



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.T.E. 00-89

Rulemaking by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, pursuant to 220 CMR §§ 2.00 et seq., revising the billing and termination procedures contained in 220 C.M.R. §§ 25.00 et seq.

On November 30, 2000, the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") issued an Order instituting a rulemaking proceeding and promulgating emergency regulations as 220 C.M.R. §§ 25.00 et seq. revising utility billing and termination procedures to expand the category of persons eligible for protection from utility service termination due to financial hardship. The matter was docketed as D.T.E. 00-89. A copy of the Department's Order and regulations may be obtained at the Department's offices at the South Station address listed below. In addition, the Department has posted a copy of the Order and regulations on its website, <http://www.state.ma.us/dpu/>.

The Department invites interested persons to file written comments on the proposed regulations no later than the close of business (5 p.m.) on January 9, 2001. Reply comments shall be filed by January 26, 2001. Comments may not exceed 20 one-sided, double-spaced, type-written pages.

One original and three (3) copies of initial and reply comments must be filed with:

Mary Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

All written pleadings or comments must also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us, cc: Hearing Officer at marcella.hickey@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" floppy diskette, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the diskette label must specify: (1) an easily identifiable case caption; (2) docket number; (3) name of the person or

company submitting the filing, and (4) a brief descriptive title of document (e.g., comments or petition to intervene). The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix) or in Microsoft Word (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. Documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website.

In addition, the Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comment on the regulations at 10:00 a.m. on January 16, 2001, at the Department's offices at One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Marcella Hickey, Hearing Officer, at the Department, (617) 305-3500.

By Order of the Department,



Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

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Consent Communication #17

A communication was received from Mary Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy transmitting notice of a public hearing on January 16, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. on revising utility billing and termination procedures to expand the category of persons eligible for protection from utility service termination due to financial hardship.

In City Council December 18, 2000

Referred to the
City Manager