

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. MCL 460.9t(6).

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. MCL 460.9t(7). Utilities that do not opt out shall annually, by July 1, provide to the Commission the number of retail billing meters served by the utility in Michigan that are subject to the funding factor. MCL 460.9t(8). The Commission will thereafter determine the funding factor by July 31, after providing an opportunity to comment on a proposed factor.

Section 9t(6) of Act 95 provides "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." MCL 460.9t(6).

Based on the information filed this year, the Commission issued an order on July 9, 2020, proposing a funding factor of \$0.91 for September 2020 through August 2021, and providing for the filing of comments through July 16, 2020. The Commission did not receive any comments on the proposed funding factor.

Based upon the utilities' elections and meter count information, and taking into account the funding target of \$50,000,000, the Commission finds that the LIEAF funding factor shall be \$0.91 per meter per month for the September 2020 through August 2021 billing months. An electric utility, municipally owned electric utility, or cooperative electric utility that collects money under Act 95 shall remit that money to the State Treasurer for deposit in the fund on a monthly basis no

later than 30 days after the last day of each calendar month. MCL 460.9t(6). Utilities that have elected to participate and need further assistance on how to arrange for remittances to the LIEAF may contact Cheryl Rojas, MEAP Section, at rojasc@michigan.gov, or (517) 284-8225.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. The Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund funding factor is \$0.91 per meter per month for the September 2020 through August 2021 billing months. Utilities that have elected to participate shall begin collecting the nonbypassable surcharge in the September 2020 billing month. Utilities that have opted out of collection of the surcharge shall not shut off service to any residential customer from November 1, 2020, to April 15, 2021, for nonpayment of a delinquent account.

B. Utilities whose rates are regulated by the Commission and who opted to collect the surcharge shall, within 30 days of the date of this order, file a tariff sheet with the Commission reflecting the surcharge.

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

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so in the appropriate court within 30 days after issuance and notice of this order, under MCL 462.26. To comply with the Michigan Rules of Court's requirement to notify the Commission of an appeal, appellants shall send required notices to both the Commission's Executive Secretary and to the Commission's Legal Counsel.

Electronic notifications should be sent to the Executive Secretary at mpscedockets@michigan.gov and to the Michigan Department of the Attorney General - Public Service Division at pungp1@michigan.gov. In lieu of electronic submissions, paper copies of such notifications may be sent to the Executive Secretary and the Attorney General - Public Service Division at 7109 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Sally A. Talberg, Chairman

Daniel C. Scripps, Commissioner

Tremaine L. Phillips, Commissioner

By its action of July 23, 2020.

Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary

PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

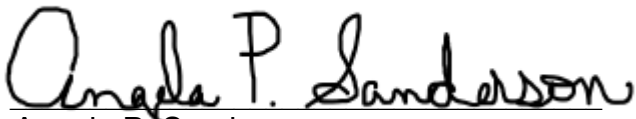
Case No. U-17377

County of Ingham)

Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that on July 23, 2020 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 23rd day of July 2020.



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

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