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THROUGH: Benjamin Barnes
DATE: September 8, 1998

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

serving the
residents of:

Cambridge
Boston

RE: Council Order #102, dated 7/27/98 RE: Report on Cambridge's planned response to electricity deregulation for City electricity use and also for residents.

The City of Cambridge and all other Com/Electric business and residential customers in Cambridge have been receiving the mandated 10% reduction in their monthly bill since March 1, 1998. This practical reality, plus the existence of a November ballot referendum seeking the repeal of the entire restructuring law, has lessened the need to do rapid planning and program development during the first year starting last March.

The Consumers' Council has been working on a plan along with the Cambridge Housing Authority, Mass. Housing & Finance Administration, the City's Department of Human Services and Com/Electric to maximize the enrolment of and low-income discount eligible consumers in Cambridge.

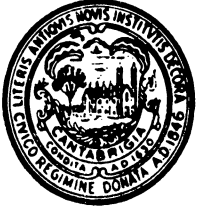
The state office of the Department of Energy Resources and the Office of Consumer Affairs is progressing on developing the means to making municipal aggregation work as easily as possible so I continue to endorse that idea for Cambridge.

It is my understanding that the sale of Com/Electric generating plants is pending as a very favorable price that should further reduce the stranded cost burden and insure that the 15% promised "standard offer" discount scheduled for next year will occur in our service area.

Educational materials are being developed by the DOER office in conjunction with a task force of which I am a member. So as the public interest grows, information will be ready.

No new suppliers are actively marketing their services to residential customers so there is little public interest at the present time to learn more about the options represented by the restructuring of the electric industry. No supplier can beat "Standard Offer" at this time.

I would recommend that the ad hoc group that met with you last spring begin to meet again during the weeks ahead to continue to work on these matters.



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October 19, 1998

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 17, regarding electricity deregulation for City and residential electricity, received from Consumer Council Director Paul Schlaver and License Commissioner Benjamin Barnes.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Attachment

Consent Agenda #6

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Relative to AW Report #17
regarding electricity deregulation
for City and residential electricity.

In City Council October 19, 1998

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