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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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The Department of Public Utilities is proposing to adopt a regulation at 220 C.M.R. § 12.00 to govern the relationship between natural gas local distribution companies, regulated by the Department pursuant to G.L. c. 164, and their unregulated marketing affiliates. The proposed rule would establish standards of conduct to ensure that all gas suppliers and transportation customers are subject to the same rules, have access to the same information, and are treated equally by the LDC and its employees responsible for the transportation of gas.

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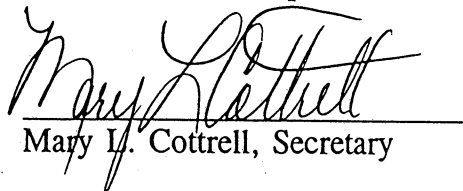
Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities upon its own motion commencing a rulemaking pursuant to 220 C.M.R. §§ 2.00 et seq., establishing standards of conduct governing the relationship between local distribution companies and their marketing affiliates.

A copy of the proposed regulations may be obtained upon request from Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, 100 Cambridge Street, 12th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02202, (617) 727-3500.

The Department will commence public hearings to receive oral comments on the proposed regulations on Monday, September 16, 1996 at 10:00 at the Department's offices, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Written comments on the proposed regulations will be received by Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, 100 Cambridge Street, 12th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02202. Preliminary written comments from persons interested in presenting testimony for the Department's consideration in adopting final rules must be filed on or before 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 6, 1996. Interested persons may present comments relating to the proposal at the public hearing. Final written comments are due by 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 27, 1996.

By Order of the Department,


Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

Communication was received from the Department of Public Utilities, transmitting its proposal to adopt a regulation to govern the relationship between natural gas local distribution companies and their unregulated marketing affiliates. Public hearings will commence on Monday, September 16, 1996 at 10:00 at the Department's Offices, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

In City Council September 9, 1996.

Referred to City Manager

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