

By Mr. Pina of New Bedford, petition of Ronald A. Pina relative to excluding certain items from operation expenses when determining rates for certain public utilities. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN ITEMS FROM OPERATION 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 section: —

3 *Section 17A.* Every common carrier engaged in the transmis-
4 sion of intelligence by electricity shall include in the reports to be
5 required to be filed by it, the following specified information, in
6 as complete detail as the department may from time to time
7 require: —

8 (a) All contributions made by such carrier to any organization,
9 corporation or association, whether profitable or nonprofitable.

10 (b) All contributions, membership fees, assessments and
11 expenses paid by such carrier to any trade organization, service
12 organization, or other membership organization, specifying each
13 such organization and the amount of each contribution,
14 membership fee, assessment and expense made by such carrier to
15 each such organization, together with a statement of the purposes
16 and activities of each such organization during the period of the
17 report.

18 (c) The names and addresses of all candidtates for federal,
19 state, or local public office to whom such carrier made payments
20 or contributions, directly or indirectly, whether made to such
21 person or to any political organization on behalf of such person.

22 (d) Costs of expenses incurred, directly or indirectly, for all
23 advertising purchased by said carrier or any organization of

24 which it is a member.

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

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

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

8 (a) All contributions made by such company to any organiza-
9 tion, corporation or association, whether profitable or non-
10 profitable.

11 (b) All contributions, membership fees, assessments and
12 expenses paid by such company to any trade organization, service
13 organization, or other membership organization, specifying each
14 such organization and the amount of each such contribution,
15 membership fee, assessment and expense made by such company
16 to each such organization, together with a statement of the

17 purposes and activities of each such organization during the
18 period of the report.

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

23 (d) Costs or expenses incurred, directly or indirectly, for all
24 advertising purchased by said company or any organization of
25 which it is a member.

26 In determining whether charges made, demanded or received
27 by such company for any service rendered or performed, or to be
28 rendered or performed by it or in connection therewith in the
29 conduct of its business are just and reasonable, to the extent that
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37 department from the calculations of the expenses of such
38 company during the test year or other test period adopted by the
39 department for rate-setting purposes.

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42 rendered or performed by it or in connection therewith in the
43 conduct of its business are just and reasonable, cost-free capital,
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46 carrier during the test year or other test period adopted by the
47 department for rate-setting purposes.

The first part of the report deals with the general state of the country, and the progress of the various branches of industry and commerce. It is found that the country is generally prosperous, and that the various branches of industry and commerce are all on the increase. The report also contains a detailed account of the various public works which have been carried out during the year, and of the progress of the various public institutions.

The second part of the report deals with the state of the various public institutions, and the progress of the various public works. It is found that the various public institutions are all on the increase, and that the various public works are all on the increase. The report also contains a detailed account of the various public works which have been carried out during the year, and of the progress of the various public institutions.

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