



**Western Massachusetts
Electric**

A Northeast Utilities Company

2010 WMECO Rate Case

On July 16, 2010, Western Massachusetts Electric Company (“WMECO”) filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of a general increase in its base rates designed to collect additional operating revenues of \$28.382 million.

This increase represents a seven percent increase in current operating revenues. WMECO is also seeking approval of a decoupling mechanism intended to eliminate the financial barriers to the aggressive pursuit of energy efficiency measures.

If the petition filed by WMECO is approved as requested, the effect on WMECO’s rates will be as follows:

- (1) An overall increase of \$28.382 million.
- (2) An increase of 7% based on current annual operating revenues, or an increase of 23.1% based on WMECO’s base distribution revenues.
- (3) A monthly bill increase of \$6.32 for a non-heating residential customer receiving Basic Service using 500 kilowatt hours of electricity per month.
- (4) A monthly bill increase of \$9.26 for a heating residential customer receiving Basic Service using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month.

WMECO views its proposal as advancing customers' energy needs by maintaining WMECO as an economically-viable distributor of electricity, by maintaining electric system integrity and safety, and by advancing energy efficiency.

For information regarding the specific rates proposed for each class of service, please go to www.wmeco.com/2010WMECORateCase or call Customer Service at 1.800.286.2000 or 413.781.4300 (within the Springfield area).

Comments on WMECO's request may also be sent to the Department of Public Utilities, Mark D. Marini, Secretary, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02110, or via email to Selma Urman, Hearing Officer, at selma.urman@state.ma.us.

