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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

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CITY CLERK

JOHN E. FLYNN
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

April 13, 1988

Mr. Jeremiah Donovan
President
Cambridge Electric Light Company
46 Blackstone Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Donovan:

Pursuant to the request of the Cambridge City Council, I am writing to you to extend an invitation to appear before the City Council on Monday, April 25, 1988 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sullivan Chamber, 2nd floor, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, relative to the rate redesign being proposed by Cambridge Electric Light Company to the Department of Public Utilities.

I have enclosed for your review several resolutions that have been adopted by the City Council relative to your firm's proposal.

Realizing your busy schedule, would you please notify this office as soon as possible as to your availability to attend the meeting of April 25th.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John E. Flynn
Deputy City Clerk.

JEF/mh

Enclosures: City Council Order No. 18 of 3/7/88
City Council Order No. 22 of 3/28/88



City of Cambridge

18.
IN CITY COUNCIL

March 7, 1988

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY

ORDERED: That the City Council go on record as being opposed to the proposed rate restructuring of Cambridge Electric Light Company currently under consideration by the State Department of Public Utilities, due to the fact this restructuring presents an increased financial burden on residential property owners and penalizes persons living on fixed income, the elderly and low-income persons; and be it further

ORDERED: That a public hearing be scheduled before this City Council to discuss the proposed rate restructuring and that representatives of the Cambridge Electric Light Company and the Department of Public Utilities be invited to attend.

In City Council March 7, 1988.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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22.

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 28, 1988

COUNCILLOR WALSH

- WHEREAS: The rate redesign being presently proposed by Cambridge Electric Light Company, is not only a new phase in compulsive fiscal insanity as it indicates that less electricity used by residential customers will cost more, but it a gross and unjust assault on all residential customers, and especially those on low and fixed income, whose reward for economizing and saving on the use of electricity will, under the rate design proposal, be that they are forced to pay more; and
- WHEREAS: Cambridge Electric Light Company's claim that the proposed rate redesign will not increase its annual revenues is a cover-up for the fact that the customer who uses less will be picking up the tab for the customer who uses more; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That this City Council express its strongest opposition to the basic unfairness of the rationale in which this proposal is rooted as well as to the entire proposal; and be it further
- ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare two (2) duly engrossed copies of this Order to be transmitted, as quickly as possible, to the following: Ms. Bernice McIntyre, Chairperson, Department of Public Utilities, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA, 02202; the other, to: President, Cambridge Electric Light Company, 46 Blackstone Street, Cambridge, MA, 02139.

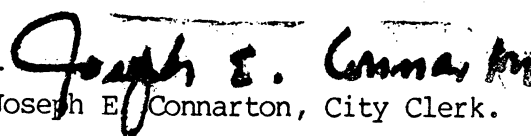
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March 9, 1988

Ms. Mary L. Cottrell
Secretary
Massachusetts Dept. of Public Utilities
Leverett Saltonstall Building
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Pursuant to the request of the City Council, I am forwarding to you the enclosed Council order, placing the Council on record as being opposed to current rate restructuring offered by the Cambridge Electric Light Company.

Your attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph E. Connarton".

Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk.

JEC/mh

Enclosure: City Council Order No. 18 of 3/4/88



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SENATOR
MICHAEL J. BARRETT
MIDDLESEX AND SUFFOLK
DISTRICT

ROOM 405
TEL. 722-1280

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

opposed
Increased burden
on residential home
owners

March 2, 1988

Copy to
Hearing +
Chair of DPU

COMMITTEES:
LOCAL AFFAIRS (CHAIR)
COUNTIES
EDUCATION
ELECTION LAWS
HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT
PUBLIC SAFETY

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
LONG RANGE POLICY PLANNING
FOR THE COMMONWEALTH

Saundra Graham
189 Western Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Saundra,

I want to bring to your attention an outrageous and little-noticed proposal by Cambridge's electric utility that could cost city residents millions of dollars.

Cambridge Electric Light Company (CELCO) is seeking a rate restructuring that would cut large commercial and industrial energy bills at the expense of small residential and business customers. Residential rates alone could rise as much as 43%, depending on the amount of energy a customer uses each month. The proposal is designed so that it penalizes persons living on fixed incomes, the elderly, low-income persons, small households and small business operations.

CELCO's proposal is now under consideration by the state Department of Public Utilities (DPU), which must approve the plan.

A public hearing was held at the beginning of February. Because CELCO's notice arrived at customers' homes only two or three days before the hearing date, and because the notice failed to explain that commercial rates would be cut and residential rates jacked up, only one customer besides myself attended.

It angers me that Cambridge citizens who are least able to afford increases in their cost of living are being asked to shoulder higher energy bills so that some of the city's biggest businesses can save money. I want to work with you to halt this plan, which amounts to nothing more than a regressive tax. Millions of dollars are at stake for Cambridge consumers.

I'd like to have your leadership in three ways.

1. Attend the new public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on March 21 at the Fitzgerald School, 70 Rindge Avenue, Cambridge. In response to my strong criticisms of the process to date, the DPU's chairman, Bernice McIntyre, has agreed to arrange a new public hearing which she herself will attend.

2. Organize people to protest. The DPU has to hear from consumers before it will respond. Encourage others to attend the hearing, and urge them to write to the DPU opposing the plan.

3. Write to the DPU to express your own opposition as a Cambridge opinion-maker.

Enclosed for your information is a formal letter I've sent to Ms. McIntyre. When you've had the chance to take a look at it, please give me a call. I'd like to talk this over with you.

I'd enjoy working with you on this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Barrett". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael J. Barrett
State Senator
Middlesex and Suffolk District

Enclosure



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C. Graham & C. Duehay order re: City Council go on record as opposed to the rate restructuring of the Cambridge Electric Light Co. currently under consideration by the DPU.

In City Council,

March 7, 1988

3-7-88

C. & Graham & Duehay

Order Adopted

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copy of order sent to Mary Cottrell, Secretary,
D.P.U. with transmittal letter. 3/9/88 mhr
(copy within)

letter sent to Jeremiah Donovan, President, CELCO,
inviting him to appear before the Council on
4/25/88 at 6 p.m. & transmittal a copy of
this order. 4/13/88 (copy within)