

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES AND AVAILABLE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS VIDEO CONFERENCING ON JULY 7, 2022.

Commission Chair Daniel C. Scripps called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.
Executive Secretary Lisa Felice called the roll and declared there was a quorum.

PRESENT

Commission: Daniel C. Scripps, Chair
Tremaine L. Phillips, Commissioner
Katherine Peretick, Commissioner

Staff: Barbara Kunkel
Lisa Felice
Alissa Day
Al Freeman
Jake Thelen
Drew Simon
Anne Armstrong
Maisy Rohrer
Sarah Mullkoff
Matt Helms
Ben Johnson
Kyle Daymon
Andy Hannum
David Chislea
Reka Voelker

Public: Heidi Myers, Consumers Energy
Andrew Minegar, MIRS
Nicole Biber
Pearl Biber
Moses Biber
Mike Torrey, Consumers Energy
Matthew Bonke
61 Additional Individuals

Additional Staff & Public Attending Telephonically/Video Conferencing: 201 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 June 23, 2022, Peretick seconded.

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

The minutes were approved.

III. CONSENTED ORDERS

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. U-11962 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN AT&T MICHIGAN AND GLOBAL CROSSING LOCAL SERVICES, INC.
(ninth amendment)
- U-13614 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN AT&T MICHIGAN AND ACN COMMUNICATION SERVICES, LLC
(eleventh amendment)
- U-16526 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN AT&T MICHIGAN AND CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS
(ninth amendment)
- U-21235 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF A MULTI-STATE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN TELIAX, INC. AND VARIOUS AT&T INC. OWNED COMPANIES, INCLUDING AT&T MICHIGAN
(second amendment)
- U-21249 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF A TRAFFIC TERMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF MICHIGAN, INC., FRONTIER MIDSTATES, INC., FRONTIER NORTH INC. AND VARIOUS AT&T INC. OWNED COMPANIES INCLUDING MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY d/b/a AT&T MICHIGAN

B. ELECTRIC

1. 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.*
(proposed settlement agreement)
2. MINUTE ACTION PJM INTERCONNECTION, LLC
(FERC ER22-2110)
3. MINUTE ACTION FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
(FERC RM21-18)

C. GAS

1. U-21066 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MICHIGAN GAS UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT A GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN AND FACTORS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31, 2023
(proposed settlement agreement)

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

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

The 3 orders and 2 minute actions were adopted.

IV. OTHER ORDERS

A. ELECTRIC

1. U-17377 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF 2013 PA 95
(proposed low-income energy assistance funding factor/opportunity to comment)

Case No. U-17377 involves setting the Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund factor. The order before you establishes a deadline for the filing of comments on the proposed factor by 5:00 p.m.

(Eastern time) on July 14, 2022. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 7, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

2. U-17473 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR A FINANCING ORDER APPROVING THE SECURITIZATION OF QUALIFIED COSTS (proposed adjustment to securitization charges)

Case No. U-17473 involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company for approval of new securitization charges for the period of August 2022 through July 2023. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 7, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

3. U-18356 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, REGARDING THE REGULATORY REVIEWS, REVISIONS, DETERMINATIONS, AND/OR APPROVALS NECESSARY FOR UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 61 OF 2016 PA 342 (*ex parte*/voluntary green pricing program)

Case No. U-18356 involves an application filed by Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation seeking *ex parte* approval of its voluntary green pricing programs. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 7, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

4. U-18461 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 6t OF 2016 PA 341 (integrated resource plan filing requirements/opportunity to comment)

Case No. U-18461 involves a matter, on the Commission's own motion, directing the Commission Staff to create a redline version of the integrated resource plan filing requirements for review by the Commission and stakeholders as part of Advanced Planning Phase III of the MI Power Grid Integration of Resource, Transmission, and Distribution Planning workgroup. The order requests comments from interested persons on the revised IRP filing requirements no later than 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time) on September 12, 2022, with reply comments due no later than 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time) on October 3, 2022. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 7, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

5. U-20757 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO REVIEW ITS RESPONSE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC, INCLUDING THE STATEWIDE STATE OF EMERGENCY, AND TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION TO ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS (deferral of uncollectibles/opportunity to comment)

