

By Mr. Ambler of Weymouth, petition of Robert B. Ambler, Robert F. Donovan, Theodore J. Aleixo, Jr., and Brian J. Donnelly relative to the exclusion of certain items from operating expenses and rate base of certain public utilities. Government Regulations.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN ITEMS FROM OPERATING EXPENSES AND RATE BASE OF CERTAIN 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. Chapter 159 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 17 the following new section:  
3 *Section 17A.* Every common carrier engaged in the trans-  
4 mission of intelligence by electricity shall include in the reports  
5 to be required to be filed by it, the following specified informa-  
6 tion, in as complete detail as the department may from time to  
7 time require:

- 8 (a) All contributions made by such carrier to any organiza-  
9 tion, corporation or association, whether profitable or  
10 non-profitable.
- 11 (b) all contributions, membership fees, assessments and ex-  
12 penses paid by such carrier to any trade organization,  
13 service organization, or other membership organization,  
14 specifying each such organization and the amount of  
15 each contribution, membership fee, assessment and ex-  
16 pense made by such carrier to each such organization,  
17 together with a statement of the purposes and activities  
18 of each such organization during the period of the re-  
19 port.
- 20 (c) the names and addresses of all candidates or federal,  
21 state, or local public office to whom such carrier made  
22 payments or contributions, directly or indirectly,

23 whether made to such person or to any political organi-  
24 zation on behalf of such person.

25 (d) costs of expenses incurred, directly or indirectly, for all  
26 advertising purchased by said carrier or any organization  
27 of which it is a member.

28 In determining whether charges made, demanded or received  
29 by such carrier for any service rendered or performed, or to be  
30 rendered or performed by it or in connection therewith in the  
31 conduct of its business are just and reasonable, to the extent that  
32 the payments included in such reports are determined by the  
33 department to be charitable contributions, political contribu-  
34 tions, or costs or expenses for advertising which has as its  
35 primary object the enhancement of the public image of such  
36 carrier or does not provide information of practical value to its  
37 present or potential customers concerning changes in service,  
38 such payments, costs or expenses shall be excluded by the de-  
39 partment from the calculation of the expenses of such carrier  
40 during the test year or other test period adopted by the depart-  
41 ment for rate-setting purposes.

42 In determining whether charges made, demanded or received  
43 by such carrier for any service rendered or performed, or to be  
44 rendered or performed by it or in connection therewith in the  
45 conduct of its business are just and reasonable, cost-free capital,  
46 property held for future use and construction work in progress  
47 shall be excluded by the department from the rate base of such  
48 carrier during the test year or other test period adopted by the  
49 department for rate-setting purposes.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after Section 94F the following new sec-  
3 tion:

4 *Section 94G.* Every gas or electric company shall include, in  
5 the reports to be required to be filed by it, the following speci-  
6 fied information, in as complete detail as the department may  
7 from time to time require:

8 (a) all contributions made by such company to any organi-  
9 zation, corporation or association, whether profitable or  
10 non-profitable.

11 (b) all contributions, membership fees, assessments and ex-  
12 penses paid by such company to any trade organization,

13 service organization, or other membership organization,  
14 specifying each such organization and the amount of  
15 each such contribution, membership fee, assessment and  
16 expense made by such company to each such organiza-  
17 tion, together with a statement of the purposes and  
18 activities of each such organization during the period of  
19 the report.

20 (c) the names and addresses of all candidates for federal,  
21 state or local public office to whom such company  
22 made payments or contributions directly or indirectly,  
23 whether made to such person or to any political organi-  
24 zation on behalf of such person.

25 (d) costs or expenses incurred, directly or indirectly, for all  
26 advertising purchased by said company or any organiza-  
27 tion of which it is a member.

28 In determining whether charges made, demanded or received  
29 by such company for any service rendered or performed, or to be  
30 rendered or performed by it or in connection therewith in the  
31 conduct of its business are just and reasonable, to the extent that  
32 the payments included in such reports are determined by the  
33 department to be charitable contributions, political contribu-  
34 tions, or costs or expenses for advertising which has as its  
35 primary object the enhancement of the public image of such  
36 company or does not provide information of practical value to its  
37 present or potential customers concerning changes in service, or  
38 are associated with the promotion of the use of electricity or gas,  
39 such payments, costs or expenses shall be excluded by the  
40 department from the calculations of the expenses of such  
41 company during the test year or other test period adopted by the  
42 department for rate-setting purposes.

43 In determining whether charges made, demanded or received  
44 by such company for any service rendered or performed, or to be  
45 rendered or performed by it or in connection therewith in the  
46 conduct of its business are just and reasonable, cost-free capital,  
47 property held for future use and construction work in progress  
48 shall be excluded by the department from the rate base of such  
49 carrier during the test year or other test period adopted by the  
50 department for rate-setting purposes.

The first part of the year was spent in the  
 study of the history of the country and  
 the progress of the various branches of  
 science. The second part was devoted to  
 the study of the natural history of the  
 country, and the progress of the various  
 branches of science. The third part was  
 devoted to the study of the history of the  
 country, and the progress of the various  
 branches of science. The fourth part was  
 devoted to the study of the history of the  
 country, and the progress of the various  
 branches of science. The fifth part was  
 devoted to the study of the history of the  
 country, and the progress of the various  
 branches of science. The sixth part was  
 devoted to the study of the history of the  
 country, and the progress of the various  
 branches of science. The seventh part was  
 devoted to the study of the history of the  
 country, and the progress of the various  
 branches of science. The eighth part was  
 devoted to the study of the history of the  
 country, and the progress of the various  
 branches of science. The ninth part was  
 devoted to the study of the history of the  
 country, and the progress of the various  
 branches of science. The tenth part was  
 devoted to the study of the history of the  
 country, and the progress of the various  
 branches of science.