

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS VIDEO CONFERENCING ON MAY 13, 2021

Commission Chair Daniel C. Scripps called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
Executive Secretary Lisa Felice called the roll and declared there was a quorum.

PRESENT

Commission: Daniel C. Scripps, Chair (participating from Leelanau County)
Tremaine L. Phillips, Commissioner (participating from Ingham County)
Katherine Peretick, Commissioner (participating from Wayne County)

Staff: Caitlin Mucci
Lisa Felice

Additional Staff & Public Attending Telephonically/Video Conferencing: 91 Participants

I. Commissioner Phillips moved to approve today's agenda, Commissioner Peretick seconded.

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

The agenda was approved.

II. Commissioner Phillips moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of April 21, 2021, Commissioner Peretick seconded.

Yeas – Scripps, Phillips, Peretick
Nays – None

The minutes were approved.

III. CONSENTED ORDERS

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. U-14997 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNITED STATES CELLULAR OPERATING COMPANY OF

- CHICAGO, LLC AND VARIOUS AT&T INC. OWNED COMPANIES,
INCLUDING AT&T MICHIGAN
(fourth amendment)
- U-21075 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR COMMISSION
APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
WINN TELEPHONE COMPANY AND TELEPORT
COMMUNICATIONS AMERICA, LLC
(interconnection agreement)
- U-21076 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR COMMISSION
APPROVAL OF A MULTI-STATE WIRELESS AGREEMENT
BETWEEN DISH WIRELESS, LLC AND VARIOUS AT&T INC.
OWNED COMPANIES, INCLUDING AT&T MICHIGAN
(interconnection agreement)
2. U-16183 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO
IMPLEMENT 2009 PA 182, MCL 484.2310
(proposed adjustment to restructuring mechanism contribution factor)
3. U-21035 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF STARLINK
SERVICES LLC FOR A TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT LICENSE
TO PROVIDE BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE IN ALL OF
THE ZONES AND EXCHANGE AREAS IN MICHIGAN
(interim order)
4. MINUTE PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK, NEXT GENERATION SERVICES,
ACTION LLC
(9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-Lenawel dated April 5, 2021)
- B. GAS**
1. U-20671 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS
ENERGY COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO RECONCILE ITS GAS
REVENUE DECOUPLING MECHANISM AND FOR OTHER RELIEF
(proposed settlement agreement)
2. U-20820 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES
POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A GAS COST RECOVERY
PLAN AND AUTHORIZATION OF GAS COST RECOVERY
FACTORS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31, 2022
(proposed settlement agreement)

Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve all the orders and minute action on the consent agenda.
Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The 5 orders and 1 minute action were adopted.

IV. OTHER ORDERS

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. U-20333 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MERCURY WIRELESS INDIANA, LLC FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER FOR PURPOSES OF CONNECT AMERICA FUND PHASE II SUPPORT (final order)

Case No. U-20333 involves an application filed by Mercury Wireless Indiana LLC to expand the area in which it is designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 13, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

2. U-20830 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CATHECT COMMUNICATIONS INC. FOR A TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT LICENSE TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF MICHIGAN (final order)

Case No. U-20830 involves an application filed by Cathect Communications Inc. for a temporary and permanent license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the state of Michigan. The order before you dismisses the January 26, 2021 application without prejudice. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 13, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

3. U-20962 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THUMB ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE OF MICHIGAN d/b/a TEC FIBER, FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN (final order)

Case No. U-20962 involves the application, as amended, filed by Thumb Electric Cooperative of Michigan, d/b/a TEC Fiber, for designation as a High Cost and Lifeline eligible telecommunications carrier within certain areas in Michigan. The order before you approves the application, as amended, conditioned upon Thumb Electric Cooperative of Michigan, d/b/a TEC Fiber, meeting all requirements set forth in the order. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 13, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

4. U-20964 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CHERRY CAPITAL CONNECTION, LLC, FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN (final order)

Case No. U-20964 involves the application, as amended, filed by Cherry Capital Connection, LLC, for designation as a High Cost eligible telecommunications carrier within certain areas in Michigan. The order before you approves the application, as amended, conditioned upon Cherry Capital Connection, LLC, meeting all requirements set forth in the order. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 13, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

5. U-20980 IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF EXTENET SYSTEMS, INC. TO INITIATE A PROCEEDING FOR THE COMMISSION TO ISSUE AND MAKE EFFECTIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING MICHIGAN’S REGULATORY AUTHORITY OVER WIRELESS POLE ATTACHMENTS (notice of opportunity to comment/interim order)

Case No. U-20980 involves a petition by ExteNet Systems, Inc., requesting that the Commission initiate a proceeding to clarify its rules and regulations for utility pole attachments. The order before you invites interested persons to submit comments in this docket no later than 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time) on June 10, 2021. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 13, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

