



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Service Lists (e-mail only) in NSTAR Electric Company, D.P.U. 24-10;  
Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 24-11;  
and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, D.P.U. 24-12

FROM: Kerri DeYoung Phillips and W. Jay Lee, Hearing Officers

RE: Evidentiary Hearings and Briefing Schedule

DATE: March 7, 2025

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On August 29, 2024, the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) approved with modification the electric sector modernization plans (“ESMPs”) filed by NSTAR Electric Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil (together, “Companies”). Subsequent to this approval, the Department established a Phase II procedural schedule to investigate an interim cost-recovery mechanism for ESMP investments. In Phase II, only the Companies and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (“Attorney General”) sponsored witness testimony and exhibits.

In accordance with the procedural schedule established for Phase II, the Department reserved March 12 and March 13, 2025, for virtual evidentiary hearings if requested by the parties or required by the Department. The Attorney General requested evidentiary hearings and estimates one hour for cross-examination of the Companies’ witness panels. No other party requested hearings or identified a need for cross-examination. At this time, the Department anticipates approximately two hours for cross-examination of the Companies’ witness panels. As a result, the Department cancels the second day reserved for hearings and notifies the Attorney General that her witnesses are not required to appear. Further, the Attorney General will be provided the opportunity to conduct cross-examination prior to the Department. To the extent that any other party requests a dedicated link to participate at the hearings, they will be provided an opportunity to conduct cross-examination on Phase II issues. Parties and other interested stakeholders may otherwise view the hearings through the following public link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84281501884>.

Additionally, at the close of evidentiary hearings and in consultation with the parties, the Department intends to establish a briefing schedule with briefing to conclude by **no later than Friday, April 18, 2025**.

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