

entity seeking the Department's approval of a proposed energy efficiency plan will not be precluded from requesting that an alternate policy, method or procedure be utilized by the Department due to entity-specific circumstances, the burden will be on that entity to demonstrate the compelling nature of such a request.

The Department adopts the following procedure. A procedural conference will be held on **January 26, 1999** at the offices of the Department, 100 Cambridge Street, 12th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts. Immediately following that procedural conference, there will be a technical session to discuss the issues and questions relevant to electric distribution companies as outlined in the Order opening this investigation. A second technical session addressing the issues and questions relevant to gas distribution companies will be held on **January 28, 1999** also at the offices of the Department. Additional proceedings may be scheduled during the initial procedural conference and technical sessions.

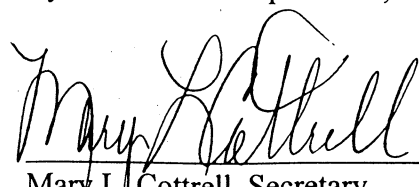
The Department will accept written comments on the issues and questions identified in the Order and technical sessions up to **March 12, 1999**. The Department encourages the filing of joint comments and will give them due consideration in the development of our guidelines. Based on input from these sessions and from the comments, the Department intends to publish for comment draft guidelines regarding the methods and procedures we will employ to evaluate and approve a proposed energy efficiency program.

Whenever possible comments should clearly indicate to which issue(s) and question(s) they are responsive. All comments exceeding twenty pages in length must be accompanied by an executive summary. Comments may not exceed 50 pages in length. Commenters must, whenever possible, file comments on a 3.5" floppy diskette, IBM-compatible format. The file format for all responses shall be compatible with either Word Perfect 6.0, for textual responses, or with Microsoft Excel 5.0 for data/spreadsheet responses. One original and eleven (11) copies of all comments should be filed with **Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02202**. A copy of the comments will be available for public inspection and/or purchase at the Department's offices during business hours. In addition, all comments submitted on computer diskette will be posted on the Department's website at <http://www.magnet.state.ma.us/dpu/>.

Any person desiring further information regarding this Notice of Inquiry/Generic Proceeding should contact:

A. Quincy Vale, Hearing Officer
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
100 Cambridge Street, Room 1210
Boston, MA 02202
(617) 305-3500

By Order of the Department,



Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

NOTICE OF INQUIRY/GENERIC PROCEEDING

D.T.E. 98-100

January 8, 1999

Investigation by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy on its own motion to Establish Methods and Procedures to Evaluate and Approve Energy Efficiency Programs Pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 19, and c. 25A, § 11G.

On January 8, 1999, the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") issued an Order instituting a Notice of Inquiry/Generic Proceeding to Establish Methods and Procedures to Ensure that Energy Efficiency Programs are Cost-Effective. In this inquiry, the Department intends to establish a uniform cost-effectiveness test and set of administrative procedures that the Department will employ to evaluate and approve a proposed energy efficiency program, pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 19 and G.L. c. 25A, § 11G. The Department defines energy efficiency as the implementation of an action, policy, or measure which entails the application of the least amount of energy required to produce a desired or given output and includes demand-side management and energy conservation services. 220 C.M.R. § 11.02.

Specifically, the Department intends to address four broad issues during the pendency of this investigation:

- (1) The process by which the Department will review energy efficiency programs pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 19, and c. 25A, § 11G;
- (2) The criteria the Department will employ to determine whether a proposed energy efficiency program is cost-effective;
- (3) The monitoring and evaluation of savings that result from implementation of energy efficiency programs in order to determine program cost-effectiveness; and
- (4) The shareholder incentives that are included in energy efficiency plans.

A copy of the Order instituting this investigation will be mailed to all electric distribution companies, all gas distribution companies, and to all persons that have asked to be placed on a general notification list pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 2.09. In addition, a copy of the Order will be available at the Department's offices located at 100 Cambridge Street, 12th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02202 for public inspection during business hours and will be posted on our website, <http://www.magnet.state.ma.us/dpu/>.