6. U-20991 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MERCURY WIRELESS INDIANA LLC, d/b/a MERCURY BROADBAND, TO AMEND THE GEOGRAPHIC SERVICE AREA OF ITS LICENSE TO PROVIDE BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES TO INCLUDE ALL ZONES AND EXCHANGE AREAS IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN AND REQUEST FOR A TEMPORARY LICENSE (final order)

Case No. U-20991 involves an application, as amended, filed by Mercury Wireless Indiana LLC, d/b/a Mercury Broadband, for a temporary and permanent license to expand the geographic scope of its license to provide basic local exchange service to include all zones and exchanges in the state of Michigan. The order before you grants the permanent license. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 13, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

7. U-20996 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THUMB ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE OF MICHIGAN, d/b/a TEC FIBER, FOR A LICENSE TO PROVIDE BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE IN DESIGNATED EXCHANGES
(final order)

Case No. U-20996 involves an application, as amended, filed by Thumb Electric Cooperative of Michigan, d/b/a TEC Fiber, for temporary and permanent licenses to provide basic local exchange service. The order before you grants the permanent license. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 13, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

8. U-21016 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
(final order)

Case No. U-21016 involves the application, as amended, filed by Centurylink Communications, LLC, for designation as a High Cost and Lifeline eligible telecommunications carrier within certain areas in Michigan. The order before you approves the application, as amended, conditioned upon Centurylink Communications, LLC, meeting all requirements set forth in the order. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 13, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

B. ELECTRIC

1. U-18353 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, REGARDING THE REGULATORY REVIEWS, REVISIONS, DETERMINATION, AND/OR APPROVALS NECESSARY FOR

INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY TO COMPLY WITH
SECTION 61 OF 2016 PA 342
(*ex parte*/voluntary green pricing program credit)

Case No. U-18353 involves an *ex parte* amended application filed by Indiana Michigan Power Company requesting authority to update the customer credit for the company's voluntary green pricing program and accompanying tariff. The order before you approves the amended application. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 13, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

2. U-20529 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT A POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020
(final order)

Case No. U-20529 involves an application filed by Indiana Michigan Power Company for approval to implement a power supply cost recovery plan for 2020. The order before you approves the plan, as set forth in the order, and accepts the company's five-year forecast, and requires Indiana Michigan Power Company to provide a net present value of the revenue requirement and model a sensitivity to its preferred course of action, as part of its 2021 integrated resource plan filing. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 13, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

3. U-20631 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO COMMENCE A COLLABORATIVE TO CONSIDER ISSUES RELATED TO MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS AND TRANSMISSION CONTINGENCY PLANNING
(interim order)

Case No. U-20631 involves a matter, on the Commission’s own motion, regarding mutual aid agreements and transmission contingency planning. The order before you accepts the Phase I and Phase II Reports filed in the docket; adopts recommendations in the reports; directs the Commission Staff to form a separate workgroup, in connection with the docket, to review and discuss the interoperability between Michigan natural gas utilities; and requires the Commission Staff to file a status report no later than March 31, 2022. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 13, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

4. U-20932 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A ONE-TIME VOLUNTARY REFUND OF REVENUE (final order)

Case No. U-20932 involves an application by Consumers Energy Company requesting Commission approval of a one-time voluntary refund to the company’s customers. The order before you approves the company’s voluntary refund method. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 13, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

5. U-21036 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY FOR *EX PARTE* APPROVAL OF TESTING REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO SYSTEM INTERRUPTIONS APPLICABLE TO TARIFF CS-IRP (final order)

Case No. U-21036 involves an application by Indiana Michigan Power Company seeking *ex parte* approval to revise its contract service-interruptible power tariff to address the system power test requirements set forth in the October 29, 2020 order in Case Nos. U-20628 *et al.* The order before you approves the application.

Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 13, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

6. U-21046 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ALPENA POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT A POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
(order assigning case numbers)
- U-21047 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ALPENA POWER COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. 21046) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
- U-21048 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT A POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
- U-21049 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMER ENERGY COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21048) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
- U-21050 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT A POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
- U-21051 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21050) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
- U-21052 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT A POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
- U-21053 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21052) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
- U-21054 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT A POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

- U-21055 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21054) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
- U-21056 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT A POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
- U-21057 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21056) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
- U-21058 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT A POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
- U-21059 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21058) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
- U-21060 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN AND FACTORS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2022
(C.2. GAS) (order assigning case numbers)
- U-21061 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21060) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2022
- U-21062 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN AND AUTHORIZATION OF GAS COST RECOVERY FACTORS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31, 2023
- U-21063 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21062) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2023
- U-21064 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DTE GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN AND AUTHORIZATION OF GAS COST RECOVERY FACTORS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31, 2023
- U-21065 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DTE GAS COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21064) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

