

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 <i>ex parte</i> accounting authority	)	Case No. U-22035
to defer expenses associated with Renegade Solar	)	
facilities.	)	
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At the April 17, 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 January 27, 2026, Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation (UMERC) filed an application in this case requesting *ex parte* approval to use deferred accounting for incremental costs associated with the Renegade Solar project that will not be recovered through its power supply cost recovery (PSCR) mechanism. On February 17, 2026, Tilden Mining Company L.C. filed comments on the application, and on March 6, 2026, the company filed an amended application (amended application).

In the amended application, UMERC explains that in its last integrated resource plan case (Case No. U-21081) the Commission approved a settlement agreement, including the “construction of a 100 MW [megawatt] solar generation facility within UMERC’s service territory as part of UMERC’s Proposed Course of Action (‘PCA’).” Amended application, p. 2. UMERC

further describes that it filed an amended renewable energy plan (AREP) in Case No. U-21813, noting that the company planned:

to rely on Renegade Solar, and advised that Renegade Solar serves a critical role in meeting the Company's Renewable Portfolio Standards ("RPS") as established in 2023 PA 235 ("Act 235"), MCL 460.1001 *et seq.* Additionally, pursuant to MCL 460.1045, UMEREC sought to recover the incremental cost of compliance to implement its AREP via a renewable energy surcharge mechanism.

Amended application, p. 2. In that regard, UMEREC indicates that, pursuant to the December 18, 2025 order in Case No. U-21813, the amended application "seeks deferred accounting for the incremental costs associated with Renegade Solar that will not be otherwise recovered through the Company's PSCR mechanism starting with its 2026 PSCR plan (a/k/a the incremental costs) as reflected in Case No. U-21881." Amended application, p. 3.

The Commission has reviewed the amended application and comments in this case and finds that UMEREC's request is reasonable and should be approved. More specifically, the Commission authorizes UMEREC to utilize deferred accounting treatment for all costs associated with owning and operating the Renegade Solar Facility, and not just incremental costs, until such costs are reviewed and approved for recovery by the Commission. The Commission further emphasizes that this approval is for accounting purposes only. The recovery of costs will be reviewed in a future contested proceeding for reasonableness and prudence. The Commission's accounting authority approval in this case does not reduce the evidentiary burden the company must meet before it may recover these costs in a future contested proceeding. Furthermore, the Commission finds that *ex parte* review and approval are appropriate because approval of the company's accounting request will not affect rates or rate schedules resulting in an increase in the cost of service. *See*, MCL 460.6a(3).

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation's March 6, 2026 amended application and accounting treatment request is approved, consistent with this order.

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 sheac1@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 April 17, 2026.

Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary

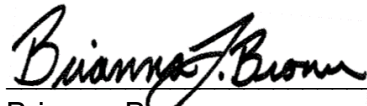
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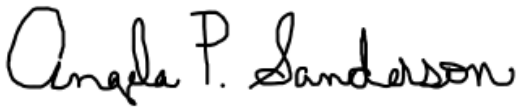
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County of Ingham)

Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that on April 17, 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 17th day of April 2026.



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

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