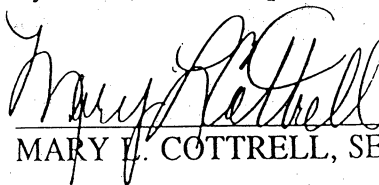
The Department intends that the policies, methods and procedures developed in this proceeding will be utilized to review and approve all energy efficiency programs funded by either a systems benefit charge on the sales of kilowatt-hours of electricity, or by monies collected by the gas local distribution companies for energy efficiency programs. While an

1. Worcester City Hall, Room 409, 455 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01608, on Tuesday, January 26, 1999, at 7:00 p.m.;
2. Irving W. Sargent Auditorium, 51 Lawrence Street, Lawrence, Massachusetts 01841, on Thursday, January 28, 1999, at 7:00 p.m.;
3. Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360, on Tuesday, February 2, 1999, at 7:00 p.m.;
4. Department's offices, Twelfth Floor, Saltonstall Building, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02202, on Tuesday, February 9, 1999, at 10:00 a.m.; and
5. Galvin School Auditorium, 525 Main Street, Wakefield, Massachusetts 01880, on Thursday, February 11, 1999, at 7:00 p.m.;

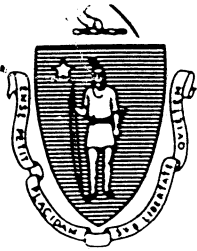
Members of the public are welcome to attend these hearings and express their views. To allow all viewpoints to be heard, the Department will also accept written comments. All written comments should be filed with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02202 by 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 12, 1999.

On Tuesday, February 9, 1999, immediately following the public hearing and in the Department's offices on the Twelfth Floor, Saltonstall Building, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02202, the Department will conduct a procedural conference, at which time the Department will set a procedural schedule for the investigation of the proposed relief plans.

By Order of the Department



MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

January 8, 1999

D.T.E. 99-11

Petition of Lockheed Martin IMS, the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, for area code relief for the 508, 617, 781 and 978 area codes in Eastern Massachusetts.

On May 18, 1998, and on October 29, 1998, Lockheed Martin IMS ("Lockheed"), the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, petitioned the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") on behalf of telecommunication companies to investigate area code relief. On January 8, 1999, the Department opened an investigation, docketed as D.T.E. 99-11, to review alternative relief plans proposed by Lockheed for the 508, 617, 781 and 978 area codes.

Lockheed has presented the Department with two options for each of the existing area codes, 508, 617, 781 and 978: either an overlay or a geographic split. Where an overlay is in place, current customers will retain their area code and new customers will be assigned telephone numbers using the overlay area code after existing numbers are exhausted. Ten-digit local dialing will be required for all customers. A geographic split divides the existing area code region into two regions, one retaining the existing area code and the other acquiring a new area code. With a geographic split, there is no change in how calls are dialed within an area code.

The Department seeks comments on the advantages and disadvantages for each proposal. In evaluating the overlay proposals, the Department will consider several factors pursuant to mandated federal guidelines, including, but not limited to, whether the overlay proposals will (1) seek to facilitate entry into the communications marketplace by making numbering resources available on an efficient and timely basis, (2) not unduly favor or disadvantage any particular industry segment or group of consumers; and (3) not unduly favor one technology over another. In evaluating the geographic split proposals, the Department will consider several factors, including whether the geographic split proposals will (1) maintain an equitable distribution of telephone lines between the new and the old area codes; (2) minimize customer confusion and forced number changes; (3) affect socioeconomic factors such as community of interest, school districts and emergency services; and (4) consider the total cost of the project to consumers. Bell Atlantic-Massachusetts and other telephone companies.

The Department will hold public hearings on the above-captioned matter in the following locations on the following dates and times:

Consent Communication #2

S-588

A communication was received from the Dept. of Telecommunications and Energy, transmitting a notice of inquiry/generic proceeding on its motion to establish methods and procedures to evaluate and approve energy efficiency programs and a notice of public hearings and procedural conference for area code relief.

In City Council January 25, 1999

Referred to the City Manager