



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**DEPARTMENT OF  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

D.T.E. 05-82

January 30, 2007

Petition of Dig Safe System, Inc. for Implementation of 811 as the Abbreviated Dialing Code for Providing Notification of Excavation Activities to Underground Facility Operators Within Massachusetts.

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**PROCEDURAL NOTICE**

On November 15, 2006, the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") held a status conference in the above-referenced proceeding. At the status conference, Dig Safe System, Inc. ("Dig Safe") and Verizon New England, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts ("Verizon") requested, and were granted, additional time to resolve the cost recovery issues that remained in this proceeding, and were directed to submit a Joint Status Report on the remaining issues by January 12, 2007.

On January 12, 2007, Dig Safe and Verizon filed their Joint Status Report with the Department. As indicated in the Joint Status Report, Dig Safe and Verizon have been unable to resolve the cost recovery issues in this proceeding and seek Department assistance. Accordingly, the Department establishes the following briefing schedule to address the unresolved cost recovery issues that remain in this proceeding. Parties shall submit initial briefs by close of business on **Thursday, February 15, 2007**. Reply briefs shall be submitted by close of business on **Thursday, February 22, 2007**. Electronic submission to [dte.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dte.efiling@state.ma.us) and the service list on the due date, with a hard copy to follow by overnight mail, is acceptable.

Finally, the establishment of the briefing schedule does not imply that the Department will not address the relief sought by Dig Safe in its Petition prior to the Department's resolution of the cost recovery issues. Specifically, the relief sought by Dig Safe included a Department order assigning 811 as the abbreviated dialing code to be used exclusively in Massachusetts to route calls regarding excavation activities to a toll-free number designated by Dig Safe and for the Department to require compliance by telecommunications carriers by April 13, 2007 (Dig Safe Petition at 6). Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the undersigned by phone, (617) 305-3578, or via email to [tina.chin@state.ma.us](mailto:tina.chin@state.ma.us).

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