

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.T.E. 02-76

December 10, 2002

Petition of Cambridge Electric Light Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric for approval of the sale of its interest in Blackstone Station to the President and Fellows of Harvard College and for findings pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 1A, 1G, 76, and 94.

On November 21, 2002, Cambridge Electric Light Company (“Cambridge” or “Company”) filed a petition requesting approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (“Department”) of the sale of the Company’s interest in Blackstone Station (“Blackstone”) to the President and Fellows of Harvard College (“Harvard”) pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 1A, 1G, 76, and 94 and the Company’s restructuring plan, approved in Cambridge Electric Light Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-111 (1998).

Blackstone is a steam production facility with a 16 megawatt cogeneration capacity. Since November 19, 2001, Blackstone has not been in service to produce electricity. Harvard has exercised a Right of First Offer to purchase Blackstone granted to it in connection with its long-term steam service contracts with NSTAR Steam Corporation. The Company proposes to sell the Blackstone electricity generation assets to Harvard for \$14.6 million, subject to adjustments at closing. The Company also proposes to adjust its transition charge to reflect Blackstone-related net proceeds in its next transition cost reconciliation filing.

The Department will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the Company’s petition. The hearing will take place on Tuesday, January 7, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department’s offices, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. A procedural conference will follow immediately thereafter.

The Company’s petition may be inspected at the offices of the Department, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. A copy of the petition may also be inspected at the offices of the Company’s counsel, David S. Rosenzweig, Esq. or

John K. Habib, Esq., Keegan Werlin & Pabian, LLP, 21 Custom House Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110-3525, tel.: (617) 951-1400.

Any person who desires to file written comments or to participate otherwise in this proceeding shall submit an original and three (3) copies of such written comments, or petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Monday, December 23, 2002. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing 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 petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver 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.

All written pleadings, comments, or petitions to intervene must also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and Jesse.Reyes@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding, D.T.E. 02-76; (2) 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 phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix), in Microsoft Word, (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix) or as an Adobe PDF file (naming the document with a ".pdf" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's web site: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

Any person desiring further information regarding this notice may contact:
Jesse S. Reyes, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, tel. (617) 305-3500.