

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter, on the Commission’s own motion,	)	
to open a docket for certain regulated electric	)	
utilities to file transportation electrification plans	)	Case No. U-21538
and for other related matters.	)	
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At the July 10, 2025 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

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

ORDER

On January 23, 2025, the Commission directed the Commission Staff (Staff) to file the Michigan Transportation Electrification Plan (TEP) Filing Requirements (Filing Requirements) in Case No. U-21492 (January 23 order). The order referenced the October 12, 2023 order (October 12 order) in the same docket, in which the Commission noted that ““new issues, concerns, and opportunities . . . have arisen regarding EVs [electric vehicles]’ in the five years since the Commission hosted technical conferences pursuant to the findings in Case No U-18368.” January 23 order, p. 1 (quoting October 12 order, p. 3) (alteration in January 23 order). The January 23 order also acknowledged that on July 2, 2024, the Staff filed proposed TEP Filing Requirements in Case No. U-21492.

Subsequently, on January 24, 2025, the Staff filed amended TEP Filing Requirements in Case No. U-21492, which stated, in relevant part, that:

[a]n electric utility with fewer than 100,000 customers may request a TEP waiver. Any request for a waiver shall include a discussion and justification outlining why the waiver is warranted, whether the company has a planning process in place that projects transportation electrification impacts within its service territory – even if the plan is not aligned with these TEP requirements, and how the waiver results in the best interest of its customers.

Case No. U-21392, filing #U-21492-0020, p. 2. The amended TEP Filing Requirements stated that an electric utility must file its initial TEP by July 1, 2025. The amended TEP Filing Requirements also stated that “[annual r]eports must be filed in Case No. U-21538 by June 1 of each year following the electric utility’s initial TEP. An electric utility with fewer than 100,000 customers may seek a waiver from this requirement.” *Id.*, p. 6. Furthermore, the amended TEP Filing Requirements stated that the annual progress reports were to replace the current EV Annual Progress Reports filed in various dockets. *Id.*

Three electric utility companies have filed timely applications for TEP waivers as outlined below.

Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation

Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation (UMERC) filed for *ex parte* approval of a temporary waiver of the requirement (UMERC application) to file a TEP on March 28, 2025. No responses to UMER’s temporary waiver request have been received.

UMERC provides electricity to approximately 37,000 customers, which is below the 100,000-customer waiver threshold. Additionally, on October 10, 2024, in UMER’s last electric rate case, Case No. U-21541, the Commission approved a settlement agreement (October 10 order) which directed UMER to propose an EV program and related tariff language in its next rate case. October 10 order, p. 6. According to the company’s waiver request, UMER is currently developing its EV plan. UMER application, p. 3.

The Staff supports UMERC's temporary waiver request for two reasons. First, UMERC has fewer than 100,000 customers. Second, UMERC is actively working on developing an EV program and related tariff language that it will include in its next electric rate case, thus, per the Staff, filing a TEP at this time would be premature and unnecessary.

Northern States Power Company

Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation (NSP-W), filed for *ex parte* approval of a temporary waiver of the requirement (NSP-W application) to file a TEP on April 10, 2025. No responses to NSP-W's temporary waiver request have been received.

NSP-W provides electricity to approximately 9,000 customers, which is below the 100,000-customer waiver threshold. Additionally, according to the company, NSP-W serves fewer than 25 EV customers in Michigan. NSP-W application, p. 2. NSP-W alleges that Michigan's Upper Peninsula is expected to lag compared to the broader EV market, thus, NSP-W is requesting a waiver from future TEPs until the EV adoption rate among its customer base exceeds five percent of its total Michigan retail electric customers. *Id.*, p. 3.

The Staff supports NSP-W's temporary waiver request for a 2025 TEP waiver. However, the Staff does not support granting an indefinite waiver until NSP-W exceeds a five percent EV adoption threshold. The amended TEP Filing Requirements state that an electric utility must file a TEP every two years beginning in 2025. *See*, Case No. U-21492, filing #U-21492-0020, p. 2. The Staff acknowledges that transportation electrification is a rapidly evolving policy space and thus, NSP-W can file another temporary TEP waiver request in 2027, if needed, as doing so would not be unduly burdensome.

Alpena Power Company

Alpena Power Company (Alpena) filed for *ex parte* approval of a temporary waiver of the requirement (Alpena application) to file a TEP on June 5, 2025. No responses to Alpena's temporary waiver request have been received.

Alpena provides electricity to approximately 16,500 total residential, commercial, and industrial customers, which is below the 100,000-customer waiver threshold. Additionally, in 2022, the Commission approved Alpena's Electric Vehicle Charging Pilot Program (Alpena's Pilot Program). Alpena's Pilot Program is scheduled to run until December 31, 2028; however, to date, only five customers have enrolled, according to the company. Alpena application, p. 3. Alpena is requesting a waiver from submitting both the TEP and the EV annual progress report in this instant docket due to its low customer participation.

The Staff supports Alpena's temporary waiver request for several reasons. First, Alpena has fewer than 100,000 customers. Second, Alpena is actively exploring EV issues in its footprint. Third, because Alpena has such low EV program participation, filing both a TEP and EV annual progress report is not currently considered a reasonable use of Alpena's resources.

The Commission has reviewed the temporary waiver requests above and agrees with the Staff that the temporary waiver requests are reasonable and prudent for the reasons listed above. Additionally, the Commission further finds that *ex parte* approval is appropriate pursuant to MCL 460.6a(3) because the temporary waivers will not affect rates or rate schedules that would result in an increase in the cost of service to customers.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation's request for a waiver from filing its Transportation Electrification Plan is granted. Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation

shall file its Transportation Electrification Plan in its next electric rate case, or on or before July 1, 2027, whichever is earlier.

B. Northern States Power Company's request for a waiver from filing its Transportation Electrification Plan is granted. Northern States Power Company shall file its Transportation Electrification Plan on or before July 1, 2027.

C. Alpena Power Company's request for a waiver from filing its Transportation Electrification Plan is granted. Alpena Power Company shall file its Transportation Electrification Plan on or before July 1, 2027.

D. Any additional Transportation Electrification Plan waivers in this matter shall be filed by May 1, 2027.

E. Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation, Northern States Power Company, and Alpena Power Company are not required to file an Electric Vehicle Annual Progress Report during the waiver period.

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 and to the Michigan Department of Attorney General - Public Service Division at 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

Daniel C. Scripps, Chair

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By its action of July 10, 2025.

Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary

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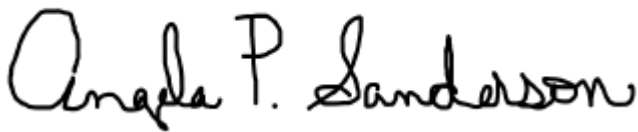
Case No. U-21538

County of Ingham)

Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that on July 10, 2025 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 10th day of July 2025.



Angela P. Sanderson
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As acting in Eaton County
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