



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 25-48

May 27, 2025

Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities On Its Own Motion Into the Interconnection Implementation Review Group's Proposed Revisions to the Model Standards for Interconnection of Distributed Generation Tariff.

On March 25, 2025, the Interconnection Implementation Review Group ("IIRG") submitted to the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") proposed revisions to the Model Standards for Interconnection of Distributed Generation Tariff ("DG Interconnection Tariff"). The Department has docketed this submission as D.P.U. 25-48 and, on May 27, 2025, the Department opened an investigation into this matter.

The IIRG is a Department-sanctioned working group established under Distributed Generation Interconnection, D.P.U. 19-55-F (2023). The IIRG provides a forum to identify and discuss issues related to DG interconnection and to ensure continued review of DG interconnection standards and procedures. Information on the IIRG can be found at its website: <https://gridforce.my.site.com/s/article/Interconnection-Implementation-Review-Group>.

The IIRG members collaborated over the past year and a half to identify its proposed revisions to the DG Interconnection Tariff, specifically to the Simplified and Expedited interconnection process requirements set forth in the DG Interconnection Tariff. These processes set out operational actions necessary for a DG facility to connect with an electric distribution company's ("Distribution Company")¹ electric power system ("EPS"). For the Simplified Process, the revisions proposed in the IIRG filing are intended to: (1) increase the amount of DG projects that qualify for the Simplified Process and to align system capacities with Net Metering rules; (2) meet the needs of energy storage systems ("ESS") and other technologies

¹ The Distribution Companies are Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil ("Unitil"), NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy ("NSTAR Electric"), and Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company each d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid"). Each Distribution Company's currently effective DG Interconnection Tariff is: Unitil, M.D.P.U. No. 452; NSTAR Electric, M.D.P.U. No. 55B; and National Grid, M.D.P.U. No. 1579.

allowing for more flexible interconnections with limited energy export capacity and other field control concepts; and (3) understand and explore ways to address system modification costs for projects under the Simplified Process. The IIRG's filing includes broad revisions regarding the Expedited Process under the DG Interconnection Tariff. The revisions are intended to create more predictability for DG facility owners and developers that apply for interconnection to the EPS. The IIRG's proposed revisions are designed to enable more DG projects, including ESS projects, to be evaluated under the Expedited Process and not to be assigned to the Standard Process for interconnection and therefore interconnect faster.

The Department intends to conduct this examination into the IIRG's proposed revisions to the DG Interconnection Tariff as a Notice of Investigation ("NOI") into a Model DG Interconnection Tariff, not as an adjudicatory proceeding. Depending on the outcome of this NOI, each Distribution Company may be required to file a Distribution Company-specific DG Interconnection Tariff for review and approval by the Department. The Department may conduct that review as an adjudicatory proceeding.

The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the IIRG's filing. The Department intends to hold an informal, informational session immediately following the public hearing to allow IIRG members to provide context for the filing and to allow the Department to ask basic questions. During the public hearing, any member of the public will be able to provide comments. The Department will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025**, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Attendees can join by entering the link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81327462826>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearing, attendees can dial in at 1 (646) 558-8656 (not toll free) and then enter the Webinar ID number: 813 2746 2826. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, please send an email by **Friday, June 13, 2025** to katie.zilgme@mass.gov, katherine.e.stock@mass.gov, annemarie.belle@mass.gov, and kristen.lommele@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address.

Alternatively, any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025**. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, katie.zilgme@mass.gov, katherine.e.stock@mass.gov, annemarie.belle@mass.gov, and kristen.lommele@mass.gov and katherine.e.stock@mass.gov. Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a

member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

All documents should be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, katie.zilgme@mass.gov, katherine.e.stock@mass.gov, annemarie.belle@mass.gov, and kristen.lommele@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 25-48); (2) the name of the person or entity submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website through our online [File Room](#) as soon as practicable (to access any submission enter "25-48" on the line for "Docket No.").

The filing and all subsequent related documents submitted to the Department 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 to 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 eeadiversity@mass.gov or (617) 626-1282.

For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Katherine Stock, Annemarie Belle, Hearing Officers, and Kristen Lommele, Special Policy Advisor on Climate Change, Department of Public Utilities, at katherine.e.stock@mass.gov, annemarie.belle@mass.gov, and kristen.lommele@mass.gov.

English

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