

Written comments, limited to twenty (20) pages, analyzing and proposing changes to the five restructuring proposals received by the Department to date, may be filed with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, 100 Cambridge Street, 12th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02202, on or before April 12, 1996.

The Department has established a service list comprised of the names of those on the service list of D.P.U. 95-30 and those who have requested to be added to the electric industry restructuring list as of March 15, 1996. The Department requests that persons notify the Hearing Officers listed below by April 19, 1996 of any additions, deletions or corrections to be made to the list; where possible, please limit your listing to one mailing address. Any person wishing to be placed on the service list should notify either Thomas Bessette or Alicia Matthews, Hearing Officers, at (617) 727-3500.

The Department will mail a copy of the draft rules and explanatory statement on May 1, 1996 to those persons on the service list in this proceeding as of April 19, 1996. A copy of the draft rules and explanatory statement will also be available for inspection on or after May 1, 1996 at the offices of the Department, 100 Cambridge Street, 12th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, or, for a reproduction charge, from American Speedy Printing, 4 Somerset Street, Boston (617) 523-3355.

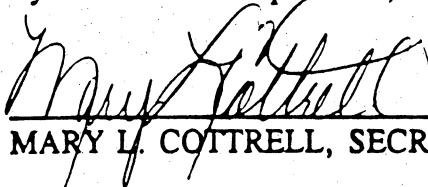
The Department will conduct evening public hearings throughout the Commonwealth to receive public comment on the Department's draft rules. These hearings will be conducted during the month of May, and will be separately noticed. The Department has also established a Consumer Education Advisory Task Force to be coordinated by Claudine Langlois, Director of the Consumer Division of the Department. Anyone interested in participating in the Consumer Education Advisory Task Force should contact Ms. Langlois at (617) 727-3531/3532.

In regard to the May 1, 1996 draft rules and explanatory statement, any interested person may file comments, alternative rules, suggested hearing questions, and requests to present oral testimony at hearings with the Secretary of the Department by May 24, 1996.

The Department will hold hearings to receive oral comment on the draft rules commencing on June 10, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department's offices, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Massachusetts. The Department intends to conduct these hearings three days per week through July 19, 1996. There will be no hearings the week of July 1-5, 1996. These hearings are open to the public.

Following the hearings, final written comments on the draft rules must be filed with the Secretary to the Department by August 2, 1996. The Department intends to file its final regulations with the Secretary of State on September 20, 1996, for publication and effect on October 4, 1996.

By Order of the Department,

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MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY



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The Department of Public Utilities has opened a Notice of Inquiry ("NOI")/Rulemaking proceeding regarding the implementation of electric industry restructuring. On August 16, 1995, the Department issued its Order in Electric Industry Restructuring, D.P.U. 95-30 (1995), wherein the Department set forth principles for a restructured electric industry and directed three investor-owned electric utilities ("IOUs") to file restructuring plans with the Department on February 16, 1996, with all other IOUs to file thereafter. On February 13, 1996, the Division of Energy Resources ("DOER") filed a plan for restructuring the electric industry. On February 16, 1996, four companies, Boston Edison Company, Eastern Edison Company, Massachusetts Electric Company, and Western Massachusetts Electric Company filed restructuring plans with the Department; the four utility proposals were docketed, respectively, as D.P.U. 96-23, D.P.U. 96-24, D.P.U. 96-25, and D.P.U. 96-26. Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.10(3), the Department incorporates by reference the restructuring proposals filed by Boston Edison Company, Eastern Edison Company, Massachusetts Electric Company, Western Massachusetts Electric Company, and DOER into this docket; all filings received in D.P.U. 95-30 after the August 16, 1995 issuance date of that Order are also incorporated by reference in this NOI/Rulemaking.

The Department is not proposing specific rules at this time. However, pursuant to its authority under G.L. c. 76 and c. 94, the Department intends to provide more specific guidance on the principles established in D.P.U. 95-30 by issuing draft rules and an explanatory statement on May 1, 1996. The scope of the NOI/Rulemaking proceeding will focus on issues pertaining to (1) market structure, (2) market power, (3) transmission, (4) distribution, (5) stranded cost calculation and recovery mechanism, (6) rate unbundling, (7) performance-based ratemaking, (8) environmental regulation and demand-side management, (9) default service, (10) universal service, (11) the effect of restructuring on municipal electric companies, and (12) the local and utility tax impacts of restructuring. The Department proposes to issue rules in those areas where the Department has jurisdiction. In those areas where the Department does not have jurisdiction, or where jurisdiction may be shared, the Department intends to provide guidance by developing a set of recommendations for consideration by the utilities and the appropriate legislative and regulatory authorities.

The above notice is officially captioned:

Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities upon its own motion commencing a Notice of Inquiry/Rulemaking, pursuant to 220 C.M.R. §§ 2.00 et seq., establishing the procedures to be followed in electric industry restructuring by electric companies subject to

Consent Communications #4 5-169

Communication was received from
Mary L. Cottrell, Department of
Public Utilities, transmitting
a notice of inquiry regarding
Electric Industry Restructuring.

- In City Council April 1, 1996

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