

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

December 23, 1998

D.T.E. 98-126

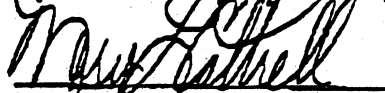
NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Commonwealth Electric Company ("Company") is ordered to publish the attached Notice of Filing and Public Hearing in the Boston Globe, the Enterprise (Brockton), the Cape Cod Times (Hyannis) and the Standard Times (New Bedford), once at least fourteen (14) days before Tuesday, January 12, 1999.

The Company is further ordered to service a copy of this notice by mail to: The service list for D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-111, D.T.E. 98-118 and D.T.E. 98-119, the Chairmen of the Boards of Selectmen, the Mayors, and City Clerks in every City and Town in its service territory (see attachment).

The Company is required to make return of service and publication at the time of the public hearing on January 12, 1999.

By Order of the Department,


Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary



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Application of Commonwealth Electric Company, a Massachusetts corporation and an electric company under G.L. c. 164, § 1, for Approval of Buyout of Pilgrim Purchase Power Contract and Power Purchase Agreement with Entergy Nuclear Generation Company under the terms of the Electric Restructuring Act, St. 1997, c. 164.

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Pursuant to G.L. c 164, §§ 1A, 1G, 76, 94 and 94A and the order of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department") in D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-111, Commonwealth Electric Company ("Commonwealth") has applied to the Department for approval for buyout of any and all of its obligations with respect to purchasing electricity from Pilgrim Unit 1 ("Pilgrim") from Boston Edison Company ("BECo") and to enter into a power purchase agreement (the "Entergy Power Sale Agreement") with Entergy Nuclear Generation Company ("Entergy"). Commonwealth has requested approval of the buyout and substitute purchase power agreement, stating that the buyout will reduce the transition costs that would otherwise be collected from customers through its Transition Charge by approximately \$33.5 million dollars. The Company expects to use the Entergy Power Sale Agreement to provide standard offer service to its customers. Commonwealth requests that the Department approve (1) the fourth amendment to Pilgrim Power Sale Agreement between BECo and Commonwealth; (2) the inclusion of the buyout amount as an adjustment to the Company's transition charge; (3) the Entergy Power Sale Agreement; and (4) the inclusion of the above-market value, if any, of the Entergy Power Sale Agreement as an adjustment to the Company's transition charge. The Buyout Agreement and Entergy Power Sale Agreement, petition and supporting documentation are on file with the Department.

Commonwealth Electric Company's petition and supporting papers may be inspected at the office of the Department, 100 Cambridge Street, 12th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02202, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at the offices of COM/Energy Services Company, One Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142 (Contact Person: John Cope-Flanagan, Esq. (617) 225-4778).

THE DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE APPLICATION AND THE PETITION IN THIS DOCKET ON:

January 12, 1999, at 10:00 a.m.
at its offices, 100 Cambridge Street, Room 1210,
Boston, Massachusetts 02202

THE DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY WILL HOLD A PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE ON:

January 8, 1999, at 2:00 p.m.
at its offices, 100 Cambridge Street, Room 1210,
Boston, Massachusetts 02202

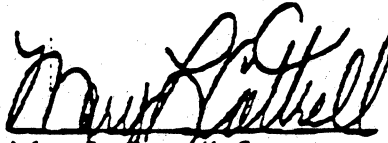
Any person wishing to submit comments in writing on the petition in these dockets should file comments with Mary L. Conrell, Secretary to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, 100 Cambridge Street, Room 1210, Boston, Massachusetts 02202, by January 12, 1999.

Any person who wishes to participate in the adjudicatory proceedings concerning the Commonwealth Electric Company petition must file a written petition for leave to intervene or participate in the proceedings with Mary L. Conrell, Secretary to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, 100 Cambridge Street, Room 1210, Boston, Massachusetts 02202, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on January 6, 1999. A petition for leave to intervene or participate must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10, and 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department – not mailing – constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed.

Any person desiring further information regarding this notice may contact:

Jeanne L. Voveris, Hearing Officer
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
100 Cambridge Street, Room 1210
Boston, Massachusetts 02202
(617) 305-3500

By Order of the Department,



Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

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I hereby certify that publication and service of the within order of notice of hearing has been made and given as therein directed.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this _____ day of _____, 19

Justice of the Peace.
Notary Public.

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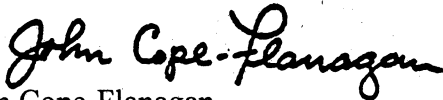
December 24, 1998

To all Mayors, City Clerks,
Chairmen of the Board of Selectmen
and Town Clerks on the attached list

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Notice of Filing with regard to the Approval of Buyout of Pilgrim Purchase Power Contract and Approval of the Power Purchase Agreement with Entergy Nuclear Generation Company filed by Commonwealth Electric Company with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy in Docket D.T.E. 98-126.

Sincerely,



John Cope-Flanagan
Regulatory Attorney

enclosure

Consent Communication #13

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A communication was received from John Cope-Flanagan, transmitting a Notice of Filing with regard to the Approval of Buyout of Pilgrim Purchase Power Contract and Approval of the Power Purchase Agreement with Entergy Nuclear Generation Company.

In City Council January 11, 1999

Referred to the City Manager