

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES AND AVAILABLE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS VIDEO CONFERENCING ON MARCH 24, 2023.

Commission Chair Daniel C. Scripps called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.
Executive Secretary Lisa Felice called the roll and declared there was a quorum.

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

Staff: Shannon Wambaugh
Matt Helms
Lisa Felice
Anne Armstrong
Nathan Burnand
Al Freeman
Ryan Wilson
Mike Byrne
Reka Voelker
Andy Hannum
Kyle Daymon
Ben Johnson
Lynn Beck

Public: Jerry Labadie
Kevin Goll
Travis Pitcher
Mary Lou Butkovich
David Butkovich
George Cargo
Martha Labadie
Bill Woodhams
Greg Pardike
Bonnie Pardike
Julie Richardson
Tom Richardson
Nancy Wheatley
Jim Tapper
Tammy Tapper
Ted Griffin
Duane Hampton
John Alger

Steve Norton
Steven Cavanaugh
Margaret E. Waite
Don Waite
Kraig Jones
Michael A. Lake
Faith Fletcher
Adella Crozier, DTE
Heidi Myers, Consumers Energy
48 Additional Members of the Public

Additional Staff & Public Attending Telephonically/Video Conferencing: 90 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 February 23, 2023, Commissioner Peretick seconded.

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

The minutes were approved.

III. CONSENTED ORDERS

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. MINUTE ACTION PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK NEXT GENERATION SERVICES LLC
(9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-1202 dated March 1, 2023)
2. MINUTE ACTION PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK LLC
(9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-3208, dated March 1, 2023)

B. ELECTRIC

1. 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
(proposed settlement agreement)
2. U-21333 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY RELATIVE TO THE CITY OF MARSHALL
(proposed settlement agreement)
3. U-21359 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF BRANDEN LAVAR TRAPP AGAINST DTE ENERGY COMPANY
(request to withdraw complaint/final order)
4. MINUTE ACTION PJM INTERCONNECTION, LLC, NEW COVERT INTERCONNECTION SERVICE AGREEMENT
(FERC Docket No. ER23-1075-000)

C. GAS

1. U-20815 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2022
(proposed settlement agreement)
2. U-20819 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MICHIGAN GAS UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR A GAS COST RECOVERY RECONCILIATION FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2022
(proposed settlement agreement)
3. U-20823 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2022
(proposed settlement agreement)
4. U-21294 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY FOR ACCOUNTING APPROVAL OF DEPRECIATION RATES

(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 7 orders and 3 minute actions were adopted.

IV. OTHER ORDERS

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. U-20982 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PRESQUE ISLE ELECTRIC & GAS CO-OP FOR EXPANSION OF ITS DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
(final order)

Case No. U-20982 involves an application, as amended, filed by Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op, for expansion of its area of designation of eligible communications carrier for purposes High Cost and Lifeline to include areas listed in amended Exhibit A. The order before you approves the application, as amended. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 24, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

B. ELECTRIC

1. U-20300 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ALPENA POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN PURSUANT TO MCL 460.6t AND FOR OTHER RELIEF
(*ex parte*/proposed power purchase and sale agreement)

Case No. U-20300 involves an application filed by Alpena Power Company requesting *ex parte* approval of agreements

representing a long-term full-requirements offer from CMS Energy Resource Management Company to provide Alpena Power Company with energy, capacity, renewable energy credits, and associated administrative professional services beginning January 2025. The order before you approves the agreements attached to the company's February 15, 2023 application. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 23, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

Chair Scripps commented:

“This represents a step forward in terms of the resource adequacy and grid scale reliability, particularly the customers of Alpena Power Company. I want to applaud the Company along with Consumers Energy. They are the affiliate that is supplying the resources under this contract; for navigating their way to this point, and for the staff's engagement, as well. It has been an issue that has been front-of-mind. I appreciate the work that has gone into a resolution on this.”

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

The order was adopted.

