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CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

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Dear Local Official,

Fixed costs are no longer fixed, as I am sure you are painfully aware entering the third year of Proposition 2½. Municipalities can no longer afford to take for granted, without examination, costs for pensions, health care, insurance or electric power.

There are some obvious and less obvious ways to begin holding down these costs and in the case of electric power, the Municipal Association will begin exploring a wide range of possibilities at a workshop scheduled for 3:00 PM, Saturday, November 19th in the Cape Cod Room of Dunfey's Hyannis as part of the MMA annual meeting. The workshop is entitled, "THE ELECTRIC CONNECTION: Short and Long Range Changes", and will bring together local officials, utility executives, and specialists. The workshop will consider changes in billing methods and changes in technology, among the short range options. In addition, the workshop participants will outline rate intervention cases and intensive conservation programs as among the long range strategies for controlling electric power costs.

There are a number of excellent workshops scheduled for Saturday afternoon at the annual meeting. We urge you to consider having at least one of the local officials from your community attend "THE ELECTRIC CONNECTION" workshop to begin considering with the Association and the utility companies what the next steps will be in the municipal effort to bring such fixed costs under control.

I look forward to seeing you there and at the other programs of the annual meeting. If you wish further information about this workshop or any other part of the annual meeting programs, please do not hesitate to call me at: (617) 426-7272 or 1-800-882-1498.

Sincerely,

Sheila Cheimets

Associate Executive Director
for Legislative Operations

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Comm. from Sheila Cheimets, Mass. Municipal
Assoc. inviting the City Council to a work-
shop entitled "The Electric Connection: Short
& Long Range Changes" to be held Sat., Novem-
ber 19, 1983 at 3:00 p.m. at Dunfey's Hotel
in Hyannis.

In City Council,

November 7, 1983

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