



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 21-90

July 29, 2021

Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its Phase II Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program and Electric Vehicle Demand Charge Alternative Proposal.

On July 14, 2021, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Company”) filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) a petition for approval of its Phase II electric vehicle infrastructure program (“Phase II EV program”) and electric vehicle demand charge alternative proposal. The Company filed its Phase II EV program and electric vehicle demand charge alternative proposals pursuant to Grid Modernization – Phase II, D.P.U. 20-69-A (May 21, 2021). The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 21-90.

In D.P.U. 20-69-A, the Department directed the Company to file an electric vehicle proposal consisting of: (1) any new or expanded electric vehicle charging infrastructure proposals; and (2) a commercial electric vehicle rate design proposal addressing alternatives to demand charges as required by Section 29 of Chapter 383 of the Acts of 2020, An Act Authorizing and Accelerating Transportation Investment (“Transportation Act”). D.P.U. 20-69-A at 40-41, 49. The Department will review the Company’s filing to determine, among other things, whether the proposals are consistent with D.P.U. 20-69-A and the Transportation Act.

In its filing, the Company proposes a four-year Phase II EV program with associated costs of approximately \$191.9 million. The proposed Phase II EV program includes: (1) a public and workplace offering (\$109.1 million); (2) a residential offering (\$52.7 million); (3) a fleet offering (\$2.0 million); and (4) other supporting program elements (\$28.2 million), including two pilot programs to increase electric mobility access in environmental justice communities; workforce development and electrician training; company staffing; marketing and outreach; information technology and back-office system costs; and program evaluation. The Company proposes to recover its Phase II EV program costs through its annual reconciling Grid Modernization Factor (“GMF”) with expenditures for customer-side make-ready infrastructure deferred to a regulatory asset and recovered through the GMF over a five year period.

Moreover, as part of its demand charge alternative proposal, the Company proposes to offer for a ten year period two new rate schedules, Rates EV-1 and EV-2, to all

separately-metered electric vehicle charging customers. The Company submitted exemplar tariffs for the proposed Rates EV-1 and EV-2.

Further, the Company proposes certain revisions to its approved GMF cost recovery tariff (M.D.P.U. No. 73B (proposed)) for effect January 1, 2022. The Company also proposes seven statewide performance metrics, five Company-specific performance metrics, and a performance incentive mechanism comprised of two independent metrics, a Level 2 electric vehicle supply equipment cost containment metric and a direct current fast charging cost containment metric.

Due to certain ongoing safety measures and precautions relating to in-person events as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Company's filing. The Department will conduct the hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on **Tuesday, September 14, 2021**, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Attendees can join by entering the link, <https://zoom.us/j/97346979923>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at **(312) 626-6799 (not toll free)** and then enter the **Meeting ID# 973 4697 9923**. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, please send an email by **Thursday, September 9, 2021**, to Scott.Seigal@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address. If you anticipate commenting by telephone, please leave a voicemail message by **Thursday, September 9, 2021**, at (617) 305-3771 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address.

Any person interested in commenting on the Company's filing may also submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, September 14, 2021**. At this time, all filings will be submitted only in electronic format consistent with the Commission's June 15, 2021 directive related to modified filing requirements. 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, 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.

Any person who desires to participate otherwise in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding shall file a petition for leave to intervene no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Thursday, August 12, 2021**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 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 CMR 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 CMR 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10. All responses to petitions to intervene must be filed no later than five (5) business days after the petition to intervene was filed.

All documents must be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by e-mail attachment to dupe.filing@mass.gov and Scott.Seigal@mass.gov. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 21-90); (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. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "21-90") at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber>. In addition, one copy of all written comments and petitions to intervene should be emailed to the Company's attorneys, Ashley Marton, Esq. at amarton@keeganwerlin.com and Matthew Stern at mstern@keeganwerlin.com.

At this time, a paper copy of the filing will not be available for public viewing at the Company's offices or the Department due to certain ongoing safety measures and precautions relating to in-person events as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The filing and all subsequent related documents, pleadings and/or filings submitted to the Department and/or issued by the Department will be available on the Department's website as referenced above as soon as is practicable. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments or intervene in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient. 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.

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Company's attorneys, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Department of Public Utilities Hearing Officer Scott Seigal (Scott.Seigal@mass.gov).