

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of	)	
<b>CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY</b>	)	
for accounting and rate making approval of	)	Case No. U-21783
depreciation practices for electric and common	)	
utility plant.	)	
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At the November 7, 2024 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,  
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Daniel C. Scripps, Chair  
Hon. Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner

**ORDER**

On December 9, 2021, the Commission issued a final order approving a settlement agreement in Case No. U-20849 (December 9 order), which, among other things, revised Consumers Energy Company’s (Consumers’) depreciation rates “effective concurrent with the implementation of new electric rates in Consumer[s] Energy Company’s pending general rate case, Case No. U-20963.” December 9 order, p. 3. The December 9 order also directed Consumers to “file a new [electric and common utility plant] depreciation case by December 31, 2024, to present its then-current retirement and decommissioning plans for its hydroelectric plants.” December 9 order, Exhibit A, p. 3. At the time of the December 9 order, Consumers was expected to fully resolve the question of whether it should continue operating its hydroelectric plants or dispose of the plants by December 31, 2024. *Id.*

On August 28, 2024, in the instant case, Consumers filed a motion to extend the time for filing its next electric and common utility plant depreciation case for one year (motion). Consumers represents that it is still in the process of developing a relicensing, retirement, and decommissioning analysis of the hydroelectric plants. Motion, p. 2. While the hydroelectric plants are licensed through 2034, Consumers has issued a request for proposals (RFP) to help it determine the feasibility of selling the hydroelectric plants. *Id.*, pp. 2-3. Consumers also has an electric rate case, Case No. U-21585, currently pending before the Commission, which includes information on Consumers' relicensing, retirement, and decommissioning analyses as part of the filing. *Id.*, p. 3. Consumers expects an order from the Commission in Case No. U-21585 by April 1, 2025, and intends to incorporate any requirements provided in Case No. U-21585 in its electric and common utility plant depreciation case filing. *Id.* Consumers represents that time and resources would be saved by deferring the electric and common utility plant depreciation case filing until after Consumers has received an order from the Commission in Case No. U-21585 and results from the RFP. *Id.*, pp. 3-4.

Consumers states that it consulted with all of the parties to the settlement agreement in Case No. U-20849 and states that the parties had no objection to Consumers filing a motion requesting an extension of time to file the electric and common utility plant depreciation case. Motion, p. 4. Consumers served a copy of its motion on all of the parties to Case No. U-20849, and none of the parties submitted a response opposing Consumers' motion.

The Commission finds that Consumers' request to extend the filing date for its next electric and common utility plant depreciation case is reasonable and should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Consumers Energy Company's motion for an extension of time to file its next electric and common utility plant depreciation case is granted.

B. Consumers Energy Company shall file its next electric and common utility plant depreciation case on or before December 31, 2025.

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 [sheacl@michigan.gov](mailto:sheacl@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

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Daniel C. Scripps, Chair

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Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner

By its action of November 7, 2024.

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Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary


# PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN )

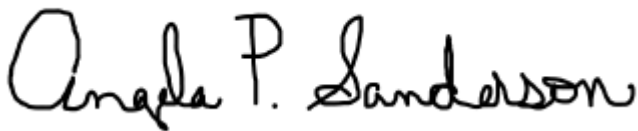
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County of Ingham )

Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that on November 7, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.



Angela P. Sanderson  
Notary Public, Shiawassee County, Michigan  
As acting in Eaton County  
My Commission Expires: May 21, 2030

**Service List for Case: U-21783**

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