



# City of Cambridge

O-13.

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

September 10, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO  
COUNCILLOR BORN  
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
VICE MAYOR MAHER  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Recent high demand for electric service coupled with extremely high temperatures resulted in multiple power outages in the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Power quality has been a major issue in many parts of Cambridge for many years, both under the ownership of Cambridge Electric and now as part of NSTAR; and

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.  
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk

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**Mayor Galluccio**

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**ORDER ADOPTED**