



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On December 21, 1984, pursuant to 220 C.M.R. 2.02, the Executive Office of Energy Resources ("EOER" or "Petitioner") filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") to conduct a rulemaking to amend the Department's rules governing sales of electricity by small power producers and cogenerators to utilities and sales of electricity by utilities to small power producers and cogenerators (220 C.M.R. 8.00). The petition stated that the Department's current rules no longer satisfy the requirements of Section 210 of the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-617) nor the Act's intent to encourage cogeneration and small power production. Attached to the EOER's petition were proposed amendments to the Department's existing regulations. The broad objectives of EOER's proposed amendments were to establish long-term buy-back rates for energy and capacity, to facilitate the signing of power-purchase agreements between qualifying facilities and utilities, and to limit the exposure of ratepayers to the risks of developing qualifying facilities.

After reviewing the Petitioner's proposed additions to, or modifications of, the existing regulations, the Department determined that further proceedings were required. On

January 9, 1985, the Department opened an investigation into the EOER's proposed amendments to 220 C.M.R. 8.00. A copy of EOER's petition including the proposed amendments is available from the Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02202.

Upon the foregoing, the Department will hold a public hearing on March 25, 1985, at 10 A.M. at its offices on the 12th floor of the Leverett Saltonstall Building, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts in order to receive comments from interested parties regarding EOER's proposed amendments to 220 C.M.R. 8.00. Written or oral presentation of data, views, or arguments relating to the Petitioner's proposal may be submitted by any interested person at the public hearing. Written comments regarding EOER's proposal must be submitted no later than 5:00 P.M., April 9, 1985, to the Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02202.

By Order of the Department,


MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY

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Notice of a public hearing from the DPU to be held on March 25, 1985 at 10:00 a.m. at 100 Cambridge St., Boston Re: petition of the Executive office of Energy Resources to amend the Dept.'s rules governing sales of electricity by small power producers & cogenerators to utilities.

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In City Council,

March 4, 1985

3/4/1985

*Referred
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the
City
Manager*