

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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September 29, 1994

D.P.U. 94-142

The Department of Public Utilities is proposing to revise its regulations at 220 C.M.R. § 107.00 governing the procedures to be followed by gas corporations and municipalities subject to G.L. c. 164 relating to the inactivation, abandonment and leakage survey of gas service lines. The proposed revisions would extend from five years to ten years the period in which a gas service line, for which gas service has been discontinued, may remain inactive. The proposed regulation would require abandonment or physical disconnection from the gas supply after a ten-year inactivation period. The proposed regulations would also alter the physical procedures of abandonment of service lines and coordinate the timing requirements of leakage surveys on gas service lines with the federal standards under 49 CFR § 192.

The Department also is proposing to amend its regulations at 220 C.M.R. § 69.03 governing the commencement of enforcement proceedings. The proposed amendment would allow the Department to issue a warning letter upon determination that a probable violation of 220 C.M.R. §§ 101-113, or any other code pertaining to the safety of pipelines, has occurred or is occurring.

The above notice is officially captioned:

Investigation by the Department on its own motion regarding revision of the present regulations 220 C.M.R. §107.00 governing the procedures to be followed by gas corporations and municipalities subject to G.L. c. 164 relating to the inactivation, abandonment and leakage survey of gas service lines; and the amendment of the present regulation 220 C.M.R. § 69.03 governing the commencement of enforcement proceedings involving violations of safety regulations.

A copy of the proposed regulations may be obtained upon request from Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, 100 Cambridge Street, 12th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02202, (617) 727-3500.

The Department will hold a public hearing to receive oral comments on the proposed regulations on Tuesday, November 29, 1994, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department's offices, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

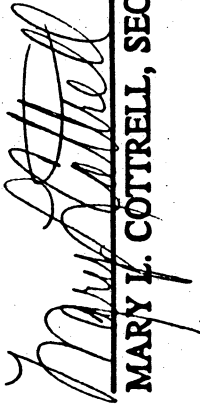
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Written comments on the proposed regulations will be received by the Secretary to the Department. Those wishing to comment at the public hearing are encouraged to submit preliminary written comments by November 22, 1994. Final written comments are due by December 9, 1994.

By Order of the Department,


MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY

Consent Comm. # 16

S-428

Comm. from DPU proposing to revise the regulations governing the procedures to be followed by gas corporations and municipalities.

In City Council,

October 17, 1994

*Referred to
City Manager*

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