2. U-20629 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO ESTABLISH A WORKGROUP TO REVIEW THE SERVICE QUALITY AND RELIABILITY STANDARDS FOR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS AND TO RECOMMEND POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STANDARDS (rulemaking/final order)
3. U-20630 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO ESTABLISH A WORKGROUP TO REVIEW THE TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE AND TO RECOMMEND POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STANDARDS (rulemaking/final order)
6. U-21150 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO PROPOSE REVISIONS TO THE RULES GOVERNING CONSUMER STANDARDS AND BILLING PRACTICES OF ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS UTILITIES REGULATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH 1919 PA 419, AS AMENDED; 1939 PA 3, AS AMENDED; AND 1965 PA 380 (rulemaking/final order)

Commission Staff Charyl Kirkland, Energy Operations Division, presented a brief synopsis of the three cases listed above. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission

approve the three orders at its March 23, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

Commissioner Phillips commented:

“Thank you, Ms. Kirkland, not only for your presentation this afternoon, but for the hard work of, not only you, but many other staff over several years to get these rules to the finish line.”

Chair Scripps commented:

“I want to flag some of the really significant improvements that are included in these rule sets. I will speak about them together but vote on the separately in the way that Ms. Kirkland did. I echo Commissioner Phillips thanks to you, Ms. Kirkland for your work and that of staff, the other leads on this who really gotten us to the point of being able to formally adopt these rules today after essentially four years of work that started with our 2019 Statewide Energy Assessment. The updates that are included in these rule sets today, including shortening the required times for utilities to restore long-duration outages, reducing the amount of time first responders must guard downed wires until they are relieved by a utility line worker, updates to the reliability standards to ensure Michigan’s performance indicators match industry guidelines, and establishing annual reporting requirements to ensure that all utilities are reporting service quality and reliability performance to the Commission. In addition, they include new requirements for electric utility and cooperative reporting on outages, additional requirements for utility line clearing programs, requirements for cyber security programs, and updates to our billing rules.

Finally, an issue that has gotten a lot of attention, the updates to the credits (if you are eligible) from your utility based on the length of your outage or the number of days or number of times that you experience outages. It is a one-time \$25 credit. The rules updates will expand that to \$35, index it to the rate of inflation, add an additional \$35 for every additional day that you are without power, and (maybe most important) make the credits automatic.

These are significant steps forward. They were not in place for the most recent storms. I think that has gotten everybody’s recognition that we have a lot of work to do on the distribution grid, but both the tightening of the requirements and the expansion credits when service falls outside the rules that are set forth here are significant steps forward.

Again, I appreciate the work of our staff and the many stakeholders who participated. It has been a long four-year road to get to this point, but it is a significant step forward that we mark here today.”

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

The order in Case No. U-20629 was adopted.

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

The order in Case No. U-20630 was adopted.

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

The order in Case No. U-21150 was adopted.

4. U-20851 IN THE MATTER OF DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY’S APPLICATION FOR THE REGULATORY REVIEWS, REVISIONS, DETERMINATIONS, AND/OR APPROVALS NECESSARY TO FULLY COMPLY WITH PUBLIC ACT 295 OF 2008
(*ex parte*/proposed purchase and sales agreement)

Case No. U-20851 involves an application from DTE Electric Company for *ex parte* approval of a purchase and sales agreement for DTE Electric Company to acquire from GFS US Holding, LLC, the full ownership interest of Terrapin Energy, LLC, including the Big Turtle 2 Wind Park and a 60% interest in Big Turtle Interconnection, LLC. The order before you approves the purchase and sale agreement. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 23, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

5. U-21015 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR A FINANCING ORDER APPROVING THE SECURITIZATION OF QUALIFIED COSTS
(annual true-up adjustment/proposed surcharges)

Case No. U-21015 involves the application of DTE Electric Company for a financing order approving the securitization of qualified costs. The order before you approves DTE Electric Company’s first annual routine true-up adjustment report reflecting new securitization surcharges. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 23, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

Chair Scripps commented:

“This is as routine an order as we get. It is dealing, as Ms. Wambaugh said, with routine true-up adjustments to the securitization surcharges. Just to take a step back, particularly given the last month that we have had, this is the securitization of tree trimming costs. Securitization is a financing mechanism that allows those costs to be repaid, but at a lower interest rate using securitization debt financing to the utility that ultimately saves customers money. This was

something that we approved back in May of 2019. DTE has done the securitization. This is the first true-up adjustment that will happen under the financing on an annual basis. I do not want to get lost in the details or the routine nature of this. This is really important in terms of actually trimming the trees that cause the majority of the outages in Michigan. It is something that we have been working on for a number of years and this is just the latest step in that effort.”

