



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

OCT 24 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

CAMBRIDGE MA.

October 19, 1990

D.P.U. 90-245

Investigation by the Department on its own motion into the Emergency Fuel Increase Supplement tariff filed by the New England Motor Rate Bureau, Inc.

On August 23, 1990, the New England Motor Rate Bureau, Inc. ("Bureau") filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") to be allowed to file tariffs on behalf of its members and common carriers subject to regulation under the provisions of G.L. c. 159B, providing for emergency increases in rates to reflect the increased costs of fuel.

On August 31, 1990 in light of fuel price increases following the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, the Department approved the Bureau's petition to permit supplemental rates in the form of a 1.5 percent surcharge to be filed and effective, unless suspended, on one day's notice to the Department. The supplemental surcharges would have expiration dates of thirty days from the effective dates. It further provides that, in the event that after investigation, the Department finds that the surcharge is not justified, the carrier will be required to refund any overrecovery under the surcharge to customers.

While the current oil price increase warrants the allowance of such surcharges on an emergency basis, the Department opens this investigation to review the continuing need for such emergency provisions, and if needed, the form they should take.

Upon the foregoing, the Department will conduct a public hearing at its offices, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts, on Tuesday, November 6, 1990 at 10:00 a.m.

By Order of the Department,


MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY

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Notice of a public hearing from DPU for
Tuesday, November 6, 1990 at 10:00 a. m.
at 100 Cambridge Street, Boston on the
petition of New England Motor Rate
Bureau, Inc. for emergency increases
in rates to reflect the increased costs
of fuel.

In City Council,

~~October 29, 1990~~

November 5, 1990

*Referred to the
City Manager.
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