



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

February 11, 1991

D.P.U. 91-30

NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

In compliance with D.P.U. 1364/1717 dated May 3, 1985, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company is required to publish the attached legal notice in a one-quarter page ad in the Boston Globe, the Boston Herald American, 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 Greenfield Recorder, The Springfield Union News (Springfield), the Berkshire Eagle (Pittsfield), The Transcript (North Adams) The Worcester Telegram (Worcester) and the Daily Hampshire Gazette (Northampton), twice, once at least twenty-one (21) days prior to Tuesday, March 12, 1991, and again seven (7) days prior to said date.

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company is also 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

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Investigation by the Department on its own motion as to the propriety of the rates and charges set forth in tariff schedules M.D.P.U. Nos. 10, 13 and 15 filed with the Department on February 7, 1991, to become effective March 9, 1991, by New England Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Notice is given that:

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company
185 Franklin Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02107

(referred to herein as "NET" or "Company"), has filed with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") revisions to its tariffs. The Department has suspended these tariffs until September 10, 1991, to allow for an investigation into the Company's filing. Current rate schedules will remain in effect until that date. The Company's filing does not propose any change in the total revenues the Company would generate from its Massachusetts intrastate operations.

The tariffs under investigation in this proceeding would restructure and reprice the Company's rates for many services including residential, business, toll, private line, and interexchange carrier access services. Rate restructuring may result in significant increases in the rates for particular services, and affect the availability or scope of certain existing services. The principal changes proposed by the Company are: an average increase in residence monthly rates of approximately \$1.11; an average increase in business exchange monthly rates of approximately \$1.97; a restructuring of message units in Eastern Massachusetts to a per message, per minute structure; reductions in residence and business toll rates in Eastern Massachusetts; reductions in carrier switched access rates; and the repricing and restructuring of Private Line services. The impact on the bills of individual residential or business customers will vary from customer to customer and will depend on the particular calling patterns and services used by each customer.

The Department's investigation will include the examination of all issues pertaining to the rates charged by New England Telephone, including the availability, quality, and terms of service for all customer groups and all geographic locations in the Commonwealth.

The Department intends to investigate the reasonableness of tariff provisions that limit the Company's liability.

Public hearings concerning NET's filing will be held at:

BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
25 WARREN STREET
BRIGHTON, MASS.
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1991 AT 7:00 P.M.

WORCESTER CITY HALL - TRAINING ROOM
455 MAIN STREET
WORCESTER, MASS.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1991 AT 7:30 P.M.

PITTSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
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JOHN J. DUGGAN JR. HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
1015 WILBRAHAM ROAD
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1991 AT 7:30 P.M.

CAPE COD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LECTURE HALL A
ROUTE 132
W. BARNSTABLE, MASS.
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1991 AT 7:30 P.M.

A prehearing conference to consider procedural matters will be held at 10:00 a.m. on March 6, 1991, at the Department's offices in Boston.

Any person desiring further information relative to this proceeding can review the filing at the Department of Public Utilities, Room 1210, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02202 or can contact New England Telephone at 1-800-555-5000 weekdays between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. (If you are calling from Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, or Vermont, please call your New England Telephone Business Office.)

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In City Council,

February 25, 1991

*Charter Right exercises
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