



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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D.P.U. 91-68

NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

In compliance with D.P.U. 1364/1717 dated May 3, 1985, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company is required to publish the attached legal notice in a one-quarter page ad in the Boston Globe, the Boston Herald American, the Enterprise (Brockton), the Fall River Herald News, The Standard-Times (New Bedford), the Lawrence Eagle Tribune, the Daily Evening Item (Lynn), the Cape Cod Times, The Patriot Ledger (Quincy), the Greenfield Recorder, the Springfield Union News (Springfield), the Worcester Telegram (Worcester) and the Daily Hampshire Gazette (Northampton), twice, once at least twenty-one (21) days prior to Wednesday, May 8, 1991 and once again seven (7) days prior to said date.

By Order of the Department,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary L. Cottrell", written over a horizontal line.

MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY

LEGAL AD

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NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company (referred to herein as "NET"), has filed with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") revisions to its tariff that provides, among other things, for the introduction of residential charges for calls to Directory Assistance which exceed an allowance of ten free calls per month. The tariff revisions were to become effective on April 7, 1991. On April 5, 1991, the Department suspended the effective date of these revisions to July 15, 1991.

On December 11, 1990, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enacted legislation entitled "An Act Permitting A Charge For Directory Assistance And Improving Telecommunications Within The Commonwealth". The Legislation provides for the establishment and maintenance of a statewide Enhanced 911 Service; for the establishment and maintenance of a dual-party TDD/TTY Telephone Message Relay Service Center to be located in the Commonwealth; and for the establishment and maintenance of a TDD and other specialized equipment distribution service for the use of citizens with hearing or speech disabilities. The cost for implementing these programs is to be funded from charges to Directory Assistance.

NET's tariff filing includes charges for calls from residential customers to Directory Assistance which exceed an allowance of ten free calls per month. In addition, it introduces a Variable Customer Dividend to be applied as a direct credit to each residential customer's monthly telephone bill.

The Department intends to investigate the reasonableness of the Company's proposal. Public hearings concerning the Company's Directory Assistance tariff filing will be held at:

THE OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
100 CAMBRIDGE STREET, 12th FLOOR
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02202
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1991 AT 2:00 P.M.

JOHN J. DUGGAN JR. HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
1015 WILBRAHAM ROAD
SPRINGFIELD, MASS.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1991 AT 7:30 P.M.

Any person desiring further information relative to this proceeding can review the filing at the Department of Public Utilities, Room 1210, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02202 or can contact New England Telephone at 1-800-555-5000 weekdays between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. (If you are calling from Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, or Vermont, please call your New England Telephone Business Office.)

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CONSENT

Notice of a public hearing received from the Department of Public Utilities for Wednesday, May 8, 1991 at 2:00 p.m. at 100 Cambridge Street, Boston on the petition of NET for revisions to its tariff regarding the residential charges for calls to Directory Assistance.

In City Council,

April 29, 1991

Referred to the City
Manager.

Copy sent to City Mgr.
April 30, 1991. pmc