



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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D.P.U. 92-258

Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own motion into the amendment of 220 C.M.R. 75.00 concerning the preservation of records of electric, gas, and water utilities.

NOTICE FIXING THE TIME FOR COMMENT ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS AND SETTING THE DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

On January 25, 1993, the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") issued an Order opening a rulemaking investigation into amendment of 220 C.M.R. 75.00 regarding public utility records preservation. The proposed regulations would apply to all electric, gas, and water companies, including municipal electric and gas departments, under the jurisdiction of the Department. They are based in part on the current Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regulations for natural gas companies and public utilities and licensees, the records preservation regulations of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners ("NARUC"), and the records preservation regulations of the New York Public Service Commission. 18 C.F.R., Chapter 1, Parts 125, 225; NARUC's "Regulations to Govern the Preservation of Records of Electric, Gas and Water Utilities" (1974; revised May, 1985); 16(A) N.Y.C.R.R. 152, Appendix 4-A ("Schedule of Records and Periods of Retention").

In order to allow interested persons the opportunity to comment on these proposed regulations, the Department has set 5:00 p.m. on February 26, 1993, as the deadline for submitting initial written comments. Written comments must reference the docket number (D.P.U. 92-258) and must be submitted to:

Mary Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Public Utilities
Leverett Saltonstall Building
100 Cambridge Street, 12th Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02202

An original and ten copies of the comments must be submitted to the Department. A copy of the proposed regulations may be obtained by contacting Mary Cottrell, Secretary, at the above address, or by calling the Department at (617) 727-3500.

Furthermore, in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, § 2 and 220 C.M.R. 2.00, a public hearing regarding these proposed regulations shall be held at the offices of the Department, as identified above, on March 2, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. The Department encourages those wishing to participate at the public hearing to submit initial comments to facilitate Department review and questioning.

These proposed regulations have been issued pursuant to the Department's authority under G.L. c. 164, §§ 76C, 80, 81 and 85.

By Order of the Department,



MARY L. COTTRELL, Secretary

Consent Comm. # 5

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Communication from DPU transmitting notice for fixing the time for comment on proposed regulations concerning the preservation of records of electric, gas and water utilities.

In City Council,

Feb. 8, 1993

Referred to the
City Manager,
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