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Cambridge Electric Light Company
Canal Electric Company
Commonwealth Electric Company
2421 Cranberry Highway
Wareham, Massachusetts 02571
Telephone: (508) 291-0950

December 9, 1997

To all Mayors, City Clerks,
Chairmen of the Board of Selectmen
and Town Clerks on the attached list

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Notice of Filing with regard to the Electric Restructuring Plan filed by Cambridge Electric Light Company, Commonwealth Electric Company and Canal Electric Company with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (formerly the Department of Public Utilities) in Docket D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-111.

Sincerely,


John Cope-Flanagan
Regulatory Attorney

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS & ENERGY

December 5, 1997

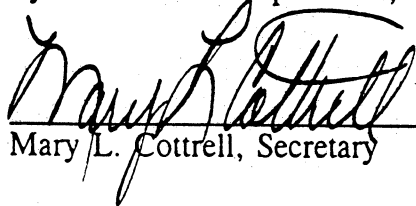
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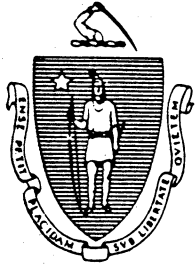
Cambridge Electric Light Company, Commonwealth Electric Company, and Canal Electric Company ("Companies") are ordered to publish the attached AMENDED NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING in the Boston Globe, the New Bedford Standard-Times, and the Cape Cod Times, once at least fourteen (14) days prior to Monday, December 22, 1997.

The Companies are further ordered to serve a copy of this notice by mail to: the Service List for D.P.U. 96-100, the Board of Selectman, the Town Clerk, the Mayor and the City Clerk, in every City and Town in their Service Territory (See attachment).

The Companies are required to make return of service and publication at the time of the first public hearing on December 22, 1997.

By Order of the Department,


Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS & ENERGY

December 5, 1997

AMENDED NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-111

Petition of Cambridge Electric Light Company, Commonwealth Electric Company, and Canal Electric Company pursuant to General Laws Chapter 164, §§ 76 and 94 and 220 C.M.R. §§ 1.00 et seq. for review of their electric industry restructuring plan.

In Electric Industry Restructuring, D.P.U. 95-30, at 47 (1995), the Department of Public Utilities, now referred to as the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department" or "DTE"), required all Massachusetts electric companies to submit a proposal that includes (1) a plan (including any negotiated resolution) for moving from the current regulated industry structure to a competitive generation market and to increased customer choice; (2) illustrative rates and supporting information that, at a minimum, indicate unbundled charges for generation, transmission, distribution, and ancillary services; (3) an identifiable charge reflective of the level of stranded costs to be recovered, with all necessary supporting information; and (4) a plan for incentive regulation of the transmission and distribution systems. On November 19, 1997, Cambridge Electric Light Company ("Cambridge"), Commonwealth Electric Company ("Commonwealth") and Canal Electric Company ("Canal", collectively the "Companies") jointly submitted an electric restructuring plan ("Plan"). The Department docketed the Companies' filing as D.P.U. 97-111.

On November 25, 1997, Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997, an act relative to restructuring the electric utility industry in the Commonwealth, was signed into law. Chapter 164, §193 (1A)(a) states "an electric company that has filed a plan which substantially complies or is consistent with this chapter as determined by the department shall not be required to file a new plan, and the department shall allow such plans previously approved to be implemented."

Pursuant to the Plan, the Companies will implement new unbundled retail rates for all of the Companies' retail customers as of March 1, 1998 and provide standard-offer transition service with a 10 per cent rate reduction to retail customers who do not immediately choose to purchase from the competitive generation market.

The Plan also includes a commitment by the Companies to divest their generation resources through an auction that is designed to ensure the highest possible mitigation of transition costs. In this regard, the Companies have filed with the Department, for informational purposes only, a detailed plan for the sale of their generation assets. The Companies are not seeking Department review or approval of their divestiture plan at this time.

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The Plan further proposes programs and recovery mechanisms to promote energy efficiency and renewable resources, and describes and proposes programs to ensure universal service, including low-income rates, default service, and consumer protections contained in the Companies' Terms and Conditions. The Plan also provides a description of how it affects the Companies' employees and the communities served by the Companies.

The Plan may be inspected at the following location:

COM/Energy Services
One Main Street
Cambridge, MA 02142
(617) 225-4778
Contact person: John Cope-Flanagan, Esq.

In addition, Volume I of the filing is available through the Companies' home page. The address is:

<http://www.comelectric.com>

The Plan may be inspected at the offices of the Department at 100 Cambridge Street, 12th floor, in Boston, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Volume I of the filing is also available through the DTE home page. The address is:

<http://www.magnet.state.ma.us/dpu/>

Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact:

COM/Energy Services
One Main Street
Cambridge, MA 02142
(617) 225-4778
Contact person: John Cope-Flanagan, Esq.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS TO RECEIVE ORAL COMMENTS ON THE SETTLEMENT ON:

Monday, December 22, 1997 at 7:00 P.M.
Cambridge City Wide Senior Center
806 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA

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and

Monday, January 5, 1998 at 7:00 P.M.
Marstons Mills East Elementary School Auditorium
760 Osterville/West Barnstable Road
Marstons Mills, MA

and

Thursday, January 8, 1998 at 7:00 P.M.
Saxon Hall
Coast Line Elderly Services, Inc.
1646 Purchase Street
New Bedford, MA

The Department is seeking comments on the Plan generally, including whether and how the Companies' restructuring plan is consistent or substantially complies with chapter 164 of the General Laws as amended by Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997. Comments must be submitted to the Department by December 24, 1997.

Any person who desires to participate in the adjudicatory proceeding concerning the Companies' proposal must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, Leverett Saltonstall Building, 100 Cambridge Street, Room 1210, Boston, Massachusetts 02202, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) December 15, 1997. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department -- not mailing -- constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT A PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE ON:

Tuesday, January 6, 1998 at 10:00 A.M.
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
100 Cambridge Street, 12th Floor
Boston, MA 02202

Any person desiring further information regarding this notice, should contact:

Selma Urman, 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

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ATTACHMENT

CAMBRIDGE ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY

Cambridge

Belmont

COMMONWEALTH ELECTRIC COMPANY

Acushnet
Barnstable
Bourne
Brewster
Carver
Chatham
Chilmark
Dartmouth
Dennis
Duxbury
Eastham

Edgartown
Fairhaven
Falmouth
Freetown
Gayhead
Harwich
Kingston
Lakeville
Marion
Marshfield

Mashpee
Mattapoisett
Middleboro
New Bedford
Oak Bluffs
Orleans
Pembroke
Plymouth
Plympton
Provincetown

Rochester
Sandwich
Scituate
Tisbury
Truro
Wareham
Wellfleet
Westport
W. Tisbury
Yarmouth

Communication was received from John Cope-Flanagan, Regulatory Attorney, ComElectric, transmitting a copy of the Notice of Filing with regard to the Electric Restructuring Plan filed by Cambridge Electric Light Company, Commonwealth Electric Company and Canal Electric Company with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy in Docket D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-111.

In City Council December 15, 1997

Referred to the
City Manager
for report at
next meeting on
motion of
Councillor Duguay

Copy Sent

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