

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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Investigation by the Department upon its own motion as to the advisability of revising and republishing its Uniform System of Accounts for Electric Utilities.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities ("Department") hereby proposes an amendment to its Uniform System of Accounts for Electric Companies to be promulgated pursuant to the authority vested in the Department by G.L. c. 164, § 81.

The last major revision of the present system occurred in 1960. Since that time, generally accepted accounting principles, the electric utility industry and regulatory law have undergone considerable changes, resulting in new reporting requirements which are not adequately addressed in the present system. In addition, the majority of electric utilities in Massachusetts have dual reporting and accounting standards; they must keep one set of books to comply with the Department's regulations and another set to comply with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's ("FERC") regulations.

The proposed amendment was designed with these circumstances in mind and has been the subject of numerous meetings with interested parties from the electric companies, Attorney General's Office and public interest organizations. The Department feels

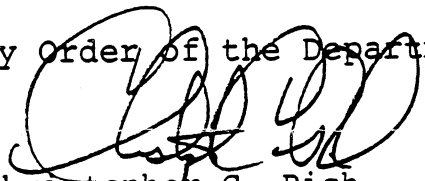
the proposed regulation will reduce the reporting burden since it adopts the FERC system with modifications. The modifications, which are described in the attached regulation, are simply minor changes designed to make the system consistent with present Massachusetts regulation.

This proposed amendment will supersede the existing regulation as defined in 220 C.M.R. 51.00, pages 173 through 305. It does not, however, change the Supplement for Municipal Lighting Plants, 220 C.M.R. 51.00, pages 305 through 315. Municipal companies will continue to use this system unless otherwise ordered or authorized.

Upon the foregoing, the Department of Public Utilities will hold a public hearing at its offices in the Leverett Saltonstall Building, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts, on August 12, 1981, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Presentation of any views, testimony, or memoranda relating to this subject matter may be made at that time.

By Order of the Department,



Christopher C. Rich
Secretary

City of Cambridge

Communication from
Department of Public Utilities re: the
advisability of revising and repub-
lishing its Uniform System of Accounts
for Electric Utilities.

In City Council

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City Manager