



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 22-BSF-C4

November 22, 2022

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

On November 18, 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 January 1, 2023, through March 31, 2023. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 22-BSF-C4.

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 October 18, 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 basic service period (January 1, 2023, through March 31, 2023).

The Company selected four SEMA bids (each a 25 percent tranche) that it determined were market competitive and entered into confirmation agreements with the selected suppliers based on those bids. The Company, however, only selected two NEMA bids to fulfill 50 percent of the load. In its analysis, the Company determined the NEMA bids beyond the first 50 percent 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 for the remaining 50 percent of the load. 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 as the bids accepted on November 15, 2022, for large C&I customers in the SEMA load zone, which were also submitted to Department for approval on November 18, 2022. 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.

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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, December 2, 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-C4); (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 Company's 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/Fleroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "22-BSF-C4"). 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.