibility for managing the load asset for these customers in the ISO-NE day ahead energy market. The Company proposes to set the basic service rate for the affected customers at the same rate approved by the Department for large C&I customers in the SEMA load zone. Under the Company’s proposal, any under- or over-recovery of costs would be collected through the Company’s basic service true up factor set forth in M.D.P.U. No. 47C.

The Department will accept written comments on the Company’s petition. Written comments must be filed with the Department no later than close of business (5:00 p.m.) on

Friday, September 16, 2022. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed below, is sufficient.

All comments must be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and patrick.m.houghton@mass.gov. All comments also must be sent to counsel for NSTAR Electric Company, Daniel Venora, Esq., by email attachment to dvenora@keeganwerlin.com. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 22-BSF-C3 (NEMA)); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. 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.

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)) regarding the filing of documents. 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 of the filing and the Department will later determine when the paper version must be filed with the Department Secretary.

At this time, a paper copy of the filing will not be available for public viewing at the offices or the Department. The filing and other documents submitted in electronic format will be posted as soon as practicable at on the Department's website through our online File Room at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "22-BSF-C3"). 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.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact counsel for NSTAR Electric Company, Daniel Venora, Esq., at dvenora@keeganwerlin.com. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice may contact Patrick Houghton, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at patrick.m.houghton@mass.gov.