



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

April 3, 1996

D.P.U. 95-127

Petition of Commonwealth Gas Company for approval of Ratemaking Treatment of Quasi-Firm Contracts.

Commonwealth Gas Company ("Commonwealth" or "Company") filed with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") a petition for approval of ratemaking treatment of quasi-firm sales and transportation contracts. In the past, Commonwealth requested that the Department make no findings concerning the appropriate ratemaking treatment for revenues and costs associated with quasi-firm agreements pending a comprehensive proposal by Commonwealth. In this filing, Commonwealth requests that the Department approve its proposal with respect to those 1994 and 1995 contracts for quasi-firm service previously approved by the Department, as well as future agreements for quasi-firm service.

Specifically, the Company proposes that (1) firm customers be credited with the margins that they would be entitled to had the quasi-firm customers purchased interruptible services, and (2) there be an equal sharing between the Company and its firm customers of all incremental margins received from quasi-firm customers in excess of the amount that would have been earned through interruptible services.

The Department will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, April 24, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. at its Boston offices, 100 Cambridge Street, Room 1210, Boston, Massachusetts 02202.

The Petitioner, Commonwealth Gas Company, is required to give notice of said hearing by publication hereof once at least fourteen (14) days prior to April 24, 1996, in the Boston Globe, the Boston Herald, the Worcester Telegram, the New Bedford Standard Times and the Middlesex News (Framingham).

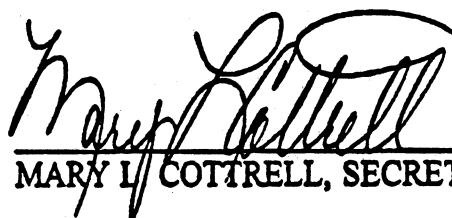
The Petitioner shall post by certified mail a copy of this notice and order, at least fourteen (14) days prior to April 24, 1996 to all persons with whom the said Company has special retail contracts which do not incorporate a filed rate and a copy to be mailed to the Chairmen of the Boards of Selectmen, Mayors, Town Clerks and City Clerks on the attached list.

Any person who desires to state his or her position on this application may do so at

the time and place noted above. Any person, however, who desires to participate in any subsequent adjudicatory proceeding concerning the above application must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, Leverett Saltonstall Building, 100 Cambridge Street, Room 1210, Boston, Massachusetts 02202, not later than the close of business (5:00) p.m. seven (7) days prior to the public and evidentiary hearing date stated above. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the time and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. 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 for a waiver of the seven-day rule under 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.

Commonwealth Gas Company is also required to make a return of service and publication of this notice at the time of the hearing.

By Order of the Department,


MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY



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April 8, 1996

Re. Commonwealth Gas Company, D.P.U. 95-127

To City or Town Clerk on Attached List of Cities and Towns

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed is a Notice of Hearing in the above-referenced docket of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. This Notice will be published in the Boston Globe, the Boston Herald, the Worcester Telegram, the New Bedford Standard Times and the Middlesex News.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Cope-Flanagan".

John Cope-Flanagan
Regulatory Attorney

Attachment: List of Cities and Towns

Enclosure: Notice of Hearing

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Consent Communication #8

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from John Cope-Planagan,
Regulatory Attorney, COMgas
transmitting a notice of hearing
of the Massachusetts Department
of Public Utilities.

In City Council April 22, 1996

Referred to City Manager.