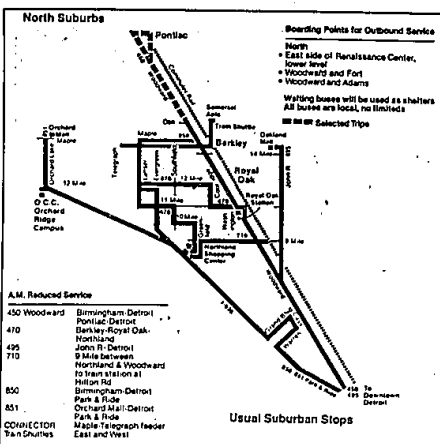




Edison sues 2 state agencies

Detroit Edison Co. has filed a lawsuit in Ingham County Circuit Court against the Michigan Air Pollution Control Commission (MAPCC) and the state Department of Natural Resources.

The suit contends that the MAPCC granted Detroit Edison a license to burn 1.9-percent, low-sulfur coal at the company's Monroe power plant at the Commission's Sept. 21 meeting and then improperly attempted to revoke that license at its meeting on Nov. 29.

Detroit Edison maintains that

switching to one-percent, low-sulfur coal from current levels would cost its customers an additional \$830 million for the years 1985-1990 and create an unnecessary burden on the people of Southeastern Michigan without commensurate environmental benefits.

The company maintains that all federal air-quality standards for sulfur dioxide are being met within the state of Michigan, even with the Monroe Power Plant now burning 2.3-percent, medium-sulfur coal.

'Did well' last winter

How SEMTA will deal with snow

Michigan is gearing up for another harsh winter, but travelers on the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA) lines can expect to ride out any storm again this year.

SEMTA has devised an emergency plan designed to schedule buses and trains in a way that will help commuters reach their destinations safely and as quickly as possible in a snow emergency situation.

SEMTA constantly monitors weather conditions. It moves its snow emergency plans into action when forecasters predict imminent snowstorms or blizzards.

IN SPITE of the severe weather in the winter of 1981-2, snow emergencies were called only three times, according to SEMTA spokesman John Probst. He said commuters may have to wait a little longer in an emergency, but all of them would be provided for.

"We were successful in that we got all of our people home by 8 p.m. (in the emergencies last year)," Probst said. "We did quite well under the circumstances."

In the event of a daytime snowfall, which would affect the afternoon rush hour, passengers who work in the Detroit central business district will be directed to specific pick-up points in the downtown area for outboard bus service.

The pick-up points will be keyed to geographical areas. Each point will have a SEMTA official dressed in a poncho or wearing an identification badge who will be responsible for directing waiting passengers to correct buses.

In the event of a daytime snowfall affecting the rush hour, passengers who work in downtown Detroit will be directed to specific pick-up points in the downtown area for outboard bus service.

THE ON-STREET SEMTA coordinator will be equipped with a radio and will have access to SEMTA offices for up-to-the-minute details on available services.

Riders waiting for outboard buses at pick-up points without a SEMTA shelter will be able to wait inside parked buses that will be used as temporary shelters.

In an afternoon rush hour emergency, SEMTA will try to maintain regular outboard routes. Bus routes may be detoured to avoid snowbound areas.

In the event of an overnight snow emergency that would affect morning rush hour schedules, SEMTA will operate bus service on major routes only. Commuters can learn which major routes are in service by listening to radio and television weather emergency bulletins or by calling the SEMTA Customer Information Centers.

SEMTA'S SNOW emergency plan will go into effect when a storm or a blizzard reaches such serious proportions that a state of emergency is declared by local and/or state government.

storm emergency schedules into effect. If it is necessary to put the SEMTA snow emergency plan into effect, commuters will be informed through service announcements on major radio and television stations. Up-to-the-minute information will be available from SEMTA's Customer Information Center.

A brochure illustrating details of the plan and snow emergency bus routes can be obtained by calling the SEMTA Customer Information Center at 982-5515.

SEMTA may declare an emergency traffic situation itself and put the

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