



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 10-01

February 2, 2010

Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion commencing a rulemaking pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 2.00 et seq. establishing 220 C.M.R. § 19.00.

On February 2, 2010, the Department of Public Utilities ("Department"), issued an Order adopting emergency regulations establishing 220 C.M.R. § 19.00, Standards of Performance for Emergency Preparation and Restoration of Service for Electric Distribution and Gas Companies.

The Department's emergency regulations establish 220 C.M.R. § 19.00, creating standards of acceptable performance for outage preparation and restoration of service for electric distribution and gas companies, and establishing requirements for emergency response plans consistent with the provisions of St. 2009, c. 133, an Act Relative to Public Utility Companies.

A copy of the Department's Order and regulations may be viewed at the Department's offices at the South Station address listed below. In addition, the Department has posted a copy of the Order and emergency regulations on its website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

To provide opportunity for comment, and pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, and 220 C.M.R. § 2.05, the Department will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, March 18, 2010**, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts. At the public hearing, interested persons may present facts, opinions, or arguments relating to the emergency regulations. The Department seeks written comments prior to the public hearing, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, March 12, 2010**. All written comments should be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

All documents should be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us and Jennifer.M.Murphy@state.ma.us; or (2) on CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or the CD-ROM label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 10-01); (2) the name of

the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

By Order of the Department,

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Mark D. Marini, Secretary