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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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D.P.U. 94-50

ORDER OF NOTICE
NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY
d/b/a/ NYNEX

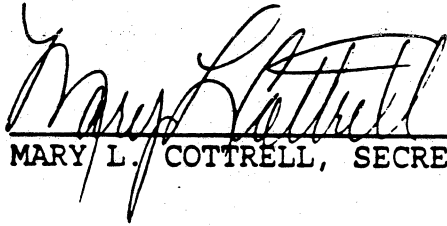
In compliance with D.P.U. 1364/1717 dated May 3, 1985, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company d/b/a NYNEX is required to publish the attached legal notice in a one-quarter page advertisement in the Boston Globe, the Boston Herald, the Enterprise (Brockton), the Fall River Herald News, the Standard-Times (New Bedford), the Lawrence Eagle Tribune, the Daily Evening Item (Lynn), the Cape Cod Times, the Patriot Ledger (Quincy), the Lawrence Eagle Tribune, the Fitchburg Sentinel and Enterprise, the Springfield Union News, the Berkshire Eagle (Pittsfield), the Daily Hampshire Gazette (Northampton), The Worcester Telegram, the Greenfield Recorder, and The Transcript (North Adams), twice, once at least twenty-one (21) days prior to Wednesday, May 25, 1994, and again seven (7) days prior to said date.

NYNEX also is required to provide a copy of this legal notice to all intervenors and their respective counsel from the Company's last prior Transitional Rate proceeding, to all persons who have filed a petition to intervene with the Department in

D.P.U. 94-50, and to all persons who have received a copy of
NYNEX's filing in D.P.U. 94-50.

NYNEX also is required to make return of service and
publication at the time of the hearing.

By Order of the Department,



MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY

LEGAL AD

D.P.U. 94-50

On April 14, 1994, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, d/b/a/ NYNEX ("NYNEX") filed revisions to its Massachusetts tariff (M.D.P.U. No. 10) with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department"). The proposed tariff revisions were to become effective on May 14, 1994, but the Department has suspended the schedules until November 14, 1994, to allow for an investigation as to the propriety of the proposed changes. The current rates will remain in effect until November 14, 1994.

The filing proposes comprehensive tariff provisions as part of an Alternative Regulatory Plan that NYNEX requests the Department adopt for overseeing its Massachusetts intrastate operations. The principal changes proposed by NYNEX are as follows:

- o a comprehensive ten-year proposal
- o regulation of NYNEX in accordance with a price cap regulatory framework under which the potential for future rate increases is limited by defined pricing rules
- o no increases in the monthly rates for basic residence services until August 2001
- o an increase of \$2.50 per month in the credit on residence exchange services for Lifeline customers
- o NYNEX investment commitments for the public telecommunications network, including commencing the deployment of a broadband network in Massachusetts
- o increased earning flexibility
- o service quality commitments
- o access charge reductions
- o a more flexible tariff review process

The Department's investigation will include the examination of all issues pertaining to NYNEX's alternative regulation filing, including the impact the filing may have on the rates, availability, quality, and terms of service for all customer groups and all geographic locations in the Commonwealth.

The Department will hold public hearings on NYNEX's filing on:

Wednesday, May 25, 1994 at 7:00 P.M.
Main Hearing Room, 1st Floor
Plymouth Town Hall
11 Lincoln Street
Plymouth, Mass.

Thursday, May 26, 1994 at 7:00 P.M.
Gardner Auditorium
State House - Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Wednesday, June 1, 1994 at 7:30 P.M.
City Council Chambers, Room 302
Worcester City Hall
455 Main Street
Worcester, Mass.

Thursday, June 2, 1994 at 7:30 P.M.
City Council Chambers
Pittsfield Town Hall
70 Allen Street
Pittsfield, Mass.

Persons interested in commenting on NYNEX's filing may appear at any of the public hearings or file written comments with:

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Re: D.P.U. 94-50
Department of Public Utilities
Leverett Saltonstall Building
100 Cambridge Street, Room 1210
Boston, Massachusetts 02202

At a later time, evidentiary hearings will be conducted at the Department's offices in Boston to investigate NYNEX's filing. Any person seeking to intervene in this proceeding must file with the Department a petition to intervene, pursuant to the Department's Procedural Rules, 220 C.M.R., § 1.03. Any petition to intervene in this proceeding must be filed no later than May 11, 1994, with the Secretary of the Department at the address noted above.

A pre-hearing conference to consider procedural matters will be held at 10:00 a.m. on May 13, 1994, at the Department's offices.

Any person desiring further information about this proceeding can review NYNEX's filing at the Department's offices during normal business hours, or can contact NYNEX at 1-800-555-5000, weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (If you are calling from outside Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island or Vermont, please call your NYNEX Business Office). Residential customers with disabilities can contact NYNEX at 1-800-974-6006 (Voice/TTY) weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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Consent Communcation #5

A comm was received from the Department of Public Utilities requiring NYNEX to publish their legal ad.

In City Council May 9, 1994

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City Manager.
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Manager, 5/10/94 @de