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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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D.P.U. 97-67

June 25, 1997

NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY
D/B/A NYNEX

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company d/b/a NYNEX is hereby required to publish the attached legal notice in a one-quarter page advertisement in the Boston Globe and the Boston Herald once at least twenty-one (21) days prior to Wednesday, July 23, 1997, and again seven (7) days prior to said date; and in the Enterprise (Brockton), the Fall River Herald News, the Standard-Times (New Bedford), the Lawrence Eagle Tribune, the Daily Evening Item (Lynn), the Cape Cod Times, the Patriot Ledger (Quincy), the Fitchburg Sentinel and Enterprise, the Springfield Union News, the Berkshire Eagle (Pittsfield), the Daily Hampshire Gazette (Northampton), the Worcester Telegram, the Greenfield Recorder, and the Transcript (North Adams), once at least twenty days prior to Wednesday, July 23, 1997, and again seven (7) days prior to said date.

NYNEX is required to provide a copy of this legal notice to all intervenors and their respective counsel from D.P.U. 94-50, D.P.U. 95-83 and D.P.U. 96-68.

NYNEX is also required to make return of service and publication at the time of the public hearing.

By Order of the Department,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary L. Cottrell".

MARY L. COTTRELL

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D.P.U. 97-67

On June 9, 1997, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, d/b/a NYNEX ("NYNEX" or "COMPANY") filed revisions to its tariff M.D.P.U. No. 10 with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department"), in compliance with NYNEX, D.P.U. 94-50 (1995). The filing constitutes the Company's third annual filing under price cap regulation. The proposed tariff revisions will become effective on August 15, 1997, unless suspended or disallowed by the Department. The Department has the authority to allow the rates to take effect while it continues with its investigation, with prospective adjustment if necessary.

NYNEX has proposed a \$77.1 million reduction in overall revenue, including a one-time \$12 million rebate for residential and business customers. NYNEX has also proposed tariff revisions that would result in a \$65.1 million decrease in the Company's intrastate revenues, including a \$49.9 million decrease for residential customers and a \$15.2 million decrease for business customers.

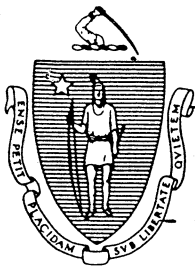
The Company also proposes, among other things, to:

For Residence Customers

- Refund \$3.14 for each customer line to offset revenues resulting from increased payphone coin rates.
- Reduce toll rates.
- Reduce rates and service configurations for various optional calling plans.
- Increase charges for certain custom calling and Phonesmart features.

For Business Customers

- Refund \$3.14 for each customer line to offset revenues resulting from increased payphone coin rates.
- Reduce the Day and Evening toll rates and increase the Night/Weekend toll rate.
- Increase charges for certain custom calling and Phonesmart features.



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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

D.P.U. 97-70

June 24, 1997

ORDER OF NOTICE

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company d/b/a NYNEX is required to publish the attached legal notice in a one-quarter page advertisement in the Boston Globe and the Boston Herald by June 27, 1997.

NYNEX is also required to provide a copy of this legal notice to the joint service list from Consolidated Arbitrations, D.P.U. 96-73/74, 96-75, 96-80/81, 96-83, 96-94 (1996); all intervenors and their respective counsel from Local Competition, D.P.U. 94-185 (1996); and to all companies and their respective counsel that have made requests of NYNEX to negotiate pursuant to § 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 by June 27, 1997.

NYNEX is also required to make return of service and proof of publication to the Department.

By Order of the Department

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary L. Cottrell".

MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY

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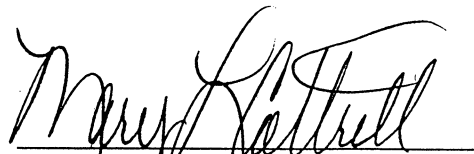
D.P.U. 97-70

On June 24, 1997, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company d/b/a NYNEX ("NYNEX") and Brooks Fiber Communications of Massachusetts, Inc. ("Brooks Fiber") filed for approval with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") a final arbitrated interconnection agreement ("Agreement"), pursuant to § 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Act"). The Agreement was executed on May 23, 1997, and contains negotiated as well as arbitrated provisions. Copies of the Agreement were provided to the parties to Consolidated Arbitrations, D.P.U. 96-73/74, 96-75, 96-80/81, 96-83, 96-94 (1996). A copy of the Agreement is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Department's Telecommunications Division, 100 Cambridge Street, Room 1209, Boston, MA.

The Act requires that the Department approve or reject the Agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies, within 30 days of its filing (i.e., by July 24, 1997). The Department may only reject negotiated portions of the Agreement if it finds that: (1) the portion discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the Agreement; or (2) the implementation of the Agreement or portion thereof is inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. The Department may only reject arbitrated portions of the Agreement if it finds that the portion does not meet the requirements of § 251 of the Act, including the regulations prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to § 251 of the Act, or the pricing standards set forth in § 252(d) of the Act.

Upon the foregoing, the Department will conduct a public hearing to receive oral comments on the Agreement at the Department's offices, 12th Floor, Leverett Saltonstall Building, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA, on July 17 at 10:00 A.M. In addition, the Department solicits comments from interested parties as to whether it should approve or reject the Agreement. If an interested party recommends that the Department reject the Agreement, that interested party should specify in detail how the Agreement is deficient under the above standards. Written comments on the Agreement will be received by Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary to the Department of Public Utilities, 100 Cambridge Street, 12th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02202. An original and five (5) copies of any written comments should be filed with Secretary Cottrell by July 11, 1997. Reply comments should be filed by July 16, 1997, at noon.

By Order of the Department,


MARY L. COTTRELL, Secretary

- Reduce 800 Valuflex monthly rates.
- Increase the business exchange unlimited local usage rates.

In addition, the Company proposes to achieve its \$65.1 million revenue reduction, in part, through a \$32.1 million decrease resulting from the removal of subsidies from NYNEX's payphone rates.

The Department will hold a public hearing on NYNEX's filing on Wednesday, July 23, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department's offices in Boston (Leverett Saltonstall Building, 100 Cambridge Street, 12th Floor). One of the issues that the Department intends to address at the public hearing is whether the Department should suspend NYNEX's proposed rates or allow them to go into effect on August 15, 1997 pending further investigation. Persons interested in commenting on NYNEX's filing, and specifically the question of suspension of the proposed rate changes, may appear at the public hearing or file written comments on or before the close of business on Wednesday, July 23, 1997 with:

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Re: D.P.U. 97-67
Department of Public Utilities
100 Cambridge Street, Room 1210
Boston, Massachusetts 02202

Any person who desires to participate in any evidentiary hearings concerning the above petition must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, at the address noted above, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Thursday, July 3, 1997. A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03 and include a specific statement as to the nature and scope of desired participation. Receipt by the Department -- not mailing -- constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A late-filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

The Department will hold a procedural conference in this proceeding on Wednesday, July 9, 1997 at 10:00 p.m. at the Department's offices in Boston (100 Cambridge Street, 12th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts).

Any person desiring further information can review NYNEX's filing at the Department's offices during normal business hours, or can contact NYNEX at 1-800-555-5000, weekdays. Residential customers with disabilities can contact NYNEX at 1-800-974-6006 (Voice/TTY).

Consent Communications #14

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Notice was received from Department of Public Utilities, transmitting a notice of a public hearing for Wednesday, July 23, 1997 at 10:00 A.M. regarding the suspension of NYNEX's proposed rates.

In City Council August 4, 1997

Referred to the
City Manager