



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

D.P.U. 16-105

July 12, 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, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1A(f), to construct, own, and operate solar generation facilities.

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On June 30, 2016, NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company, each d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Companies”), filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) a proposal to construct, own, and operate facilities that would generate up to 62 megawatts (“MW”) of electricity from solar energy (“Solar Program”). The Companies filed their petition pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1(A)(f), as amended by St. 2016, c. 75, §§ 1 and 2.

The Companies seek: (1) pre-approval of cost recovery associated with a range of estimates for upfront capital installation costs, future capital replacement costs, and ongoing annual operational costs associated with their Solar Program; and (2) approval of their respective tariffs associated with their Solar Expansion Cost Recovery Mechanisms to recover the incremental revenue requirements associated with the Solar Program. The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 16-105.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (“Attorney General”) has filed a notice to intervene in this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(a). Further, pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the Attorney General has filed a notice of retention of experts and consultants to assist in her investigation of the Companies’ filing, and has requested Department approval to spend up to \$150,000 in this regard. Pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the costs incurred by the Attorney General relative to her retention of experts and consultants may be recovered in rates. Any person who desires to comment on the Attorney General’s notice of intent to retain experts and consultants in this matter may submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **August 8, 2016**.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Solar Program. The hearing will take place on **August 15, 2016, 2:30 p.m.** at the Department’s offices, One South Station -- 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. A procedural conference will take place immediately following the public hearing to establish a schedule for the evidentiary phase of this case. 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 **August 15, 2016**.

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 (5:00 p.m.) on **August 8, 2016**. 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 two (2) copies of all written comments or petitions to intervene must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the dates noted above. One copy of all written comments or petitions to intervene should also be sent to the Companies' attorney, John K. Habib, Esq., Keegan Werlin LLP, 265 Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

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](mailto:dpu.efiling@state.ma.us) and to Jeffrey Leupold, Hearing Officer, [jeffrey.leupold@state.ma.us](mailto:jeffrey.leupold@state.ma.us), or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding D.P.U. 16-105; (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.

Copies of the Companies' petition are on file at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 for public viewing during business hours, and on the Department's website by looking up the docket by its number in the docket database at <http://web1.enr.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber> (enter 16-105). Copies are also on file for public view at the office of Eversource Energy, 247 Station Drive, Westwood, Massachusetts 02090. Any person desiring further information regarding the Companies' petition should contact counsel for the Companies, John K. Habib, Esq., at 617-951-1400. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Jeffrey Leupold, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at 617-305-3500.