Case No. U-20757 involves a matter, on the Commission's own motion, to review its response to COVID-19 and to provide guidance and direction moving forward. The order before you finds it appropriate to now revisit the approved deferral of uncollectible expenses pursuant to the April 15, 2020 order in this case and seeks responses from applicable Michigan rate-regulated utilities and any other interested persons, as set forth in the order. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 7, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

6. U-20897 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF MICHIGAN AGRICULTURE COMMODITIES, INC. AGAINST DTE ENERGY COMPANY
(final order)

Case No. U-20897 involves a complaint filed by Michigan Agricultural Commodities, Inc., against DTE Electric Company alleging violations of the utility's tariff and the Commission's rules for metering and billing of electrical services. The order before you finds that DTE Electric Company violated Rule 20 of the Commission's Consumer Standards and Billing Practices for Electric and Natural Gas Service but that all other alleged violations of statutes, Commission rules, tariffs, or rate schedules are dismissed with prejudice. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 7, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

7. U-21099 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO OPEN A DOCKET FOR LOAD SERVING ENTITIES IN MICHIGAN TO FILE THEIR CAPACITY DEMONSTRATIONS AS REQUIRED BY MCL 460.6w
(joint petition to extend deadline to file comments/interim order)
- U-20348 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO ADDRESS OUTSTANDING ISSUES REGARDING DEMAND RESPONSE AGGREGATION FOR ALTERNATIVE ELECTRIC SUPPLIER LOAD
- U-21032 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO REQUEST COMMENTS ON MIDCONTINENT INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR, INC.'S IMPLEMENTATION OF FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION ORDER NO. 841 REGARDING ENERGY STORAGE RESOURCES
- U-21225 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO OPEN A DOCKET FOR LOAD SERVING ENTITIES IN MICHIGAN TO FILE THEIR CAPACITY DEMONSTRATIONS AS REQUIRED BY MCL 460.6w FOR THE 2026/2027 PLANNING YEAR

Case Nos. U-21099 *et al.* include dockets opened on the Commission's own motion for the receipt of capacity demonstration filings required by MCL 460.6w and for other filings. The order before you grants a joint petition to extend the deadline to submit comments in response to the June 23, 2022 order. Commissioner

Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 7, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

Chair Scripps commented:

“I want to extend my appreciation to the stakeholders who asked for a little more time to more fully develop the responses in this. I think it fits in the timeline that we are looking for and I think the addition of the time is reasonable and hopefully will provide for a fuller record on which to base further decisions.”

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

The order was adopted.

8. U-21206 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION, REGARDING THE REGULATORY REVIEWS, REVISIONS, DETERMINATIONS, AND/OR APPROVALS NECESSARY FOR DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY AND DTE GAS COMPANY TO FULLY COMPLY WITH PUBLIC ACT 295 OF 2008, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC ACT 342 OF 2016
(request for extension/interim order)

Case No. U-21206 involves a matter, on the Commission’s own motion, regarding the filing of energy waste reduction reconciliations and annual reports by DTE Electric Company and DTE Gas Company. The order before you grants a stipulation to extend the due date for the required filings in this case until July 15, 2022. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 7, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

9. U-21219 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 6t(1) of 2016 PA 341 (Michigan Integrated Resource Planning Parameters/notice of public hearings)

Case No. U-21219 is a matter on the Commission’s own motion to commence a proceeding pursuant to Section 6t(1) of Public Act 341 of 2016. The order before you commences the proceeding, provides notice of two public hearings, and provides an opportunity to file comments regarding the

Commission’s Michigan Integrated Resource Planning Parameters draft report. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 7, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

Commissioner Peretick commented:

“I would just like to highlight our request for public input on both the proposed updates to the IRP planning parameters in this order and the IRP Filing requirements in order U-18461 approved earlier in the agenda. IRPs are an important tool for planning for our state’s electric capacity and resource mix to deliver that capacity to our residents. Public participation in these processes is necessary for us to make the best decisions possible. Comments can be submitted either in written form as laid out in the order, at one of the hearings set for the planning parameters – there are opportunities in both of our state’s peninsulas -- or there is always opportunity to comment in-person or virtually at the end of each of our open commission meetings, like this one. We look forward to hearing all those who are impacted and interested in providing their opinions.”

