



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

MEMORANDUM

TO: Service Lists in:
Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company
d/b/a National Grid, D.P.U. 15-120
Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, D.P.U. 15-121
NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, D.P.U. 15-122

FROM: Tina W. Chin, Hearing Officer
Greggory Wade, Hearing Officer

RE: Evaluation Plan – Request for Comments

DATE: May 6, 2019

CC: Mark D. Marini, Secretary

On May 10, 2018, the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) issued an Order approving in part and denying in part the grid modernization plans filed by Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, and NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company (collectively, “Companies”). Grid Modernization Plans, D.P.U. 15-120/15-121/15-122 (2018). The Department directed the Companies to submit a jointly-proposed evaluation plan for the 2018 through 2020 grid modernization investment term (“Evaluation Plan”).¹ D.P.U. 15-120/15-121/15-122, at 205. On May 1, 2019, the Companies jointly submitted their proposed Evaluation Plan. In accordance with the Evaluation Plan, the planning stage was completed in April 2019 and the evaluation stage begins in May 2019.

¹ As part of the evaluation process, the Department also directed the Companies, in consultation with the Department of Energy Resources, to select an evaluation consultant or consultants to conduct evaluation studies related to the deployment of the pre-authorized grid modernization investments. D.P.U. 15-120/15-121/15-122, at 205.

The Department seeks comments on the Companies' proposed Evaluation Plan on or before **May 20, 2019**. Reply comments must be filed on or before **May 28, 2019**.

An original hard copy of all written comments must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. All documents should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and to the Hearing Officers, Tina Chin, tina.chin@mass.gov, and Gregory Wade, greggory.wade@mass.gov.

The text of the e-mail must specify (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 15-120/15-121/15-122), (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. The electronic file name should identify the document but should not exceed 50 characters in length. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.