



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

March 25, 1997

D.P.U. 96-117

Petition of Commonwealth Gas Company, for Approval of its Long-Range Forecast and Resource Plan for the five-year period November 1, 1996 through October 31, 2001; also submitted on behalf of Hopkinton LNG Corp., is its Load Forecast and Resource Plan, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 69 (i) et seq.

The Department of Public Utilities ("Department") has received the petition of Commonwealth Gas Company ("ComGas" or "Company") for approval of its Long Range Forecast and resource Plan, encompassing November 1, 1996 through October 31, 2001. The Department will review the Company's sendout forecast for the appropriateness and accuracy of the forecast, and will review the company's supply plan for its adequacy and cost.

Upon the foregoing petition, the Department will conduct a public hearing on April 15, 1997, at 10 a.m. at the Department's offices, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02202.

The Company is required to give notice of this public hearing at least fourteen (14) days prior to April 15, 1997, in the Boston Globe, the Worcester Gazette, the New Bedford Standard Times, and the Middlesex News (Framingham). The Company shall serve a copy thereof by mail at least fourteen (14) days prior to April 15, 1997, on the mayors, the city clerks, chairpersons of the boards of selectmen, and town clerks of the cities and towns in the ComGas service territory, and all intervenors and participants in D.P.U. 92-159 (1993).

A copy of the Company's petition and filing is available for inspection at the Department's offices at 100 Cambridge Street, Room 1210, Boston, Massachusetts; at the offices of ComGas at One Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and at the main branches of the public libraries in Cambridge, Worcester, New Bedford and Hopkinton.

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Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding concerning the above petition must file an original and two copies of a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on April 8, 1997 with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, 100 Cambridge Street Room 1210 Boston, MA 02202 and one copy with the Company's attorneys:

Robert J. Keegan, Esq.
Keegan, Werlin & Pabian, LLP
21 Custom House Street
Boston, MA 02110
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A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03, including a description of the manner in which the petitioner is substantially and specifically affected by this proceeding. Receipt by the Department — not mailing — constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. a late filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01 (4). to be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03 (1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

By Order of the Department,



Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary



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City Clerk's Office
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Please find enclosed a copy of the notice concerning the Commonwealth Gas Company Long-Range Forecast and Resource Plan filed with the Department of Public Utilities in Docket D.P.U. 96-117.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Cope-Flanagan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Cope-Flanagan
Regulatory Attorney

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JCF:all

Enclosure

Consent Communication #2

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Communication was received from
Commonwealth Gas Company, transmitting a copy
of the notice concerning the Commonwealth
Gas Company Long-Range Forecast and
Resource Plan filed with the Department
of Public Utilities in Docket D.P.U.
96-117.

In City Council April 7, 1997

*Referred to
City Manager*

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