

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 25-188

January 16, 2026

Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for Approval of its Phase III Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Program.

On December 30, 2025, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Company” or “NSTAR Electric”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of its Phase III electric vehicle (“EV”) charging infrastructure program (“Phase III EV program”) proposal for 2027 through 2030. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 25-188.

In 2022, the Department approved NSTAR Electric’s \$188 million Phase II EV charging infrastructure program (“Phase II EV program”) for the 2023–2026 period. [Electric Vehicles](#), D.P.U. 21-90/D.P.U. 21-91/D.P.U. 21-92, at 168, 271 (2022). In 2025, the Department approved mid-term modifications to the Company’s Phase II EV program, including a new medium- and heavy-duty fleet pilot and a residential managed charging program. [Electric Vehicle Program Mid-Term Modifications](#), D.P.U. 24-195/D.P.U. 24-196/D.P.U. 24-197, at 84-85, 89-90 (October 17, 2025). NSTAR Electric’s Phase II EV program will conclude on December 31, 2026.

In this proceeding, the Company proposes a four-year Phase III EV program covering the 2027–2030 period, with total costs of \$165.6 million. The proposed Phase III EV program consists of: (1) a commercial segment offering (\$83 million); (2) a residential segment offering (\$44 million); (3) a managed charging offering (\$4.4 million); and (4) other supporting program elements (\$34.2 million). These supporting program elements consist of: (1) company staffing (\$9.5 million); (2) marketing (\$7 million); (3) IT and back-office systems (\$2.5 million); (4) program evaluation (\$3 million); and (5) vendor costs (\$12.2 million).

The Company proposes to recover its Phase III EV program costs through its approved EV program tariff, including infrastructure costs, EV supply equipment (“EVSE”) costs, operations and maintenance costs, internal labor costs, and costs associated with new hires. NSTAR Electric also proposes revisions to its EV program tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 78E (proposed), to: (1) expand the tariff’s applicability to the Phase III EV program; (2) describe the individual components of the Phase III EV program; (3) allow recovery of eligible Phase III EV program costs placed in service by the end of calendar year (“CY”) 2030, including costs associated with continuing investments incurred after CY 2030; (4) allow commercial segment customers to

combine EV program incentives with third-party funding up to 100 percent of their total project costs; and (5) make other minor revisions. In addition, the Company proposes three new implementation metrics, retention of six existing implementation metrics, ten performance metrics, and one equity metric, as well as revisions to five existing implementation metrics and one equity metric.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's petition on **Wednesday, February 11, 2026, beginning at 2:00 p.m.** The public hearing will be conducted jointly with the EV-related petitions filed by Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company docketed as D.P.U. 25-181 and D.P.U. 25-189 and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company docketed as D.P.U. 25-182.

The public hearing will be virtual and use Zoom videoconferencing. Attendees can join the public hearing by entering the link, <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83625314675>, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the public hearing, attendees can dial in at **(646) 931-3860 (not toll free)** and then enter the **Meeting ID# 836 2531 4675**. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, please send an email to scott.seigal@mass.gov by **Monday, February 9, 2026** with your name, email address, and mailing address.

Any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, February 18, 2026**. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, Scott.Seigal@mass.gov, and the Company's attorneys, John Habib, Esq., at jhabib@keeganwerlin.com, Michael Hershberg, Esq., at mhershberg@keeganwerlin.com, and Ashley Marton, Esq., at amarton@keeganwerlin.com. 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 Peter A. Ray, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

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 **Monday, February 9, 2026**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03. Receipt by the Department 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 by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the second business day after the petition to intervene was filed.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (“Attorney General”) filed a notice to intervene in this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E. Further, pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the Attorney General filed a notice of intent to retain experts and consultants to assist her investigation of the Company’s 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 the Company’s rates. Any person who desires to comment on the Attorney General’s notice of intent to retain experts and consultants may submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Monday, February 9, 2026**.

All documents should be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@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. 25-188); (2) the name of the person or company 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 (enter “25-188” on the line for “Docket No.”). In addition, one copy of all written comments and petitions to intervene should be emailed to the Company’s attorneys, John Habib, Esq., at jhabib@keeganwerlin.com, Michael Hershberg, Esq., at mhershberg@keeganwerlin.com, and Ashley Marton, Esq., at amarton@keeganwerlin.com.

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 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 eadiversity@mass.gov or (617) 626-1282.

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

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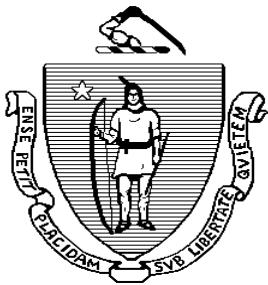
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NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Company”) shall publish the attached Notice of Public Hearing and Request for Comments (“Notice”) no later than **January 26, 2026** in the following newspapers: (1) The Boston Globe or Boston Herald; (2) The Metrowest Daily News; (3) Cape Cod Times; and (4) South Coast Today/The Standard-Times.

In addition, the Company shall serve the attached Notice no later than **Thursday, January 22, 2026** on: (1) the service lists in NSTAR Electric Company, D.P.U. 21-90; and NSTAR Electric Company, D.P.U. 24-195; and (2) any person who has filed a request for notice with the Company. The Company’s service may be by electronic distribution, which the Department finds reasonable and consistent with the public interest. The Company shall also prominently display the Notice on its website from three business days following receipt of the Notice from the Department through the end of the comment period. The Company shall make return of service, including proof of publication on its website, at the close of the comment period.

By Order of the Department,

/s/
Peter A. Ray, Secretary