

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF INQUIRY AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 26-62

July 21, 2026

Inquiry by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion into the Design and Implementation of Time-Varying Rates.

On April 8, 2026, the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (“DOER”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for the Department to open an inquiry into time-varying rates (“TVR”). On June 30, 2026, the Department voted to open an investigation concerning the design and implementation of TVR. D.P.U. 26-62, Vote and Order Opening Inquiry at 13-14 (June 30, 2026). This inquiry will examine rate design considerations for the TVR framework that the Department approved in 2014. Time-Varying Rates, D.P.U. 14-04-B at 8-12 (2014); D.P.U. 14-04-C at 2. In addition, the Department will examine the merits of incorporating transmission and distribution costs into the TVR framework; customer protections for vulnerable populations; the electric distribution companies’ (“EDCs”) plans for the implementation of TVR; and marketing, education, and outreach (“MEO”) plans for the transition to TVR. The Department’s investigation was docketed as D.P.U. 26-62.

In its Order, the Department directed the EDCs to each provide certain information, data, and analysis regarding the electric distribution system necessary for this investigation. In addition, the Department invites all interested persons to participate in this proceeding and seeks input on the following questions in Section VI of the Order:

1. please identify and describe any consumer protections necessary for a successful design and implementation of TVR in Massachusetts;
2. please describe implementable strategies for guiding customer behavior to avoid creating a new system (or grid pocket) peak immediately following the end of a peak rate period;
3. please identify any additional changes to AMI functionalities, billing systems, or other operational functions required by the EDCs to enable TVR supply rates for non-demand customers who receive supply from competitive suppliers or municipal aggregation providers;
4. please identify and describe key elements for inclusion in the EDCs’ implementation and MEO plans; and

5. please provide information and analysis on items 3, 5, and 6 in the information request to the EDCs in Section V of the Vote and Order Opening Inquiry at 10-12.

The Department invites all interested persons to submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **August 31, 2026**. The Department encourages interested persons to present consensus positions and submit comments jointly, when possible.

All documents should be submitted to the Department in .pdf format by email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and elizabeth.c.mcnamara@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 26-62); (2) the name of the person or entity submitting the filing; and (3) that the document is a written comment. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website through our online [File Room](#) as soon as practicable (enter "26-62" on the line for "Docket No."). 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 Ray, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

All 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 ceadiversity@mass.gov or (617) 626-1282.

For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Elizabeth McNamara, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at elizabeth.c.mcnamara@mass.gov.

Translation and Interpretation Services

English

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Português (Portuguese)

ATENÇÃO: Disponibilizamos nossos serviços de tradução e/ou interpretação de acordo com a sua demanda. Para solicitar um serviço linguístico, envie um e-mail para Kaylee Burgess através do endereço dpu.ej@mass.gov, informando o idioma desejado e seus dados para contato.

繁體中文 (Traditional Chinese)

提醒您：您可依照需求申請筆譯和/或口譯服務。請以電郵聯絡 Kaylee Burgess (dpu.ej@mass.gov) 來申請語言服務請求，請在電郵內註明需要的語言和聯絡資訊。

Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese)

LƯU Ý: Các dịch vụ biên dịch và/hoặc phiên dịch có sẵn theo yêu cầu. Vui lòng gửi email đến Kaylee Burgess theo địa chỉ dpu.ej@mass.gov để yêu cầu dịch vụ ngôn ngữ, nêu rõ ngôn ngữ ưa thích của quý vị và thông tin liên lạc

(Arabic) العربية

يُرجى الانتباه: تتوفر خدمات الترجمة و/أو الترجمة الفورية عند الطلب. لطلب خدمات لغوية يُرجى التواصل مع Kaylee Burgess بإرسال رسالة إلكترونية إلى العنوان dpu.ej@mass.gov، تحدد فيها اللغة المفضلة لديك وتذكر معلومات الاتصال.

ខ្មែរ (Khmer)

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Español (Spanish)

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简体中文 (Simplified Chinese)

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Kreyòl Ayisyen (Haitian Creole)

ATANSYON: Gen sèvis tradiksyon ak/oswa entèpretasyon ki disponib sou demann. Tanpri voye imèl bay Kaylee Burgess nan dpu.ej@mass.gov pou mande sèvis lang, ki enfòm lang ou pi pito a ak enfòmasyon kontak ou.

Français (French)

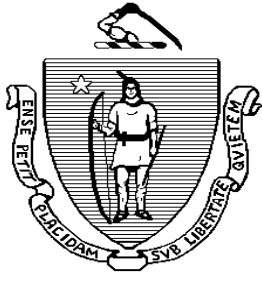
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Русский (Russian)

ВНИМАНИЕ! Услуги письменного и/или устного перевода предоставляются по запросу. Для запроса услуг перевода обращайтесь к Kaylee Burgess по адресу dpu.ej@mass.gov. В запросе укажите язык перевода и контактную информацию.

한국어 (Korean)

주의: 요청 시 번역 및/또는 통역 서비스가 제공됩니다. Kaylee Burgess에게 dpu.ej@mass.gov로 이메일을 보내 선호하는 언어와 연락처 정보를 명시하여 언어 서비스를 요청하십시오.



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NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy ("NSTAR Electric"), Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid"), and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil ("Unitil") (collectively, "Companies"), are required to serve a copy of the attached English language Notice on or before **July 24, 2026** on: (1) the Mayors, the Chairs of Select Boards, the Town Clerks, and the City Clerks in their service territories; and (2) any person who has filed a request for notice with the Companies. The Companies' service may be by electronic distribution, which the Department finds reasonable and consistent with the public interest.

Within three business days of receipt of the non-English language versions of the Notice, the Companies shall also serve a copy of the non-English language versions of the Notice to: (1) the Mayors, the Chairs of Select Boards, the Town Clerks, and the City Clerks in their service territories; and (2) any person who has filed a request for notice with the Companies.

Additionally, the Companies shall prominently display the English language and non-English language versions of the Notice on their websites from three business days following receipt of the Notice from the Department through **August 31, 2026**.

The Companies shall provide evidence of the required website postings and return of service by **September 1, 2026**.

By Order of the Department,

/s/
Peter A. Ray, Secretary