

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

May 25, 1978

D.P.U. 18565

Notice of Public Hearing

The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities hereby proposes an amendment to its Billing and Termination Procedures to be promulgated pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30A, section 2; Chapter 164, section 76, 76C, 124A, 124D and 124E; and Chapter 165, section 1B, 4, 11A and 11E.

The subject covered by the proposed regulation concerns the billing and payment dates of all bills for all gas, electric and water companies operating within the Commonwealth. The proposed regulation is as follows:

All bills shall be payable upon receipt. However, no bill shall be considered "due" under applicable law or these Regulations in less than 45 days from receipt. In the case of gas and electric service, no bill shall be considered "due" in less time than has elapsed between receipt of such bill and receipt of the most recent previous bill for the company's services, if that period exceeds 45 days.

The initial bill after commencement of service shall not be "due" in less than 45 days from receipt. In the case of gas or electric service, no initial bill shall be considered "due" in less time than has elapsed between receipt of such bill and the day upon which service was initially extended, if that period exceeds 45 days.

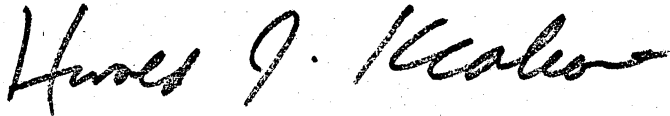
No disputed portion of a bill shall be considered "due" during the pendency of any complaint, investigation, hearing or appeal under these Regulations.

This proposed regulation will supercede the existing section 2.1 of

D.P.U. 18565.

Presentation of data, views or arguments relating to the above referred to proposal may be submitted in oral or written form by any interested persons at a public hearing to be held by the Department of Public Utilities at its hearing room, #1210 Leverett Saltonstall Building, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on July 11, 1978.

By Order of the Department,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harold J. Keohane". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Harold J. Keohane
Chairman

Notice of a public hearing by the Dept. of
Public Utilities to be held July 11, 1978
at 10 AM at 100 Cambridge St., Boston,
re: amendment to its Billing and Termina-
tion Procedures promulgated pursuant to the
provisions under the General Laws.

In City Council,

June 12, 1978

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