

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter, on the Commission’s own motion,)
regarding the regulatory reviews, determinations,)
and/or approvals necessary for **BAYFIELD**)
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., to fully comply)
with Public Act 295 of 2008.)
_____)

Case No. U-15814

At the March 12, 2026 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 February 27, 2024, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed into law Public Act 235 of 2023 (Act 235), which amended Public Act 295 of 2008 (Act 295). Section 22 of Act 295, as amended by Act 235, MCL 460.1022, requires electric providers to submit an annual renewable energy plan (REP) that demonstrates how the provider will meet the renewable portfolio standards (RPS) set forth in Section 28 of Act 295, as amended. The RPS enacted by Act 235 requires electric providers to achieve a renewable energy credit (REC) portfolio of 15% through 2029, 50% from 2030 through 2034, and 60% in 2035 and each year thereafter. For member-regulated cooperatives, municipally owned utilities, and alternative electric suppliers (AESs), the Commission is required to provide an opportunity for public comment on the electric provider’s amended REP.

By February 27, 2025, all member-regulated cooperatives, municipally owned utilities, and AESs, with the exception of Bayfield Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Bayfield), had filed with the Commission their amended REPs pursuant to Section 22 of Act 235. In Case No. U-15814, Bayfield did not file an amended REP by the February 27, 2025 deadline.

The Commission Staff (Staff) issued a Notice of Non-Compliance with Act 235 to Bayfield on May 20, 2025. On July 15, 2025, the Staff filed a comment in this case (Staff's Bayfield Comment) describing Bayfield's progress toward complying with the requirements of Section 22. In its comment, the Staff explained that upon receiving the Notice of Non-Compliance from the Staff, which included an invitation to meet and discuss potential options, a representative from Bayfield met with the Staff on June 18, 2025. At this meeting, Bayfield informed the Staff of its desire to bring Bayfield into compliance, detailed a set of extenuating circumstances that impeded Bayfield's timely compliance, and explained that there are renewable resources available to Bayfield that should be sufficient to meet the RPS requirements of Act 235. The Staff and Bayfield's representative determined that the cooperative should seek new legal representation and file the required amended REP application. Both the Staff and Bayfield agreed that an appropriate deadline for further action by Bayfield in this matter would be July 18, 2025. The Staff received an inquiry with clarifying questions from Bayfield as recently on July 1, 2025, indicating Bayfield's effort to meet the filing requirement.

In its comment filed on July 15, 2025 (July 15 comment), the Staff expressed confidence that Bayfield would meet the filing requirements and be able to demonstrate compliance with Act 235 and recommended that the Commission delay further action until the Staff could evaluate the amended REP application by the July 18, 2025 deadline. *See*, July 15 comment, Case No. U-15814, filing #U-15814-0019, p. 1 (applying natural pagination).

On November 12, 2025, Bayfield filed an application in Case No. U-15814 (November 12 application), pursuant to Section 22 of Act 295, as amended by Act 235, seeking approval of its amended REP.¹ The Staff reviewed the November 12 application and filed a comment on November 18, 2025 (Staff's November 18 comment), in which the Staff found that Bayfield had met the minimum filing requirements for an amended REP and will have sufficient RECs to achieve compliance with the RPS requirement in Act 235 in each year of the plan period. Staff's November 18 comment, p. 1 (applying natural pagination). On December 1, 2025, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to Comment on Bayfield's November 12, 2025 amended REP. No comments were received.

The Commission finds that Bayfield has filed an amended REP that is compliant with the RPS requirements of Act 295, as amended.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Bayfield Electric Cooperative, Inc. has filed an amended renewable energy plan that complies with Public Act 295 of 2008, as amended.

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

¹ On the same day, Bayfield also filed an amended Attachment A to its November 12 application. *See*, filing #U-15814-0020.

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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Shaquila Myers, Commissioner

By its action of March 12, 2026.

Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary

PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

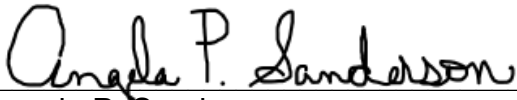
Case No. U-15814

County of Ingham)

Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that on March 12, 2026 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 12th day of March 2026.



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

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