



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, and Commonwealth Electric Company, d/b/a as NSTAR Electric; Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company; Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company; Western Massachusetts Electric Company; Verizon-New England, d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts

FROM: William Stevens, Hearing Officer

RE: Department Report re: Double Utility Poles, D.T.E. 03-87 Information to be Submitted to the Department

DATE: October 2, 2003

CC: Mary Cottrell, Secretary

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In addition to addressing those issues raised at the public hearing on September 30, 2003, the Department requests that each company provide the Department the following information:

1. The company's policies and practices to reduce and prevent the accumulation of double poles subject to its control;
2. The status and functioning of the Pole Lifecycle Management system ("PLM"), including the effectiveness of this system in meeting the goal of a reduction in the number of double poles; and,
3. Information on the following:
  - (a) the number of double poles that existed in each municipality prior to the implementation of the PLM in February 2003;
  - (b) the number of pre PLM double poles that are still in place in each municipality;
  - (c) the number of double poles in each municipality created post-implementation of the PLM;
  - (d) the number of double poles in each municipality that are still in place today that were created post-implementation of the PLM; and

- (e) the aggregate number of double poles owned or set by the company that were in existence prior to the implementation of the PLM in February 2003, and the number of those pre-PLM double poles that are still in place today.

Because of the nature of the information requested, there is no page limitation for the written comments submitted by the telephone and electric distribution companies. These documents may be filed no later than October 15, 2003, and all filings must have an executive summary. All other filing requirements in the notice to this proceeding remain unchanged. When filing these documents, counsel for each company should file an Appearance of Counsel. 220 C.M.R. § 1.15. Any questions should be directed to William H. Stevens, Jr., Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, at (617) 305-3620.