



# CAMBRIDGE ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY

46 BLACKSTONE STREET  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

November 2, 1943

The Honorable City Council  
City Hall  
Cambridge 39, Mass.

Gentlemen:

We have received from the City Clerk the Vote of the City Council on October 25, requesting the officials of the Cambridge Electric Light Company to consider the service of supplying bulbs to consumers. We have given consideration to this matter.

We have already a supply of bulbs at both Central and Harvard Squares, for which the customer, of course, pays the regular price. Whether this stock is sufficient or whether all sizes are available depends largely on the War Production Board's various Limitation Orders.

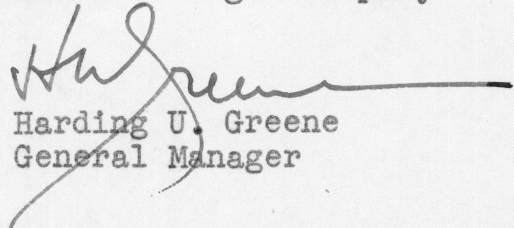
If the words, "supplying bulbs", mean the giving away free of light bulbs to customers, to the best of our knowledge this practice now has been discontinued entirely in this Commonwealth. The utility companies and the communities which they serve, I believe, are in agreement that the companies should not add such an expensive item to its cost of doing business, but should rather give the customer for electricity the lowest rate consistent with reliable and well regulated service.

In this connection the Department of Public Utilities in its Order of July 31, 1934, D.P.U. Nos. 4439, 4444 and 4678, commented that "we think the time has come when the practice of furnishing free lamps should be abandoned."

The most recent comparison of typical monthly bills for residential service which I have seen (Federal Power Commission Rate Book of September 1, 1942, covering Communities of 50,000 Population or more) shows Cambridge in the enviable position of having the lowest rate in two of the five size groups and next to the lowest in the other three.

Sincerely yours

Cambridge Electric Light Company

  
Harding U. Greene  
General Manager

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Communication  
From Cambridge Electric Light Co.  
in response to an Order of City Council  
adopted on Oct. 25, 1943 relative to  
Electric Light Co. supplying Bulbs to  
Customers.

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In City Council NOV 8 1943

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Frederick H. Burke  
City Clerk



# City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

October 25, 1943.

ORDERED:\*

That the Officials of the Cambridge Electric Light Co.,  
be requested to consider the service of supplying bulbs to  
consumers

OCT 25 1943

City Council

Adopted by the affirmative vote

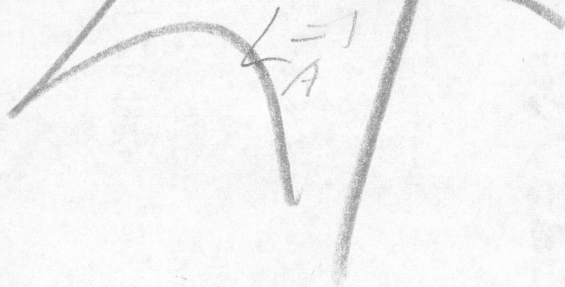
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Frederick H. Burke City Clerk

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Order  
Relative to light  
bulbs to consumers  
of electric lights



Oct 25, 1943

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