MIT might face rate hike

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Although Cambridge Electric Light Company (CELCO) has filed a request with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) to increase its revenue by 7.5%, MIT will not be substantially affected, according to Anthony T. Thomas '83, Jr., Associate Director of Physical Plant.

The proposal calls for a 25 percent rate increase; MIT would face an increase of only 4 percent, since much of the Institute's bill is due to the fuel adjustment allowance. MIT currently pays $100 million annually, a 15 percent of CELCO's output, and pays just under $6 million annually.

Shepherd also noted, "Historically, Cambridge Electric has received around half of the amount they request. So MIT has a much more likely increase potential than those students who have a lack of awareness of the deduction of $1,500, which should have happened not in January, but in September.'

"It is extremely important for the students who are still here in the process for choosing a housemaster since they will be the people living in the dorm," he added. "This is our plan now are to find a new housemaster as soon as possible, and hopefully before May when the students are home. Otherwise the selection will have to be delayed until after the break, which won't allow time for the new family to settle into the dorm before the students arrive in the fall."