

Accompanying the twenty-fifth recommendation of the Executive Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation (House, No. 33).  
Government Regulations.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND FUND STAFF FOR AN INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

*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. Section 12M of chapter 25 of the General Laws,  
2 as most recently amended by Chapter 516 of the Acts of 1987,  
3 is hereby further amended by adding at the end of the first  
4 paragraph the following paragraph: —

5 There shall be in the fuel charge monitoring bureau an  
6 integrated resource management section to perform the duties and  
7 functions of the department in relation to the administration and  
8 enforcement of integrated resource management regulations  
9 adopted by the department to oversee the long-term planning  
10 processes of electric companies, ensure said companies are  
11 planning adequately to provide reliable energy for the commonwealth  
12 from all options including but not limited to conservation, load  
13 management and cogeneration and to assist the commission in  
14 the review of electric company generation, conservation and load  
15 management investments eligible for preapproval of the type of  
16 investment and amount of rate recovery pursuant to said  
17 regulations.

1 SECTION 2. Said Section 12M is hereby further amended by  
2 adding after the second paragraph the following paragraph: —

3 For the purpose of providing said section with operating funds,  
4 the commission is hereby authorized to make an assessment in

5 addition to other assessments herein and assessments authorized  
6 in sections seventeen and eighteen, proportionally against each  
7 electric company under the jurisdictional control of the  
8 department based upon the intrastate operating revenues of each  
9 said companies derived from wholesale and retail sales of  
10 electricity within the commonwealth as shown in the annual report  
11 of said companies to the department. Said additional assessment  
12 shall be made at a rate as shall be determined and certified  
13 annually by the commission as sufficient to produce not more than  
14 eight hundred thousand dollars in revenue for the fiscal year for  
15 which the assessment is made and shall be collected in the manner  
16 so provided in section seventeen A. The commission is also  
17 authorized to expend for the operation of the section such  
18 amounts which are appropriated for that purpose.

1 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to  
2 the contrary, the assessment authorized pursuant to Section 1  
3 hereof may be assessed, collected and expended, at the level  
4 established herein, in and for the fiscal year in which it is enacted.