- U-21066 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MICHIGAN GAS UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN AND AUTHORIZATION OF GAS COST RECOVERY FACTORS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31, 2023
- U-21067 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MICHIGAN GAS UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21066) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2023
- U-21068 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN AND AUTHORIZATION OF GAS COST RECOVERY FACTORS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31, 2023
- U-21069 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21068) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2023
- U-21070 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN AND AUTHORIZATION OF GAS COST RECOVERY FACTORS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31, 2023
- U-21071 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21070) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2023
- U-21072 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DETROIT THERMAL, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF A STEAM SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN AND AUTHORIZATION OF STEAM COST RECOVERY FACTORS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31, 2023
(order assigning case numbers)
- (D.1. STEAM) U-21073 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DETROIT THERMAL, LLC FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS STEAM SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21072) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

Case Nos. U-21046 *et al.* involve a proceeding to assign case numbers consistent with the Commission's e-docket filing system. The order before you assigns docket numbers for 2021-2022, 2022, and 2022-2023 power supply cost recovery plans, gas cost recovery plans, steam supply cost recovery plans, power supply cost recovery reconciliations, gas cost recovery reconciliations, and steam supply cost recovery reconciliations for all rate-regulated electric, gas, and steam utilities. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 13, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

C. GAS

1. U-20974 IN THE MATTER OF THE GAS BUNNY, LLC'S APPLICATION TO BE AN ALTERNATIVE GAS SUPPLIER (final order)

Case No. U-20974 involves an application by Gas Bunny LLC for an alternative gas supplier license. The order before you denies the request for an alternative gas supplier license and closes the docket. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 13, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Chair Scripps announced:

“A few comments before we end:

First, the Commission’s regular meeting scheduled for July 1st has been re-scheduled to Friday, July 2nd, at 10:00 am. An amended schedule of the Commission’s meeting dates will be posted shortly to reflect this change.

Second, I know the cyber-attack on the Colonial Pipeline that runs along the East Coast has gotten a lot of attention, and I was pleased by the announcement from US Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm that the Colonial Pipeline would restart operations last night. Even with the line restarting, however, there remain questions here in Michigan on whether we are likely to see shortages or supply disruptions, and what steps we have taken in Michigan to reduce the risk of a similar attack on our critical energy infrastructure systems. To the first point, we are closely monitoring the situation and do not anticipate gasoline shortages in Michigan. We are also continuing to monitor price impacts, particularly as gasoline prices typically increase this time of year as we head the Memorial Day weekend and the beginning of the summer driving season.

On the second point, the Commission has been in regular contact with utilities and other energy companies operating in Michigan, and we know of no related threats to energy assets in the state. Our preparedness to deal with cyberattacks was one of the topics covered in the 2019 Statewide Energy Assessment, and we have been working since that time to implement the findings and recommendations, including conducting annual security meetings with Michigan electric utilities and we will begin similar meetings with gas utilities starting this year. The Commission will remain vigilant in the wake of the Colonial attack in assessing any threats and continuing to evaluate the preparedness of energy companies operating in Michigan.

Third, we be releasing our Summer Energy Appraisal next week, which will include updates on demand, supply, and price for electricity, natural gas, and motor fuels, as well as looking at electric supply and reliability as we enter the summer months. This is part of the Commission’s work around energy security and market monitoring and is designed to inform the Michigan public about energy trends, as well as to identify and respond to any challenges in a proactive manner. I appreciate the continued good work of our Energy Security section in performing this service to the people of Michigan.

And finally, and relatedly, the first week of May is Public Service Recognition Week, which has special meaning to us here at the Michigan Public Service Commission. Public service is in our name and lies at the heart of our mission ‘to serve the public by ensuring safe, reliable, and accessible energy and telecommunications services at reasonable rates.’ I am beyond grateful for the many ways in which our dedicated team members carry out that mission every day, and particularly this month as we mark Public Service Recognition Week I want to acknowledge, celebrate, and thank the employees of the Michigan Public Service Commission for their service to Michigan.”

Commissioner Phillips announced:

“Yesterday, our communications team in partnership with MDHHS and Connected Nation issued a press release concerning the launch of the Federal Communications Commission’s Emergency Broadband Benefit Program. The program, which will be administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company, will allow for eligible households to receive up to a \$50 per month discount for their mobile or fixed-internet service; that discount can be up to \$75 for households in qualifying tribal lands. The program will also allow for a one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer.

The program will end when the fund runs out of money, or six months after the Department of Health and Human Services declares an end to the COVID-19 health emergency, whichever is sooner.

Michigan residents can visit <https://getemergencybroadband.org/> for additional information about eligibility criteria and how to apply for the program through participating Michigan telecommunications providers.”

A recording of the proceedings of the May 13, 2021 meeting is archived at: https://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/0,9535,7-395-93307_93316_93317_93875---Y,00.html .

Chair Scripps announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on May 26, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

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

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

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Lisa Felice
Executive Secretary