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

The order was adopted.

10. U-21243 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION AND REQUEST OF INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY SEEKING APPROVAL AND AUTHORITY TO AMEND ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF OPEN ACCESS DISTRIBUTION SERVICE
(*ex parte*/final order)

Case No. U-21243 involves an application filed by Indiana Michigan Power Company for *ex parte* approval of amendments to its terms and conditions of open access distribution service. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 7, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

11. U-21251 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION, TO ESTABLISH A WORKGROUP TO CONDUCT AN ELECTRIC GRID INTEGRATION STUDY AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE READINESS OF THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR BOTH DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES AND ELECTRIC

VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE IN RESPONSE TO SENATE
RESOLUTION 143
(order opening docket)

Case No. U-21251 involves a matter, on the Commission’s own motion, to establish a workgroup to conduct an electric grid integration study and make recommendations regarding the distribution system. The order before you directs the Commission Staff to convene the workgroup and provides guidance regarding the grid integration study. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 7, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

Commissioner Phillips commented:

“I am very excited to have for our consideration the launch of the distribution system data access work group. This is a part of Phase III of our ongoing MI Power Grid initiative. The rapid adoption of distributed generation systems and electric vehicle infrastructure and the potential impacts on the distribution system requires the need for further data collection, enhanced transparency of that data, and increased access to that data, in order to better assess and encourage the integration of distributed generation resources and electric vehicle infrastructure and integrating those technologies in a way that minimizes cost and reliability impacts on the distribution system and enhances efficient utilization of the electric grid. We are very excited to be able to kick off this effort, working with our partners the Department of Energy, as well as the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. We look forward to working with staff and stakeholders in order to perform and initiate some of the objectives outlined in this order today.”

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

The order was adopted.

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| 12. | U-21255 | 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, 2023
(order assigning case numbers) |
| | U-21256 | IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ALPENA POWER COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. 21255) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 |
| | U-21257 | 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, 2023 |
| | U-21258 | IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMER ENERGY COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST |

- RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21257) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
- U-21259 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, 2023
- U-21260 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21259) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
- U-21261 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, 2023
- U-21262 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21261) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
- U-21263 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, 2023
- U-21264 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21263) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
- U-21265 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, 2023
- U-21266 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21265) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
- U-21267 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, 2023
- U-21268 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21268) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
- B. 3.** U-21253 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, 2023

- (order assigning case numbers)
- U-21254 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21253) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2023
- U-21269 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, 2024
- U-21270 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21269) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2024
- U-21271 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, MARCH 2024
- U-21272 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DTE GAS COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21271) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2024
- U-21273 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, 2024
- U-21274 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MICHIGAN GAS UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21273) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2024
- U-21275 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, 2024
- U-21276 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY RECONCILIATION OF ITS GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21275) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2024
- U-21277 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, 2024
- U-21278 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS GAS COST

- RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21277) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2024
- C. 1.** U-21279 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, 2024
(order assigning case numbers)
- U-21280 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DETROIT THERMAL, LLC FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS STEAM SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21279) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

Case Nos. U-21255 *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 2022-2023, 2023, and 2023-2024 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 July 7, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Scripps, Phillips, Peretick
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
(order)

Commission Staff Alissa Day, Regulatory Affairs Division, presented a brief synopsis of the case listed above. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 7, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

Chair Scripps commented:

“I would like to highlight a couple of the key takeaways. This is not a final order in this matter. Rather, it is as Ms. Day articulated, a reopening of the record to develop a full and complete record on a number of issues, including specifically, tunnel engineering and safety and the safety of the current dual pipelines. As Ms. Day also noted, we are deferring the scheduling to the administrative law judge, as we have throughout this case for the filing of testimony, exhibits, and rebuttal evidence, including the opportunity for cross-examination. We will continue to read the record.

