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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

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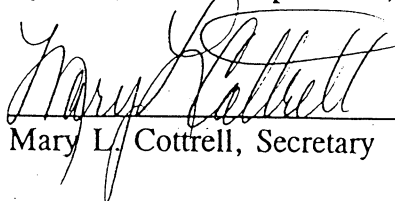
Petition of Statewide Towing Association, Inc., for amendment of 220 C.M.R. 272.00, et seq. Maximum Rates and Charges for the Towing and Transportation of Vehicles when said Towing or Transportation is Ordered by the Police or Other Public Authority Pursuant to G. L. c. 159B, § 6B.

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 2, the Department of Public Utilities provides notice of its rulemaking procedure to revise and amend 220 C.M.R. 272 et seq. pertaining to the maximum rates and charges for the towing and transportation of vehicles when the towing or transportation is ordered by the police or other public authority, pursuant to G.L. c. 159B, § 6B.

In the above captioned petition, the Statewide Towing Association, Inc. seeks to increase the rates set in 220 C.M.R. 272.03 Table 1 to a maximum charge of \$75.00 per tow for up to 5 miles for passenger automobiles, motorcycles, motor bikes, and motor scooters; Table 2 to a maximum charge of \$75.00 for up to 5 miles for commercial motor vehicles; Table 3 to a rate per hour of \$50.00 per man per hour, or fraction thereof. The petition also seeks to amend, Note 1, by requesting that Wrecker Working While Standing and also Waiting Time be set at \$75.00 per hour, and that the charge for an additional service vehicle(s), if required, be set at \$70.00 per hour. The petition also seeks to allow for the use of Note 1 for snow removal tows which are currently exempt from Note 1 charges. The proposed amendments request increases between thirty-six and two hundred percent.

A copy of the proposed regulations in this proceeding is available at the Department's office at the address listed below. The Department invites interested persons to comment on the proposed amendment by submitting an original and three (3) copies of written comments on any proposed changes to Department regulations related to rates for the towing of motor vehicles when the towing and transportation are ordered by the police or other public authority. These comments shall be addressed to the Department of Public Utilities and sent to Mary Cottrell, Secretary, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02202, no later than MAY 13, 1997. The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive oral comment on the proposed amendment to Department regulations at 10 a.m. on TUESDAY, MAY 20, 1997, at the Department's offices, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

By Order of the Department,


Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

Consent Communication #1

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Communication was received from the Department of Public Utilities regarding the maximum rates and charges for the towing and transportation of vehicles when the towing or transportation is ordered by the police or other public authority.

In City Council April 28, 1997

Referred to
City Manager

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