

By Mr. Hammond, a petition of George D. Hammond and Denis L. McKenna for legislation to require gas and electric companies to file with the Department of Public Utilities a schedule of any incentive offered by them to obtain business. Power and Light.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Four.

AN ACT REQUIRING GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANIES TO FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES A SCHEDULE OF ANY INCENTIVE OFFERED BY THEM TO OBTAIN BUSINESS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 127 the following sec-
3 tion: —

4 *Section 128.* No gas or electric company shall offer or pay
5 any compensation or consideration or furnish any equipment
6 to secure the installation or adoption of the use of any gas
7 or electric services unless it files a schedule of such compen-
8 sation, consideration or equipment to be furnished with the
9 department for its approval, nor unless such company offers
10 such compensation, consideration or equipment to all persons
11 within the same classification using or applying for such
12 service; provided, that in considering the reasonableness of
13 any such schedule so filed, the department shall consider,
14 among other things, evidence of consideration, or compensa-
15 tion paid or equipment furnished by any competitor of such
16 company, regulated or non-regulated by any state agency, to
17 secure the installation or adoption of the use of such com-
18 petitor's service.

1 SECTION 2. The provisions of section one hundred and
2 twenty-eight of chapter one hundred and sixty-four of the

3 General Laws, inserted by section one of this act, shall not
 4 prohibit a gas or electric company, as defined in section one
 5 of said chapter one hundred and sixty-four, from carrying
 6 out any contractual commitment for gas or electric service
 7 in existence prior to the effective date of this act.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on January first, nine-
 2 teen hundred and sixty-five.