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

The order was adopted.

7. U-21286 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES FOR THE GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY AND OTHER RELIEF
(proposed settlement agreement)

Case No. U-21286 involves an application filed by Upper Peninsula Power Company requesting authority to increase its rates for the generation and distribution of electricity and for other relief. The order before you approves a settlement agreement that provides for an annual revenue increase of \$10.8 million with new base rates effective on July 1, 2023, and resolves all issues in the case. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 23, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

Chair Scripps commented:

“This is a rate case. They are some of the most important cases that we deal with, in addition to the bottom-line numbers that Ms. Wambaugh talked about. This includes the establishment of a regulatory asset connected to uncollectible debt during the COVID pandemic. A reduction in the amount of \$200,000 which UPPCO has agreed to donate to organizations assisting low-income customers in its service territory. That will go a long way in the Upper Peninsula.

It also increases the distributed generation cap currently agreed to at 3%, an extra 1.5% to 4.5%. It has UPPCO joining the ranks of the majority of other investor-owned utilities in the state that develop and file distribution investment and maintenance plans that help us get greater transparency in the work that they are doing to improve reliability, reduce outages, and ensure resilience. It also includes reports on projects connected to undergrounding, which is another topic that has gotten a fair amount of focus in the last several weeks. It also institutes a new residential income assistance tariff, providing for a \$15 monthly bill credit for low-income households at or below 150% of the federal poverty level. In addition to giving the investment needed to continue to enhance the infrastructure, a number of other elements that I think speak to some of the challenges and ultimately the way through some of the challenges that we have been facing.

I applaud the Company, the many intervenors (including the Attorney General and her office), the Citizens Utility Board, some of the corporations and universities operating within the UPPCO service territory, and certainly our staff's work in bringing forward a comprehensive settlement in this case that I am pleased to support as it comes before us.”

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

The order was adopted.

8. U-21303 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY FOR *EX PARTE* APPROVAL OF TARIFFS GOVERNING THE PROVISIONS OF OUTDOOR SECURITY LIGHTING SERVICE
(final order)

Case No. U-21303 involves an application filed by Indiana Michigan Power Company for *ex parte* approval of tariffs governing the provisions of outdoor security lighting service. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 23, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

9. U-21367 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF ELECTRIC ENERGY TO ESCANABA PAPER COMPANY
(*ex parte*/final order)

Case No. U-21367 involves an application filed by Upper Peninsula Power Company requesting *ex parte* approval of an April 1, 2023 amendment to the special contract between Upper Peninsula Power Company and Escanaba Paper Company. The order before you approves the request. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 23, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

C. GAS

1. U-15419 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF REALGY, LLC FOR A LICENSE AS AN ALTERNATIVE GAS SUPPLIER
U-20978 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION, OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE MARKETING AND BUSINESS PRACTICES OF REALGY, LLC, d/b/a REALGY ENERGY SERVICES
U-21077 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION, TO REQUIRE REALGY, LLC, d/b/a REALGY ENERGY SERVICES TO SHOW CAUSE WHY IT SHOULD NOT BE FOUND IN VIOLATION OF PUBLIC ACT 634 OF 2002, THE COMMISSION’S GAS CUSTOMER CHOICE PROGRAM, MCL 460.9 ET SEQ.
U-21247 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION, TO COMMENCE FORMAL ALTERNATIVE GAS SUPPLIER LICENSE REVOCATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST REALGY, LLC, d/b/a REALGY ENERGY SERVICES
(final order)

Case Nos. U-15419 *et al.* involve a matter on the Commission’s own motion to commence formal alternative gas supplier license revocation proceedings against Realgy, LLC, d/b/a Realgy Energy Services. The order before you grants Realgy, LLC, d/b/a Realgy Energy Services’ request to voluntarily surrender its alternative gas supplier license, releases its bond obligation, and closes the dockets involved in this matter. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 24, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

Commissioner Peretick commented:

“I would just like to offer a thanks to our staff who has worked diligently on this issue over the years to bring it to this conclusion, with the sharp focus on customer protection the whole time.”

