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January 16, 1998

To all Mayors, City Clerks,
Chairmen of the Boards of Selectmen,
and Town Clerks on the attached list:

Dir Sir/Madam:

Enclosed for you information is a copy of the Notice of Filing and Public Hearing with regard to the Restructuring Plan filed by Cambridge Electric Light Company, Commonwealth Electric Company, and Canal Electric Company with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (formerly the Department of Public Utilities) in Docket D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-111.

Sincerely,


John Cope-Flanagan
Regulatory Attorney

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CAMBRIDGE ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS & ENERGY

January 15, 1998

AMENDED NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-111

Petition of Cambridge Electric Light Company, Commonwealth Electric Company, and Canal Electric Company pursuant to General Laws Chapter 164, §§ 76 and 94 and 220 C.M.R. §§ 1.00 et seq. for review of their electric industry restructuring plan.

In Electric Industry Restructuring, D.P.U. 95-30, at 47 (1995), the Department of Public Utilities, now referred to as the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department" or "DTE"), required all Massachusetts electric companies to submit a proposal that includes (1) a plan (including any negotiated resolution) for moving from the current regulated industry structure to a competitive generation market and to increased customer choice; (2) illustrative rates and supporting information that, at a minimum, indicate unbundled charges for generation, transmission, distribution, and ancillary services; (3) an identifiable charge reflective of the level of stranded costs to be recovered, with all necessary supporting information; and (4) a plan for incentive regulation of the transmission and distribution systems. On November 19, 1997, Cambridge Electric Light Company ("Cambridge"), Commonwealth Electric Company ("Commonwealth") and Canal Electric Company ("Canal", collectively the "Companies") jointly submitted an electric restructuring plan ("Plan"). The Department docketed the Companies' filing as D.P.U. 97-111.

Pursuant to the Plan, the Companies will implement new unbundled retail rates for all of the Companies' retail customers as of March 1, 1998 and provide standard-offer transition service with a 10 per cent rate reduction to retail customers who do not immediately choose to purchase from the competitive generation market.

The Plan also includes a commitment by the Companies to divest their generation resources through an auction that is designed to ensure the highest possible mitigation of transition costs. In this regard, the Companies have filed with the Department, for informational purposes only, a detailed plan for the sale of their generation assets. The Companies are not seeking Department review or approval of their divestiture plan at this time.

The Plan further contains illustrative tariffs that will unbundle rates for generation, transmission and distribution services, proposes programs and recovery mechanisms to promote energy efficiency and renewable resources, and describes and proposes programs to ensure universal service, including low-income rates, default service, and consumer protections contained in the Companies' Terms and Conditions. The Plan also provides a

description of how it affects the Companies' employees and the communities served by the Companies.

The Plan may be inspected at the following location:

COM/Energy Services
One Main Street
Cambridge, MA 02142
(617) 225-4778
Contact person: John Cope-Flanagan, Esq.

In addition, Volume I of the filing is available through the Companies' home page.
The address is:

<http://www.comelectric.com>

The Plan may be inspected at the offices of the Department at 100 Cambridge Street, 12th floor, in Boston, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Volume I of the filing is also available through the DTE home page. The address is:

<http://www.magnet.state.ma.us/dpu/>

Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact:

John Cope-Flanagan, Esq.
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**THE DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS TO RECEIVE ORAL
COMMENTS ON THE COMPANIES' PLAN ON:**

Tuesday, January 27, 1998 at 7:00 P.M.
MEMORIAL HALL
85 Court Street
Plymouth, Massachusetts

and

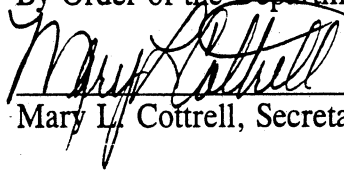
Thursday, January 29, 1998 at 7:00 P.M.
BALL ROOM
Cambridge Citywide Senior Center
806 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA

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Any person desiring further information regarding this notice, should contact:

Christopher Kallaher, Hearing Officer
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
100 Cambridge Street Room 1210
Boston, Massachusetts 02202
(617) 305-3500

By Order of the Department,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mary L. Cottrell", is written over a horizontal line.

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

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Consent Communication #10

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Communication was received from John Cope-Flanagan, Regulatory Attorney, COM/Energy, transmitting a copy of the notice of Filing and Public Hearing with regard to the Restructuring Plan filed by Cambridge Electric Light Company, Commonwealth Electric Company with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy.

In City Council January 26, 1998

All items carried forward to be a part of City Council Meeting of February 2, 1998 on motion of Councillor Sullivan.

In City Council February 2, 1998

Referred to City
Manager

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