



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM MUNICIPALITIES

D.T.E. 98-22

May 1, 1998

Investigation by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy upon its own motion, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, c. 165 and c. 166A to review standards employed by public utility operators when restoring municipal street surfaces after performing excavations.

On February 13, 1998 the Department Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") issued to all operators under its jurisdiction a Notice of Compliance Review ("Notice"). The Notice requested that each operator provide the Department with a copy of its standards or procedures for excavation and resurfacing openings in public ways, and internal written statements or policies designed to insure that managers and crews are aware of, and held accountable to, standards and procedures for street excavation and repair. Thirty-two operators responded to the Notice.

The Department hereby invites each municipality to comment on the responses received from the operators. The responses are available for review at the Department's offices in Boston. (Copies of the responses can be obtained at a fee of \$0.20 per page from the Department Secretary).

The Department also invites each municipality to comment on the performance of individual public utility operators under the Department's jurisdiction relative to street excavation, restoration and inspection. Comments should be submitted to the Department not later than June 3, 1998.

Please send two copies to:

Robert Smallcomb
Director
Pipeline Engineering and Safety Division
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202

Phone: (617) 305-3537

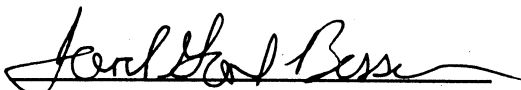
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In addition, please send one copy to:

Mary Cottrell, Secretary
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By Order of the Department

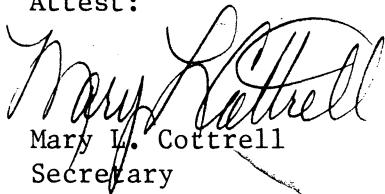

Janet Gail Besser, Chair


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Attest:


Mary L. Cottrell
Secretary

Consent Communication #13

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A communciation was received from the Department of Public Utilities regarding the request for comments from municipalities to reivev standards employed by public utility operators when restoring municipal street surgaces after performing excavations.

In City Council May 11, 1998

Referred to

City Manager