

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC  
SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES ON FEBRUARY 21, 2019

Commission Chairman Sally A. Talberg called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.  
Executive Secretary Kavita Kale called the roll and declared there was a quorum.

**PRESENT**

Commission: Sally A. Talberg, Chairman (telephonic participant)  
Norman J. Saari, Commissioner

Staff: Barbara Kunkel  
Nick Assendelft  
Kavita Kale  
Lisa Felice  
Jeff Quirante  
Al Freeman  
Jill Rusnak  
Katie Trachsel  
Ryan Wilson  
Staci Sova  
Brianna Brown  
Josh Towslee  
Matt Donahue  
Anna Stirling

Public: Valerie Brader, Rivenoak Consulting  
Kwafo Adarkwa, ITC  
Suzy Westmoreland, MEGA  
Chris Holsbeke  
Mike Slanec  
Bob Grucz  
Chris Holsbeke II  
Frank Viviano  
Candace Gonzales, Consumers Energy

I. Chairman Talberg moved to approve today's agenda, Commissioner Saari seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari  
Nays – None

The agenda was approved.

- II.** Chairman Talberg moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of February 7, 2019, Commissioner Saari seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari  
Nays – None

The minutes were approved.

**III. CONSENTED ORDERS**

**A. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. U-17861 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MIDWEST ENERGY COOPERATIVE d/b/a MIDWEST CONNECTIONS FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN  
(final order)
2. U-20306 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF THE JAQUES ADMIRALTY LAW FIRM, P.C. AGAINST AT&T CORP.  
(final order)
3. U-20329 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CRYSTAL AUTOMATION SYSTEMS, INC. d/b/a CASAIR, INC., FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER PURSUANT TO SECTION 214(e)(2) OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED  
(final order)
4. U-20334 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE d/b/a HOMEWORKS CONNECT, FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN  
(final order)
5. U-20337 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MIDWEST ENERGY COOPERATIVE d/b/a MIDWEST ENERGY & COMMUNICATIONS, FOR EXPANSION OF ITS LICENSE TO PROVIDE BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE IN DESIGNATED EXCHANGES  
(final order)
6. U-20355 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF STRAIN ELECTRIC CO. AGAINST WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

BROADVIEW NETWORKS HOLDINGS, INC.  
(final order)

7. U-20433 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF SUSAN WABEKE  
AGAINST WOW! INTERNET, CABLE AND PHONE  
(final order)
8. U-20456 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR COMMISSION  
APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
AT&T MICHIGAN AND MCC TELEPHONY OF THE MIDWEST,  
LLC  
(application)
- U-20462 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR COMMISSION  
APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
CENTURYTEL MIDWEST-MICHIGAN, INC. d/b/a CENTURYLINK,  
CENTURYTEL OF MICHIGAN, INC. d/b/a CENTURYLINK,  
CENTURYTEL OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN, INC. d/b/a  
CENTURYLINK, CENTURYTEL OF UPPER MICHIGAN, INC. d/b/a  
CENTURYLINK AND ONVOY, LLC  
(application and first amendment)

**B. ELECTRIC**

1. U-20272 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF WAGDY EL-  
DESSOUKY AGAINST DTE ENERGY COMPANY  
(final order)

Chairman Talberg moved that the Commission approve all the  
orders on the consent agenda. Commissioner Saari seconded  
that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari  
Nays – None

The orders were adopted.

**IV. OTHER ORDERS**

**A. ELECTRIC**

1. U-17497 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO  
PROPOSE FORMS AND PROCEDURES FOR USE UNDER PUBLIC

ACT 174 OF 2013, KNOWN AS THE MISS DIG UNDERGROUND  
FACILITY DAMAGE AND SAFETY ACT  
(public comments/interim order)

Commission Staff Jeff Quirante, Energy Operations Division, presented a brief synopsis of the case listed above. Chairman Talberg moved that the Commission approve the order at its February 21, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Saari seconded that motion.

Chairman Talberg acknowledged staff efforts on their continuous improvement activities.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. U-18091 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION,  
ESTABLISHING THE METHOD AND AVOIDED COST  
CALCULATION FOR DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY TO FULLY  
COMPLY WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATORY POLICIES  
ACT OF 1978, 16 USC 2601 *ET SEQ.*  
(applications for leave to appeal)

Case No. U-18091 involves applications for leave to appeal filed by Cypress Creek Renewables, LLC, Geronimo Energy, and sPower Development Company LLC. The order before you grants the applications for leave to appeal, and grants the requested relief. Chairman Talberg moved that the Commission approve the order at its February 21, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Saari seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

3. U-18352 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION,  
REGARDING THE REGULATORY REVIEWS, REVISIONS,  
DETERMINATION, AND/OR APPROVALS NECESSARY FOR DTE  
ELECTRIC COMPANY TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 61 OF 2016  
PA 342  
(final order)

Commission Staff Katie Trachsel, Energy Resources Division, presented a brief synopsis of the case listed above. Chairman Talberg moved that the Commission approve the order at its February 21, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Saari seconded that motion.

Chairman Talberg thanked staff for their work on implementing programs pursuant to the laws passed in 2016.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

4. MINUTE ACTION IN THE MATTER OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY HOSTING AN INITIAL STAKEHOLDER MEETING REGARDING POWERMIDRIVE PILOT PROGRAM (U-20134)

Adopt and issue minute dated February 21, 2019, confirming the Commission’s approval of Consumers Energy Company hosting an initial stakeholder meeting regarding its PowerMIDrive pilot program, at the Commission’s offices at 7109 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing, Michigan, in May of 2019. The meeting will be open to the public and take place in the Lake Michigan hearing room. Al Freeman is the Commission contact for the meeting and may be reached at [freemana5@michigan.gov](mailto:freemana5@michigan.gov) with any questions. Media outreach for this event is expected. Chairman Talberg moved that the Commission approve the minute at its February 21, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Saari seconded that motion.

Commissioner Saari expressed his excitement on the progress being made in the electric vehicle pilot efforts.

Chairman Talberg thanked staff, stakeholders, and Commissioner Saari for their work in this effort.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari  
Nays – None

The minute was adopted.

## **B. GAS**

1. U-18010 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO GAS TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO 1929 PA 9, AS AMENDED  
(notice of withdrawal of application)

Case No. U-18010 involves an amended application by Consumers Energy Company requesting approval of amendments to firm and interruptible gas transportation contracts between the company and Midland Cogeneration Venture Limited Partnership. The order before you grants Consumers Energy Company's petition for rehearing for clarification purposes; withdraws the company's October 22, 2018 notice of withdrawal of application, per its conditional acceptance; and schedules a prehearing conference for the establishment of an appropriate schedule for the remainder of the proceedings in this case. Chairman Talberg moved that the Commission approve the order at its February 21, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Saari seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chris Holsbeke of Lenox, Mike Slanec of Ray, Chris Holsbeke II of Lenox, Robert Grucz of Lenox, and Frank Viviano of Macomb, raised safety concerns regarding the proposed construction of the new natural gas compressor by Blue Water Gas Storage near their property/homes.

A recording of the proceedings of the February 21, 2019 meeting is archived at:  
[http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/0,4639,7-159-16400\\_46656---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/0,4639,7-159-16400_46656---,00.html) .

Chairman Talberg announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on March 7, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Chairman Talberg moved that the Commission adjourn, Commissioner Saari seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Saari  
Nays – None

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

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Kavita Kale  
Executive Secretary