Finally, the decision today also does not impact either the process or timeline involved for the consideration of other necessary permits, including those under review by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This has been an extensive process. We want to make sure that we get it right and that is the rationale behind reopening the record for the development of additional information in this matter.”

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

The order was adopted.

2. U-21148 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF NATURAL GAS AND FOR OTHER RELIEF
(proposed settlement agreement)

Commission Staff Cody Matthews, Energy Resources Division, presented a brief synopsis of the case listed above. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 7, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

Chair Scripps commented:

“I would like to thank the parties to this proceeding, including the Attorney General, advocates of both business and residential customers, our Public Service Commission staff, and others. I think the settlement before us today reasonably addresses the many issues raised in the case, including maintaining needed investment in Consumers’ gas infrastructure of safety and reliability, and I support approval.”

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

The order was adopted.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

In-Person public comments regarding Case No. U-20763 were submitted by Marshall Clabeau, Moses Biber, Nichole Biber, Pearl Biber, Sean McBreardy, Terri Wilkerson, Eric Aronoff, Yeal Aronoff, Matthew Borke, Dwight Washington, Jody Daniels, and Sarah Coffey.

Written public comments regarding Case No. U-20763 were submitted in the Q&A feature by James Olson, Corey - Brighton, Michigan, Jane O'Neil, Lisa Basher – Ypsilanti, Michigan, Teresa, Jacqueline Dorman, Rebecca Liebing, Katie Carey, Julie Geisinger, Susan Pixley, and Judy Stone – Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Verbal public comments regarding Case No. U-20763 were provided via telephone were submitted by Maya Aronoff, Daniel Parnell-McCarter, Nathan Wright, Consuela, Reverend Thompson – Benzie County, Kathleen Allen – Seattle Washington, Bri Prayne – Detroit, Skyler Creasy, and Cassandra Dangor – Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Additional written public comments that were submitted via the Q&A feature were posted to the docket file for Case No. U-20763 at: <https://mi-psc.force.com/sfc/servlet.shepherd/version/download/0688y000003TD7rAAG> <https://mi-psc.force.com/s/case/500t000000UHxxLAAT/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-4831-et-seq-and-rule-447-of-the-michigan-publ> .

Commissioner Phillips announced:

“This afternoon the Michigan Department of Transportation will be announcing the convening of public meetings to discuss the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula program (NEVI program). This is part of the \$5 billion in federal funding that was issued through the Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act to support vehicle electrification infrastructure across the U.S. which Michigan is in line to receive at least \$110 million to support electric vehicle infrastructure in the state. The first of these meetings will take place on Monday, July 18th from 3:00-4:00. This will be available entirely remotely and virtually. More information can be accessed through the Michigan Department of Transportation’s website.

Commissioner Peretick announced:

“I would like to say thank you to everyone who took the time to attend today’s meeting and to provide comment, both in person, via the Chat messages, over our TEAMS meeting, or over the phone. It means a lot for us to hear from you.”

Chair Scripps announced:

“First, our next meeting going is going to be held not here in Lansing where we usually hold our meetings, but in Detroit (our largest city) for the opportunity to do one of our regular public meetings there. It will be held at 1:00 p.m. We will have additional details for the meeting distributed soon. Look for us – not here in Lansing – but in Detroit on July 27, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Second, we have a number of job openings at the Commission, including a couple of managerial positions that are currently open. You can find more details about the positions and information about how to apply on our numerous social media channels.

Third, we have launched the Commission’s own Facebook page. We are already on Twitter and LinkedIn. I know a number of folks also us on YouTube and watch our meetings that way. We now have a Facebook page as well. It is www.Facebook.com . Search Michigan PSC to find out more about our work there and offer your comments through that as well.

Finally, it is bittersweet, but we want to bid a fond farewell to Maisy Rohrer. She has been our student assistant for the past months as she has completed her studies at U of M. She has added a tremendous amount to our deliberations working with the Commission office. We wish her nothing but success in the future and hope that she returns often for reunions with the Commission and our staff.”

A recording of the proceedings of the July 7, 2022 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 in Detroit, Michigan on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Additional information will be posted later.

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 3:15 p.m.

Lisa Felice
Executive Secretary