



City of Cambridge

Amended Order
49.

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 20, 1995

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: Cambridge Electric Light (CEL) filed four tariffs with the Department of Public Utilities to establish rates for its largest customers should they discontinue full service with the company while remaining in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: CEL has designed the rate tariff to protect 44,500 residential, commercial and industrial customers from potential increase in their monthly electric bills should large customers choose to generate their own electricity or buy it from another source; and

WHEREAS: Through the filing large customers are being asked to share in all the costs CEL has incurred and will be incurred on their behalf, these costs include the long term contract CEL has signed, with state approval, to meet their needs through the year 2001 and the investments made in infrastructure over the last 100 years; and

WHEREAS: This filing made in response to CEL's largest customers, MIT decisions to generate their own electricity; and

WHEREAS: If MIT or other large customers fail to pay their fair share of the costs CEL has incurred on their behalf then Cambridge residents, commercial and industrial customers will end up paying it for them; and

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WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge already faces tough fiscal constraints and an increase in the electric bill would cause severe hardships; and

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ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with representatives of Cambridge Electric Light and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to see if he can mediate a settlement and if not, express the City's support for CEL's tariff requests before the Department of Public Utilities; and be it further

ORDERED: That the matter be referred to the Government Operations Committee for a hearing.

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Adopted by a yea and nay vote.
Yeas 8; Nays 1; Absent 0.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

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WHEREAS: It is not always possible and or practical for victims of domestic violence and rape to carry with them pamphlets containing information and telephone numbers on who to contact for counseling at a time crises; and

WHEREAS: NYNEX produces a Community Directory for the Cambridge-Somerville Area and the inside cover contains easily accessible emergency numbers; and

WHEREAS: Easily accessible numbers for domestic violence and rape counseling would be very helpful for victims of both crimes in a time of crises. Now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager is hereby requested to confer with representatives NYNEX to ensure that in the next printing of the Cambridge-Somerville, NYNEX Community Directory that contact numbers for Domestic Violence and Rape counseling are listed in the emergency number section on the inside cover.

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WHEREAS: There is presently before the City Council for consideration an Interim Planning Overlay District (IPOD); and

WHEREAS: The IPOD creates a substantial number of questions around a variety of issues, one of which is the potential for decrease in values, with the result being an increase in requests for abatements and therefore resulting in a significant loss of tax dollars; and

WHEREAS: Additional affects of the IPOD include, but are not limited to: technical defaults in mortgages, non-compliance and loan de-valuation ratio, refinancing difficulties; an inordinate affect on small businesses; and possible decrease in the potential for affordable housing units and supermarkets ; and

WHEREAS: The five year prognosis for the City's fiscal health is not great; and

WHEREAS: The Council has set a policy of no increase in the tax rate for the tax payers of Cambridge, and said tax assessments are passed on by landlords directly to tenants. Now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager is hereby requested to provide the City Council a response, prior to the final consideration of the IPOD, of the potential revenue consequences of the enactment of the IPOD, as well as address the other issues raised in this Council Order.



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Consent Order #49

CM-108

Councillor Sullivan re: Cambridge
Electric Light filing four tariffs
with the Department of Public Utilities.

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Order adopted as
amended

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Councillor Myers
recorded in the negative
on this matter.