



Electric utilities, including 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 of the respective year for nonpayment of a delinquent account. MCL 460.9t(7). Further, the statute requires that the Commission, together with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, “ensure that all money collected for the fund from a geographic area is returned, to the extent possible, to that geographic area.” MCL 460.9t(5). Utilities that do not opt out annually by July 1 shall provide to the Commission the number of retail billing meters served by the utility in Michigan that are subject to the low-income energy assistance funding factor. MCL 460.9t(8). The Commission thereafter determines the funding factor by July 31, after providing an opportunity to comment on the proposed factor.

On May 23, 2024, the Commission issued an order reminding all affected utilities of the need to file the required information in this docket by 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time (ET)) on July 1, 2024.

The following utilities filed notices of their intent to participate in the Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund and their respective meter counts:

- Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association;
- Alpena Power Company;
- Village of Baraga;
- Bay City Electric Light and Power;
- Consumers Energy Company;
- Croswell Light and Power Department;
- City of Crystal Falls;
- City of Dowagiac;

- DTE Electric Company;
- City of Gladstone;
- Great Lakes Energy Cooperative;
- City of Hart Hydro;
- Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities;
- HomeWorks Tri-County Electric Cooperative;
- Indiana Michigan Power Company;
- Lansing Board of Water and Light;
- City of Marshall Electric Department;
- Midwest Energy and Communications;
- Negaunee Department of Public Works;
- Newberry Water and Light Board;
- Niles Utilities Department;
- Northern States Power Company;
- City of Norway;
- City of Petoskey;
- Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op;
- City of St. Louis;
- Thumb Electric Cooperative;
- Union City Electric Department; and
- Upper Peninsula Power Company.

The following utilities filed notices of their intent to opt out:

- Bayfield Electric Cooperative;

- City of Charlevoix;
- Chelsea Department of Electric and Water;
- Cherryland Electric Cooperative;
- Village of Clinton;
- Cloverland Electric Cooperative;
- Coldwater Board of Public Utilities;
- Daggett Electric Department;
- City of Eaton Rapids;
- City of Escanaba;
- Grand Haven Board of Light and Power;
- City of Harbor Springs;
- Holland Board of Public Works;
- Village of L'Anse;
- Lowell Light and Power;
- Marquette Board of Light and Power;
- Ontonagon County Rural Electrification Association;
- Village of Paw Paw;
- City of Portland;
- City of Sebewaing;
- City of South Haven;
- City of Stephenson;
- City of Sturgis;
- Traverse City Light and Power;

- Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation;
- City of Wakefield;
- Wyandotte Department of Municipal Service; and
- Zeeland Board of Public Works.

The Commission reminds those utilities choosing to opt-out of contributing to the Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund that they shall not shut off service to any residential customer from November 1, 2024 to April 15, 2025, for non-payment of a delinquent account.

MCL 460.9t(7). The Commission further cautions those utilities choosing to opt-out that they may be jeopardizing the ability of their customers to access programs that provide assistance for both electric and home heating bills, given the statutory requirement that funds collected from a geographic area are returned, to the extent possible, to that geographic area. MCL 460.9t(5).

Section 9t(6) of Act 95 provides that:

[t]he 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 Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs that the amount remaining in the fund from the prior fiscal year is \$282,889.

MCL 460.9t(4). Thus, in reliance on the information that has been filed in this docket, the Commission calculates a funding factor of \$0.87 per meter per month for the coming fiscal year and invites comment on that factor.

Any person may submit written and electronic comments regarding the proposed funding factor. The comments should be paginated and reference Case No. U-17377 and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. (ET) on July 15, 2024. 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: [LARA-MPSC-Edockets@michigan.gov](mailto:LARA-MPSC-Edockets@michigan.gov). If any person requires assistance prior to filing, they may contact the Commission Staff at (517) 284-8090 or by e-mail at [LARA-MPSC-Edockets@michigan.gov](mailto:LARA-MPSC-Edockets@michigan.gov). All information submitted to the Commission in this matter will become public information available on the Commission's E-dockets website (either under the Filings or Case Comments section) and will be 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 \$0.87 per meter per month. To be considered, all comments must be received at the Commission no later than 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time) on July 15, 2024, and should be paginated and reference Case No. U-17377.

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, pursuant to 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 [LARA-MPSC-Edockets@michigan.gov](mailto:LARA-MPSC-Edockets@michigan.gov) and to the Michigan Department of Attorney General - Public Service Division at [hugheys@michigan.gov](mailto:hugheys@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.

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By its action of July 2, 2024.

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Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary


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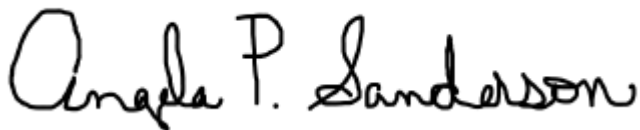
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County of Ingham )

Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that on July 2, 2024 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2024.



Angela P. Sanderson  
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