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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS VIDEO CONFERENCING ON JUNE 30, 2020

Commission Chairman Sally A. Talberg called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
Executive Secretary Lisa Felice called the roll and declared there was a quorum.

PRESENT

Commission: Sally A. Talberg, Chairman
Daniel C. Scripps, Commissioner
Tremaine L. Phillips, Commissioner

Staff: Caitlin Mucci
Lisa Felice

Additional Staff & Public Attending Telephonically/Video Conferencing: 294 Participants

Chairman Talberg outlined the process of conducting a Commission Meeting via Microsoft Teams Video Conferencing.

- I.** Commissioner Scripps moved to approve today's amended agenda, Commissioner Phillips seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Scripps, Phillips
Nays – None

The amended agenda was approved.

- II.** Commissioner Scripps moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of June 10, 2020, Commissioner Phillips seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Scripps, Phillips
Nays – None

The minutes were approved.

III. CONSENTED ORDERS

A. ELECTRIC

1. U-20314 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION, TO CONSIDER CHANGES IN THE RATES OF ALL THE MICHIGAN RATE-REGULATED ELECTRIC, STEAM AND NATURAL GAS UTILITIES TO REFLECT THE EFFECTS OF THE FEDERAL TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT OF 2017: UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION FILES AN APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF CALCULATION C AS DESCRIBED IN ORDERS U-18494 AND U-20110
(proposed amended settlement agreement)

Commissioner Scripps moved that the Commission approve the order on the consent agenda. Commissioner Phillips seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Scripps, Phillips
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

IV. OTHER ORDERS

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. U-20845 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION, DIRECTING CYNERGYCOMM.NET, INC. TO SHOW CAUSE WHY IT SHOULD NOT BE FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF 1991 PA 179, MICHIGAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT
(show cause/interim order)

Case No. U-20845 involves a matter, on the Commission’s own motion, initiating an action to require CynergyComm.net, Inc., to show cause why it should not be found in violation of the Michigan Telecommunications Act. The order before you directs CynergyComm.net, Inc., to appear at a prehearing conference before an administrative law judge and to prefile testimony and evidence. Commissioner Scripps moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 30, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Phillips seconded that motion.

Chairman Talberg acknowledged the hard work and efforts by staff.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Scripps, Phillips
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

B. GAS

1. U-20763 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE AUTHORITY TO REPLACE AND RELOCATE THE SEGMENT OF LINE 5 CROSSING THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC INTO A TUNNEL BENEATH THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC, IF APPROVAL IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO 1929 PA 16; MCL 483.1 *ET SEQ.* AND RULE 447 OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE, R 792.10447, OR THE GRANT OF OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF
(request for declaratory ruling)

Commission Staff Alissa Day, Regulatory Affairs Division, presented a brief synopsis of the case listed above. Commissioner Scripps moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 30, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Phillips seconded that motion.

Chairman Talberg expressed her appreciation for all the thoughtful comments submitted to the Commission because it helped them make the informed decision today. Chairman Talberg acknowledged the hard work by staff to improve transparency and accessibility for the public. The PSC will be communicating through its list serve at: www.michigan.gov/MPSCLine5 regarding this issue, updates, and key developments in the case.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Scripps, Phillips
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wes Hough, Donna Hornberger, Lisa Patrell, Bay Mills Indian Community, Dawn Bushouse, Keith Cooley, Dr. Todd Ellis, Aida, Mary Sherzer, Colleen Turk, Jesse Moran, Michael Buza, Loretta Crystal, James Olson of FLOW, Ms. Jenkins, Doug F., Janet Moore, Maurita Holland, Hope Gerson, Greg Surma, Jim Varnagen, Bob Vance, Ethan Roe, Danelle Benner, Rachael Daymon, Michael Arlow, Carol Fletcher, and Michael provided comments in Case No. U-20763.

Chairman Talberg acknowledged Cathy Cole for her assistance receiving public comments today.

Chairman Talberg welcomed feedback regarding the process of remote hearings. Comments can be submitted to MPSC_commissioners@michigan.gov .

Chairman Talberg acknowledged the hard work and commitment of Commission staff at this important time.

Chairman Talberg acknowledged Commissioner Scripps and Commissioner Phillips for their thoughtfulness in addressing the issues before the Commission in Case No. U-20763.

A recording of the proceedings of the June 30, 2020 meeting is archived at:
https://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/0,9535,7-395-93307_93316_93317_93875---Y,00.html .

Chairman Talberg announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on July 9, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Scripps moved that the Commission adjourn, Commissioner Phillips seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Talberg, Scripps, Phillips
Nays – None

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Lisa Felice
Executive Secretary