

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of	)	
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY	)	
for a certificate of public convenience and	)	Case No. U-21992
necessity to construct and operate the	)	
R-510 and R-511 Well Lines.	)	
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At the April 30, 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 November 12, 2025, Consumers Energy Company (Consumers) filed an application in this case, with supporting exhibits, pursuant to Public Act 9 of 1929 (Act 9), MCL 483.101 *et seq.*, requesting that the Commission grant *ex parte* approval of the construction and operation of new pipelines (the R-510 and R-511 Well Lines) to connect new R-510 and R-511 wells, respectively, to the designated tie-in location on the East Ray mainline. Attached to the application are a map showing the proposed route of the pipelines; engineering specifications addressing the construction, testing, and operation of the pipelines; a cost estimate for the pipelines; and an environmental impact report.

In its application, Consumers states that the new R-510 and R-511 wells will be installed in the Ray Storage Field to offset the natural decline of the reservoir and to add incremental

deliverability to the field and that the new wells will allow the company to consider multiple rehabilitation options on existing wells and ensure that the required storage capacity and delivery rates for the field are met while minimizing cost and potential risk. Per Consumers, to transport natural gas from the R-510 and R-511 wells to existing transmission facilities, the company proposes to construct the approximate 300-foot R-510 Well Line and the approximate 290-foot R-511 Well Line in Section 1, T4N, R13E, Ray Township, Macomb County, Michigan.

Application, p. 2.

Consumers states that the proposed pipelines will be designed to qualify for a maximum allowable operating pressure of 1,800 pounds per square inch gauge and will be constructed in accordance with the Michigan Gas Safety Standards and applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Consumers further states that the entirety of the proposed pipelines will be located on property that the company currently owns and that it is thus not necessary to secure any additional rights-of-way (ROWs) in constructing the proposed pipelines. Consumers states that it will, however, obtain all permits necessary for the construction and operation of the pipelines; estimates the cost of the project to be approximately \$1,223,768, recovery of which will be addressed in a natural gas general rate case; and anticipates completion of the proposed pipelines in 2026. *Id.*, pp. 2-4.

The Commission has reviewed the application and exhibits, including the environmental impact report, and finds that the map, route, and type of construction are reasonable and should be approved, subject to such minor changes in location as Consumers may find necessary upon actual construction. The Commission finds that the proposed pipelines, when constructed and in operation, will serve the convenience and necessity of the public.

The Commission finds that although there will be minor impairment to the environment if the pipelines are constructed as proposed, there is no other feasible and prudent alternative to this impairment. According to the environmental impact report, attached to the application as Exhibit D, Consumers' construction methods, environmental procedures, and mitigation measures are intended to meet or exceed applicable federal, state, and local environmental protection and erosion control specifications and practices. Further, Consumers will obtain all environmental permits and approvals required to complete the project from the appropriate governing agency; construction will not impact any streams, wetlands, floodplains, or listed protected species or habitats; the company will implement a soil erosion and sedimentation control plan to avoid and minimize impacts to soils and protect adjacent properties; practices during construction and operation of the proposed project will avoid and minimize any potential impacts to sensitive resources; and the company will follow its unanticipated discoveries plan to ensure any cultural resources identified during construction are protected.

Having reviewed the application and environmental impact report, the Commission concludes that, given the proposed route, construction methods, and mitigation steps Consumers has agreed to employ to minimize adverse environmental impacts, any environmental impairment caused by the proposed pipelines is *de minimis* and "consistent with the promotion of the public health, safety and welfare in light of the state's paramount concern for the protection of its natural resources from pollution, impairment or destruction." *Mich State Hwy Comm v Vanderkloot*, 392 Mich 159, 185; 220 NW2d 416 (1974) (quoting MCL 691.1203, which has been replaced by MCL 324.1703).

The Commission finds that the filed application and exhibits support the required agency review and environmental obligations of the Commission that arise from Michigan's

Environmental Protection Act, MCL 324.1701 *et seq.* The Commission notes, however, that a finding of public convenience and necessity pursuant to Act 9 does not determine that the proposed project complies with any other applicable statutes or environmental reviews.

The Commission finds that *ex parte* approval of the application is appropriate because the application does not seek to increase rates and does not require the acquisition of any new ROWs. As noted in the company's application, recovery of costs for this project will be addressed in a natural gas general rate case. Application, p. 4. The Commission further notes that, consistent with the Commission's Tribal Involvement Guide, the Commission's Tribal Liaison sent an application overview, and invitation for informal consultation, to all of Michigan's Native American Tribes and that no Michigan Tribe requested consultation regarding this application.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Consumers Energy Company is authorized to construct and operate the R-510 and R-511 Well Lines as proposed in its application, subject to the requirements of Public Act 9 of 1929, MCL 483.101 *et seq.*

B. The map, route, and type of construction of the R-510 and R-511 Well Lines are approved, allowing for minor route deviations where necessary; however, Consumers Energy Company shall not begin construction until all necessary permits have been acquired.

C. Within 60 days after completion of construction, Consumers Energy Company shall electronically file to the docket a completion report including pressure test data and a map of the pipelines as constructed.

D. If Consumers Energy Company provides transportation for others, it shall file with the Commission signed transportation contracts and shall provide transportation in a nondiscriminatory manner.

E. Upon abandonment or deactivation, the pipelines shall be abandoned in accordance with the Michigan Gas Safety Standards, MCL 483.151 *et seq.*

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 30, 2026.

Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary

PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

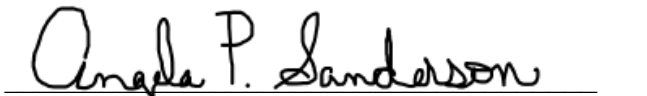
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County of Ingham)

Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that on April 30, 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 30th day of April 2026.


Angela P. Sanderson
Notary Public, Shiawassee County, Michigan
As acting in Eaton County
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