

By Mr. Cahir of Bourne (by request), petition of Nathaniel Denman for legislation to prohibit public utilities from charging customers for construction work in progress as part of the rate for the use of such utilities. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT PROHIBITING PUBLIC UTILITIES FROM CHARGING CUSTOMERS FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK IN PROGRESS AS PART OF THE RATE FOR SAID 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 94 of chapter 164 of the General Laws, as most recently
2 amended by section 3 of chapter 816 of the acts of 1973, is hereby
3 further amended by adding the following two paragraphs: —

4 No gas or electric shall make, claim, or bill any customer or user
5 to pay for any construction work in progress for any power gener-
6 ating or storage or transmission station or unit being built by a
7 utility or any of its subsidiaries, and no contract with any utility
8 company in or out of Massachusetts, by a Massachusetts utility,
9 shall be approved by the department if the contract calls for
10 construction work in progress. Construction Work in Progress
11 shall mean any utility building, land clearing, site preparation,
12 installation of generators, boilers, and/or atomic reactors, and
13 inspection and testing of such construction work, for which the
14 total construction, testing, inspection, and safety devices, installa-
15 tions and regulations, including specific practical tested evacuation
16 plans for emergencies, have not been completed. No atomic power
17 plant shall be considered constructed until a federally-approved,
18 safe place has been constructed for the storage of all atomic wastes
19 and spent fuels that are expected to be wasted or consumed or used
20 up or spent at the site for which the utility wishes to bill its

21 customers.

22 No atomic power plant fuel, spent fuel, or atomically-radiating
23 waste materials shall be transported over the ways of Massachu-
24 setts or in the waterways, fresh or salt, over which the Common-
25 wealth of Massachusetts has police, fire, or safety responsibility.