

NOTICE

Proceedings Before the
Department of Public Utilities

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D.P.U. 89-300

Investigation by the Department on its own motion as to the propriety of the rates and charges set forth in schedules M.D.P.U. Nos. 10 and 15, filed with the Department on December 1, 1989, to become effective on December 31, 1989, by New England Telephone and Telegraph Company. (The Department has suspended these tariffs until July 1, 1990).

Notice is given that:

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company
185 Franklin Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02107

(referred to herein as "NET" or "Company"), has filed with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") revisions to its tariffs reflecting a decrease of approximately \$16 million (which is less than 2 percent of the Company's annual revenues).

The tariffs under investigation in this proceeding would restructure and reprice the Company's rates for nearly all services, including residential, business, toll, and interexchange carrier access services. Rate restructuring may result in significant increases or decreases in the rates for particular services, and affect the availability or scope of certain existing services. For example, under the Company's proposal, rates for residential basic exchange service would increase by approximately three to four dollars. However, the impact on the bills of individual residential or business customers will vary from customer to customer and will depend on the particular calling patterns and services used by each customer.

The Department's investigation will include the examination of all issues pertaining to the rates charged by NET, including the availability, quality, and terms of service for all customer groups and all geographic locations in the Commonwealth.

Public hearings concerning NET's filing will be held at:

Gardner Auditorium
State House
Boston, Massachusetts
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1990 AT 7:30 P.M.

John J. Duggan Jr. High School Auditorium
1015 Wilbraham Road
Springfield, Massachusetts
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1990 AT 7:30 P.M.

Senior Center
Railroad Street
Lee, Massachusetts
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1990 AT 7:30 P.M.

Human Services Building
270 Quaker Meeting House Road
East Sandwich, Massachusetts
TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1990 AT 7:30 P.M.

Prehearing conferences will be held at 10:00 a.m. on
December 20, 1989 and January 3, 1990, at the Department's
offices in Boston.

Any person desiring further information relative to this
proceeding can review the filing at the Department of Public
Utilities, Room 1210, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston,
Massachusetts, 02202, or can contact the Department's
Telecommunications Division at (617) 727-8627.

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Notice of proceedings before the DPU for a public hearing on Thursday, Jan. 4, 1990 at 7:30 P. M. at the Gardner Auditorium, State House, Boston relative to an investigation of the rates charged by NET.

In City Council,

Dec. 11, 1989

Placed on file