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July 24, 2015

Mr. John J. Long
City Clerk
City of Somerville
City Clerk's Office, City Hall
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RE: City of Somerville Board of Alderman's Resolution, Docket No. 199589

Dear Mr. Long:

Thank you for your letter of July 10, 2015 to the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") concerning a Resolution approved by the City of Somerville's Board of Alderman on July 9, 2015 under Docket No. 199589. In your resolution, you request action by the Department to address electricity companies that use deceptive sales tactics.

On December 14, 2014, the Department opened a proceeding to investigate the competitive electric supply marketplace in Massachusetts.¹ Under this proceeding, the Department has proposed, among other things, ways to strengthen consumer protections related to the marketing and delivery of competitive suppliers' products, including door-to-door marketing practices.

¹ Investigation by the Department of Public Utilities on its own Motion into Initiatives to Improve the Retail Electric Competitive Supply Market, D.P.U. 14-140 (2014)

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You may file comments under the docket number in this proceeding (D.P.U. 14-140) and find additional information about competitive electric supply by visiting the Department's website at www.mass.gov/dpu (use the Retail Electric Market tab under Related Links for information).

The Department takes seriously its commitment to protect the interests of electric ratepayers in the Commonwealth. I thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela M. O'Connor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angela M. O'Connor
Chairman