

D. T. E. 99-102 December 6, 1999

NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

D/B/A BELL ATLANTIC

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company d/b/a Bell Atlantic ("Bell Atlantic") is hereby required to publish the attached legal notice in a one-quarter page advertisement in the Boston Globe and the Boston Herald once at least fourteen (14) days prior to Wednesday, January 5, 2000, and again seven (7) days prior to said date; and in the Enterprise (Brockton), the Fall River Herald News, the Standard-Times (New Bedford), the Lawrence Eagle Tribune, the Daily Evening Item (Lynn), the Cape Cod Times, the Patriot Ledger (Quincy), the Fitchburg Sentinel and Enterprise, the Springfield Union News, the Berkshire Eagle (Pittsfield), the Daily Hampshire Gazette (Northampton), the Worcester Telegram, the Greenfield Recorder, and the Transcript (North Adams) once at least fourteen (14) days prior to Wednesday, January 5, 2000, and again seven (7) days prior to said date.

Bell Atlantic is required to provide a copy of this legal notice to all intervenors and their respective counsel from D.P.U. 94-50, D.P.U. 95-83, D.P.U. 96-68, D.P.U. /D.T.E. 97-67, and D.T.E. 98-67 at least fourteen (14) days prior to Wednesday, January 5, 2000.

Bell Atlantic is also required to make return of service and publication at the time of the public hearing.

By Order of the Department,

MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY

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Atlantic ("Bell Atlantic" or "Company") filed revisions to its tariff M.D.T.E. No. 10 with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department"), in compliance with NYNEX Price Cap, D.P.U. 94-50 (1995). The filing constitutes the Company's fifth annual filing under price cap regulation. The proposed tariff revisions will become effective on January 17, 2000, unless suspended or disallowed by the Department. The Department has the authority to allow the rates to take effect while it continues its investigation, with prospective adjustment if necessary.

Bell Atlantic has proposed a \$27.07 million reduction in overall revenue, representing a 1.51 percent reduction in intrastate revenues.

The Company also proposes, among other things, to:

For Residence Customers

Reduce Local Zone 2 usage rates.
Reduce Metropolitan and Baystate Metropolitan Service rates.
Increase Call Waiting service rates.
Increase charges for certain Phonesmart features, and eliminate the Phonesmart one time charge associated with a customer adding Phonesmart features to a residential line.
Increase charges for certain Listing Services.
Convert existing subscribers of the Measured Service 4 Element offering in New Bedford to local measured service.
Eliminate the one time charge for changing from one-party measured service to one-party flat rate service.

For Business Customers

Eliminate the difference between Zone 1 and Zone 2 usage rates.
Increase charges for certain Phonesmart features.
Increase charges for analog private line and digital private line services.
Reduce conduit attachment fees to comply with the Department's Order in D.P.U. 91-218.
Decrease the Late Payment Charge.
Eliminate the Touch-tone charge per line.
Increase charges for certain Listing Services.
Increase volume discounts to certain Business Link customers.
Convert existing subscribers of the Measured Service 4 Element offering in New Bedford to local measured service.
Convert existing subscribers of the Premium Measured Business offering in Winchester to local measured service.
Increase and decrease certain toll MTS direct-dialed rates.
Reduce rates for Foreign Central Office services.

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The Department will hold a public hearing on Bell Atlantic's filing on Wednesday, January 5, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department's offices in Boston (One South Station - 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02110). The Department will hold a procedural conference in this proceeding immediately following the public hearing.

One of the issues the Department intends to address at the public hearing is whether the Department should suspend Bell Atlantic's proposed rates or allow them to go into effect on January 17, 2000, pending further investigation. Persons interested in commenting on Bell Atlantic's filing, and specifically the question of suspension of the proposed rate changes, may appear at the public hearing or file written comments on or before the close of business on Thursday, December 23, 1999 with Mary Cottrell, Secretary, RE: D.T.E. 99-102, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station - 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02110. Reply comments are due Monday, January 3, 2000. All comments are to be submitted by email to Joan.Evans@state.ma.us and Kimberly.Tran@state.ma.us, in addition to filing the comments in writing to the above address.

Any person who desires to participate in an adjudicatory proceeding concerning the above petition must file a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in the proceeding with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station - 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) Tuesday, December 28, 1999. A petition 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 late-filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver of the intervention deadline. To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

Any person desiring further information can review Bell Atlantic's filing at the Department's offices during normal business hours, or can contact Bell Atlantic at 1-800-870-9999 weekdays. Residential customers with disabilities can contact Bell Atlantic at 1-800-974-6006 (Voice/TTY).