



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 97-90

September 11, 1997

Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities, on its own motion, into extension of the permissive dialing period established in Area Code Relief, D.P.U. 96-61 (1997).

On January 23, 1997, the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") issued its Order implementing a geographic split of both the 617 and 508 area codes and establishing two new area codes, 781 and 978. Area Code Relief, D.P.U. 96-61 (1997). The Department directed New England Telephone and Telegraph Company d/b/a NYNEX ("NYNEX") to complete the conversion of the area codes within ten months, beginning September 1, 1997. As part of this conversion, the Department directed NYNEX to implement a three-month permissive dialing period wherein callers are connected to the called number regardless of whether the new or old area code is dialed. This permissive dialing period is presently scheduled to end December 1, 1997. In order to ease customers' conversion to the new area codes, the Department is investigating whether to extend this permissive dialing period.

The Department will conduct a public hearing and procedural conference on this matter on Monday, September 22, 1997, at 10 a.m. at the Department's offices, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02202.

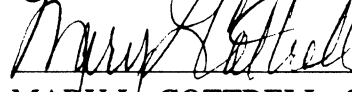
Any person who desires to state his or her position on this proposed extension may do so at the time and place noted above. In addition, any person who wishes to submit written comments may do so by filing an original and three (3) copies of such comments with: Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, 100 Cambridge Street- 12th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02202, no later than the close of business, September 22, 1997:

Any person, however, who desires to participate in any subsequent proceeding concerning this investigation must file an original and three (3) copies of a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) September 19, 1997 with: Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, at the address noted above.

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By Order of the Department,



MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY



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Consent Communication #23

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Communication was received from the Department of Public Utilities, transmitting notice of a public hearing on September 22, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA, regarding extension of the permissive dialing period established in Area Code Relief.

In City Council September 22, 1997

Referred to the
City Manager.

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