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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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July 19, 1996

D.P.U. 96-68

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ORDER OF NOTICE NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY D/B/A NYNEX

In compliance with D.P.U. 1364/1717 dated May 3, 1985, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company d/b/a NYNEX is required to publish the attached legal notice in a one-quarter page advertisement in the Boston Globe and the Boston Herald once at least twenty-one (21) days prior to Wednesday, August 14, 1996, and again seven (7) days prior to said date; and in the Enterprise (Brockton), the Fall River Herald News, the Standard-Times (New Bedford), the Lawrence Eagle Tribune, the Daily Evening Item (Lynn), the Cape Cod Times, the Patriot Ledger (Quincy), the Fitchburg Sentinel and Enterprise, the Springfield Union News, the Berkshire Eagle (Pittsfield), the Daily Hampshire Gazette (Northampton), the Worcester Telegram, the Greenfield Recorder, and the Transcript (North Adams), once at least twenty (20) days prior to Wednesday, August 14, 1996, and again seven (7) days prior to said date.

NYNEX also is required to provide a copy of this legal notice to all intervenors and

their respective counsel from D.P.U. 94-50 and D.P.U. 95-83.

NYNEX also is required to make return of service and publication at the time of the public hearing.

By Order of the Department,



MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY

LEGAL AD

D.P.U. 96-68

On June 10, 1996, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, d/b/a NYNEX ("NYNEX" or "Company") filed revisions to its Massachusetts tariffs M.D.P.U. Nos. 10 and 15 with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department"), in compliance with the Department's May 12, 1995 Order in D.P.U. 94-50. The matter has been docketed as D.P.U. 96-68. The filing, which included tariff revisions and supporting documentation, constitutes the Company's second annual filing under the price cap form of regulation approved for NYNEX by the Department. The proposed tariff revisions will become effective on August 15, 1996, unless suspended or disallowed by the Department. Current rates will remain in effect until then. The Department also has the authority to allow the rates to take effect while it continues with its investigation, with prospective adjustment if necessary.

The estimated impact of the tariff revisions is an approximately \$29.6 million overall decrease in NYNEX's Massachusetts intrastate revenues. The revenue reduction includes a \$16.3 million decrease in revenues from residential customers, a \$15.4 million decrease in revenues from business customers, a \$7.4 million decrease in revenues from access services, and a \$9.3 million increase in certain miscellaneous revenues. In its filing, the Company proposes to:

For Residence Customers

- reduce monthly rates for optional calling plans (Bay State East, Call Around 413, and Measured Circle Calling Service);
- introduce an unlimited calling plan for customers in the 508 and 617 area codes;
- introduce a 25% discount on customer dialed calling card calls for Bay State East, Call Around 413, Call Around 413 Plus, and Measured Circle Calling Service customers;
- eliminate the Element 1 charge when a customer requests to change service from an existing service to certain optional calling plans;
- increase rates for non-listed numbers, non-published numbers, and for additional listings;

For Business Customers

- introduce an optional calling plan that provides discounts for qualified usage through volume discounts and bonus credits, including additional bonus credits for customers that agree to take the service for three years;

- increase rates for non-listed numbers, non-published numbers, and for additional listings;
- increase rates for certain analog and digital private line services;
- introduce a late payment charge for outstanding balances;

For Both Residence and Business Customers

- introduce a returned check charge of \$15;
- increase the Call Waiting rate;
- increase certain operator services charges, such as busy line verification, busy line interrupt, and person-to-person call surcharges;

For Switched Access Customers

- decrease various switched access rates to bring these rates to target levels approved in D.P.U. 93-125; and

For Conduit Licensees

- increase conduit license fees for full and half ducts, in accordance with the Department's order in D.P.U. 91-218.

The Department will investigate the Company's tariff filing pursuant to the standards of G.L. c. 159, § 20, to ensure that the proposed rate changes are just and reasonable, and comply with the pricing rules of the Company's price cap regulation plan.

The Department will hold a public hearing on NYNEX's filing on **Wednesday, August 14, 1996 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Department's offices in Boston (Leverett Saltonstall Building, 100 Cambridge Street, 12th Floor). One of the issues that the Department intends to address at the public hearing is whether the Department should suspend NYNEX's proposed rates or allow them to go into effect on August 15, 1996 pending further investigation. Persons interested in commenting on NYNEX's filing, and specifically the question of suspension of the proposed rate changes, may appear at the public hearing or file written comments on or before close of business on **August 12, 1996** with:

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Re: D.P.U. 96-68
Department of Public Utilities
Leverett Saltonstall Building
100 Cambridge Street, Room 1210
Boston, Massachusetts 02202

Any person seeking to intervene in this proceeding must file with the Department a petition to intervene describing how the petitioner is substantially and specifically affected by the proceeding. 220 C.M.R. §1.03(1)(b); see also G.L. c. 30A, § 10. Petitions to intervene must be filed no later than **Wednesday, July 31, 1996**, with the Secretary of the Department at the address noted above. The Department will hold a procedural conference in this proceeding on **Thursday, August 1, 1996 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Department's offices in Boston (100 Cambridge Street, 12th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts).

Any person desiring further information about this proceeding can review NYNEX's filing at the Department's offices during normal business hours, or can contact NYNEX at 1-800-555-5000, weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (If you are calling from outside Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island or Vermont, please call your NYNEX Business Office.) Residential customers with disabilities can contact NYNEX at 1-800-974-6006 (Voice/TTY) weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Consent Communication #10

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Communication was received from Department
of Public Utilities, transmitting notification
of a public hearing on Wednesday,
August 14, 1996.

In City Council July 29, 1996

Referred to
City Manager