



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

D.P.U. 10-70

July 16, 2010

Petition of Western Massachusetts Electric Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 C.M.R § 5.00 et seq., for Approval of a General Increase in Electric Distribution Rates and a Revenue Decoupling Mechanism.

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The Department, after review, consideration, and study of the aforementioned filing, has determined that further investigation is necessary. It is therefore

ORDERED: That the operation of the rates and charges set forth in the aforementioned filing shall be suspended and the use thereof deferred until February 1, 2011 unless otherwise ordered by the Department; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED: That a copy of this Order shall be filed with the tariffs at the office of the Rates and Revenue Requirements Division of the Department and a copy be forthwith served upon Western Massachusetts Electric Company.

By Order of the Department,

s/s

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Ann G. Berwick, Chair

s/s

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Tim Woolf, Commissioner