

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of	)	
UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES	)	
CORPORATION for approval of a distribution	)	Case No. U-21976
system plan.	)	
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At the December 5, 2025 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

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

ORDER

On September 29, 2025, Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation (UMERC) filed an *ex parte* request in the instant case for a waiver of the Hosting Capacity Analysis requirement as part of the company's upcoming distribution system plan (DSP) filing due no later than January 30, 2026, per the July 10, 2025 order in Case No. U-20147 (July 10 order).

In its request, UMEREC states that it currently does not have internally developed hosting capacity maps and contends that creating and testing such maps for public release would require significant development with estimated costs of \$100,000-\$200,000. UMEREC further states that it analyzes feeder impacts on a one-off basis when it receives a request from a potential generation customer, which does not occur frequently, and expresses that the company is presently focused on supporting its current distributed energy resource (DER) connection pre-application and application resources. UMEREC further represents that its waiver request is in the best interests of

its customers, as the company is able to provide site specific information to potential and current customers upon request, the infrequency of DER applications does not create significant value to justify the company having hosting capacity maps, and there is a minor risk to publicly providing distribution system details on the internet. It also asserts this request will not result in an alteration or amendment in the company's current rates or rate schedules used to serve customers. Against this background, and in accordance with recognition and direction from the Commission in the July 10 order, UMEREC thus seeks to have Item IV.i. Hosting Capacity Analysis in the DSP filing guidelines waived for purposes of its upcoming DSP filing. Request, pp. 2-3 (citing July 10 order, pp. 31-32, and July 10 order, Exhibit A, p. 9).

The Commission Staff (Staff) has reviewed UMEREC's request and supports the same for purposes of the company's upcoming DSP filing. The Staff, however, makes clear that it does not support an indefinite waiver and encourages UMEREC to develop hosting capacity maps after its January 2026 plan filing.

The Commission has reviewed the request and finds good cause to grant UMEREC's request. The Commission finds that UMEREC timely submitted its request, describing which requirements it seeks to have waived and justifying why the company's requested waiver is warranted and in the best interests of the company's customers, notably the current lack of requested DER connection applications within UMEREC's service territory compared to the estimated costs of developing hosting capacity maps for the utility in time for the company's upcoming DSP filing. *See*, request, p. 3; *see also*, July 10 order, pp. 31-32. The Commission further finds that UMEREC's request will not affect the company's rates or rate schedules and will not result in an increase in the cost of service to its customers and therefore may be authorized and approved without notice or hearing. *See*, MCL 460.6a(3). The Commission, however, emphasizes that the authority provided in this

order is limited to UMEREC's upcoming DSP filing only, and the Commission encourages UMEREC to develop initial hosting capacity maps thereafter.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation's *ex parte* request for a waiver of the Hosting Capacity Analysis requirement as part of the company's upcoming distribution system plan filing due no later than January 30, 2026, is granted.

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

Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner

Shaquila Myers, Commissioner

By its action of December 5, 2025.

Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary

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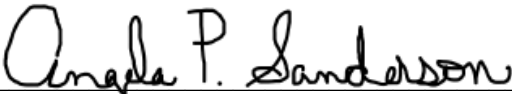
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County of Ingham)

Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that December 5, 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 5th day of December 2025.


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

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