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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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COMMONWEALTH GAS COMPANY

Application of Commonwealth Gas Company for approval by the Department of Public Utilities, under G.L. c. 164, § 14, to issue and sell up to 125,000 shares of common capital stock, \$25 par value, at no less than par; to issue and sell, on a negotiated basis, up to \$35,000,000 principal amount first mortgage bonds or debt securities; for an exemption from the competitive bidding requirements of G.L. c. 164, § 15; and for an exemption from the par value requirements of G.L. c. 164, § 15A.

On March 31, 1997, Commonwealth Gas Company ("Company" or "Petitioner") filed with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") a petition seeking approval to issue and sell up to 125,000 shares of common capital stock, and to issue and sell first mortgage bonds or debt securities in an amount not to exceed \$35,000,000.

Upon the foregoing petition, the Department will conduct a public and evidentiary hearing on at its offices, Leverett Saltonstall Building, 12th Floor, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts on Wednesday, May 14, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. A copy of the application of the Petitioner is on file at the Department, and can be reviewed during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Commonwealth Gas Company is required to give notice of said hearing by publication hereof fourteen (14) days prior to said hearing date in the Boston Globe, the Worcester Gazette, the New Bedford Standard Times, and the Middlesex News (Framingham).

The petitioner is required to give notice of this proceeding on the Chairmen of the Boards of Selectmen, Town Clerks, Mayors and City Clerks on the attached list.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding

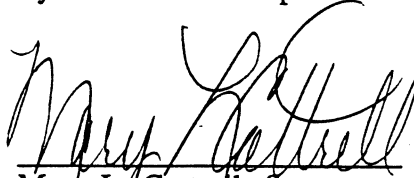
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concerning the above petition must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, 100 Cambridge Street - 12th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02202, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) seven (7) days before the hearing date mentioned above. A petition 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. A late-filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver of the seven-day rule 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. 30 A, § 10.

The Petitioner is also required to make return of service and proof of publication at the time of the hearing.

By Order of the Department


Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

Consent Communication #7

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Communication was received from the Department of Public Utilities, transmitting notice that Commonwealth Gas Company has filed a petition seeking approval to issue and sell up to 125,000 shares of common capital stock and to issue and sell first mortgage bonds or debt securities in an amount not to exceed \$35,000,000.

In City Council May 5, 1997

Referred to the
City Manager

Copies sent
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