

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter, on the Commission's own motion,)	
to implement the provisions of 2013 PA 95.)	Case No. U-17377
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At the July 2, 2019 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Sally A. Talberg, Chairman
Hon. Norman J. Saari, Commissioner
Hon. Daniel C. Scripps, Commissioner

ORDER AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

2013 PA 95 (Act 95), MCL 460.9t, created the Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund (LIEAF) within the State Treasury. Section 9t(5) of Act 95 provides that money from the LIEAF shall be expended by the Department of Health and Human Services as provided in the Michigan Energy Assistance Act, 2012 PA 615.

Act 95 provides that the Commission, after an opportunity to comment, may annually approve a low-income energy assistance funding factor no later than July 31 of each year for the subsequent fiscal year. Section 9t(10)(b) of Act 95 provides that the funding factor is a nonbypassable surcharge to be added to each retail billing meter (but no more than one residential meter per residential site), payable monthly by every customer receiving retail distribution service from an electric utility, municipally-owned electric utility, or cooperative electric utility, regardless of the identity of the customer's electric generation supplier. The funding factor shall be the same across all customer classes, shall appear as a separate line item on each customer's

bill, and shall not exceed \$1. Section 9t(7) provides that electric utilities, including the municipally-owned and cooperative electric utilities, may elect not to collect the funding factor by annually filing a notice with the Commission by July 1; however, utilities that do not collect the funding factor shall not shut off service to any residential customer from November 1 to April 15 for nonpayment of a delinquent account. For utilities that do not opt out, Section 9t(8) provides that they shall annually, by July 1, provide to the Commission the number of retail billing meters the utility serves in Michigan that are subject to the funding factor. The Commission will thereafter determine the funding factor by July 31 after providing an opportunity for comments.

On June 7, 2019, the Commission issued an order reminding all affected utilities of the need to file the required information by noon on July 1, 2019, in this docket. Northern States Power Company, Consumers Energy Company, DTE Electric Company, Indiana Michigan Power Company, Upper Peninsula Power Company, Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association, Great Lakes Energy Cooperative, Midwest Energy Cooperative, HomeWorks Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op, and Thumb Electric Cooperative filed notice of their intent to participate and their meter counts.¹ Bayfield Electric Cooperative, Upper Michigan Energy Resources Company, Wisconsin Electric Power Company, d/b/a We Energies, Cloverland Electric Cooperative, Ontonagon County Rural Electrification Association, and Cherryland Electric Cooperative filed notice of their intent to opt out.

¹ The Commission has not received an election from Alpena Power Company (Alpena). Because Alpena normally opts in, it has been included, using last year's meter count. However, were Alpena excluded, the proposed factor would not change.

The Michigan Municipal Electric Association² (MMEA) filed notice that all of its members will be opting out with the exception of Village of Baraga, Bay City Electric Light & Power, Croswell Light & Power Department, City of Crystal Falls, City of Dowagiac, City of Gladstone, City of Hart Hydro, Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities, City of Marshall Electric Department, Negaunee Department of Public Works, Newberry Water & Light Board, Niles Utilities Department, City of Norway, City of Petoskey, City of St. Louis, and Union City Electric Department.

Section 9t(6) provides that “The amount used by the public service commission to calculate a low-income energy assistance funding factor during each fiscal year shall not exceed \$50,000,000.00 minus both the amount appropriated from the general fund in that fiscal year for home energy assistance and the amount remaining in the fund from the prior fiscal year.” The Commission is informed by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs that the latter two amounts are zero. MCL 460.9t(4). Thus, in reliance on the information that has been filed in this docket, the Commission calculates a funding factor of \$0.92 per meter per month for the coming fiscal year and invites comment on that factor.

² The MMEA’s members include Village of Baraga, Bay City Electric Light & Power, City of Charlevoix, Chelsea Department of Electric and Water, Village of Clinton, Coldwater Board of Public Utilities, Croswell Light & Power Department, City of Crystal Falls, Daggett Electric Department, City of Dowagiac, City of Eaton Rapids, City of Escanaba, City of Gladstone, Grand Haven Board of Light and Power, City of Harbor Springs, City of Hart Hydro, Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities, Holland Board of Public Works, Village of L’Anse, Lansing Board of Water & Light, Lowell Light and Power, Marquette Board of Light and Power, Marshall Electric Department, Negaunee Department of Public Works, Newberry Water & Light Board, Niles Utility Department, City of Norway, City of Paw Paw, City of Petoskey, City of Portland, City of Sebawaing, City of South Haven, City of St. Louis, City of Stephenson, City of Sturgis, Traverse City Light & Power, Union City Electric Department, City of Wakefield, Wyandotte Department of Municipal Service, and Zeeland Board of Public Works.

Any person may submit written and electronic comments regarding the proposed funding factor. The comments should reference Case No. U-17377, and must be received no later than July 15, 2019. Written comments should be mailed to: Executive Secretary, Michigan Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 30221, Lansing, MI 48909. Electronic comments should be e-mailed to: mpscdockets@michigan.gov. If any person requires assistance prior to filing, they may contact Commission staff at (517) 284-8090 or by e-mail at mpscdockets@michigan.gov. All information submitted to the Commission in this matter will become public information available on the Commission's website and subject to disclosure; and all comments will be filed in Case No. U-17377.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that any person may file written comments regarding the calculated proposed funding factor of \$0.92 per meter per month. To be considered, all comments must be received at the Commission no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2019, and should reference Case No. U-17377.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Sally A. Talberg, Chairman

Norman J. Saari, Commissioner

Daniel C. Scripps, Commissioner

By its action of July 2, 2019.

Barbara S. Kunkel, Acting Executive Secretary


PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

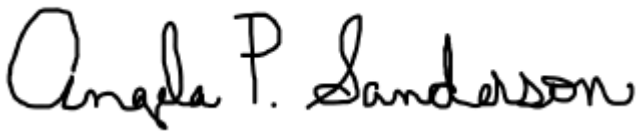
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County of Ingham)

Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that on July 2, 2019 A.D. she electronically notified the attached list of this **Commission Order via e-mail transmission**, to the persons as shown on the attached service list (Listserv Distribution List).


Brianna Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 2nd day of July 2019.



Angela P. Sanderson
Notary Public, Shiawassee County, Michigan
As acting in Eaton County
My Commission Expires: May 21, 2024

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