



City of Cambridge

12.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 15, 1997

COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
 VICE MAYOR BORN
 COUNCILLOR DAVIS
 COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
 COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
 COUNCILLOR REEVES
 MAYOR RUSSELL
 COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

WHEREAS: Senator Michael Morrissey, Chair of the Joint Committee on Government Regulations, has filed a new version of legislation to restructure the electricity generation industry in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: Senator Morrissey's bill would allow an exemption from the state procurement law, Chapter 30B, in energy purchases, which exemption, according to the Massachusetts Municipal Association, would allow cities and towns to take advantage of cost-saving opportunities and to negotiate "greener" energy; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide a report to the City Council on this proposed legislation and any related bills on this issue.

In City Council September 15, 1997.
 Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.
 Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy; *D. Margaret Drury*

ATTEST:-
 D. Margaret Drury
 City Clerk

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12. 1/8,

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rec 9/8/97
at 8:15

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Sen. Morrissey files draft electric bill

By Thatcher W. Kezer III

*draft order requests
information regarding
this & other bills*

Sen. Michael Morrissey, Senate chair of the Joint Committee on Government Regulations, has released his version of legislation that would restructure the electricity generation industry in Massachusetts. *related bills*

The proposal covers a number of issues that affect cities and towns.

Chapter 30B: Morrissey's bill would allow an exemption from the state's uniform procurement law, Chapter 30B, for cities and towns in the purchase energy or energy-related services.

The MMA maintains that this would enable cities and towns to take advantage of cost-saving opportunities by having flexibility in the procurement process to negotiate low-cost, reliable, and, if advocated by residents of the community, "greener" energy.

The uniform procurement law would restrict communities to purchasing from the lowest bidder and would require that all the terms of the agreement be spelled out in the request for proposals. This would be cumbersome for cities and towns, particularly those that want to jointly purchase

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annual budget deficit. In-
ally, this agreement to
limit spending and cut
taxes means that it will
take two years longer to
achieve solvency than it
would have if no budget
agreement was enacted at
all, primarily because of its

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Entire membership except Toomey

Consent Order #12

CM-563

**Councillor Triantafillou re: Report
on the proposed legislation to
restructure the electricity generation
industry in Massachusetts.**

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ORDER ADOPTED