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

The order was adopted.

2. U-21335 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF LAMBDA ENERGY RESOURCES LLC FOR AN ACT 9 CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT THE GREENWOOD TRANSMITTER PIPELINE IN OSCODA COUNTY, MICHIGAN
(*ex parte*/final order)

Case No. U-21335 involves an application filed by Lambda Energy Resources LLC for *ex parte* approval of an Act 9 certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction and operation of the Lambda Greenwood Transmitter pipeline in Oscoda County, Michigan. The order before you approves the application and makes the required agency findings regarding the pipeline’s environmental impact. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 24, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

3. U-21358 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION, TO CONDUCT A NUCLEAR FEASIBILITY STUDY PURSUANT TO SEC. 1094k(10) OF ARTICLE 5 OF PUBLIC ACT 166 OF 2022 AND MCL 460.10hh
(order opening docket)

Commission Staff Lynn Beck, Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer, presented a brief synopsis of the case listed above. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 24, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

4. U-21364 IN THE MATTER OF THE *EX PARTE* APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR ACCOUNTING APPROVAL TO UTILIZE A REGULATORY ASSET OR LIABILITY FOR CERTAIN BENEFITS EXPENSE ABOVE OR BELOW AMOUNTS INCLUDED IN RATES
(final order)

Case No. U-21364 is an application filed by Consumers Energy Company requesting *ex parte* accounting approval to defer recovery or refund for any natural gas utility pension and other OPEB expense above or below amounts approved in rates. The order before you denies the request for *ex parte* treatment and recommends consideration of this issue as part of Consumers Energy Company’s ongoing gas rate case

proceeding in Case No. U-21308. Commissioner Phillips moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 24, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Peretick seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jerry Labadie, George Cargo, Julie Richardson, Travis Pitcher, Bill Woodhams, Tom Richardson, Mary Lou Butkovich, Martha Labadie, Jim Tapper, Ted Griffin, Greg Pardike, Tammy Tapper, Faith Fletcher, Kevin Goll, Duane Hampton, Kraig Jones, and John Alger provided verbal comments opposing Consumers Energy’s proposed transmission line project in Van Buren County, identified as the Crandall Transmission Line.

Chair Scripps commented:

“We have not received any application from Consumers on this. We are still, candidly, trying to understand what our role in this is. It certainly involves the approval of rates or projects in rates. We have not received an application for that as well. It was not in their last rate case. I can tell you with full certainty on my part, that we have not approved any expenditures in rates for this project. They are set to file their next rate case sometime this spring. It may be in that. I do not know. We will not know until it is filed. It was not included in their five-year distribution plan. We have not seen a certificate of convenience and necessity application. We have not had any filings. I will also say candidly that they did not give us a heads up before they started knocking on your doors.

I really appreciate you driving here today. We are trying to get our arms around what this project is, what authority we have in evaluating any part of the project, routes, lines, alternatives, etc. and ultimately if there is an effort to seek collection in rates for cost incurred. That will be something that is in front of us. The comments that we have heard from you today, I think clarify some of the issues here. I can just tell you that this is certainly (it was before, and it certainly is now) on our radar. We have as many questions (in some ways) as you do on this project and in our role. We are trying to figure that out. I would love to say that I have a clear-cut answer for you, but today I have questions. It is something that we are digging into.”

Written comments are attached to the Commission Meeting Minutes.

Chair Scripps announced:

“I want to thank the many folks who participated, not only today, but over the town halls that we had relating to the outage events over the last month. We held three town halls this week – one in Jackson, one in Dearborn and one online Tuesday evening. We took more than eight hours of public comment, hearing from more than 114 individuals, and additional written comments that were provided, as well. It is really helpful hearing directly from the people, whether it is the people

involved in a transmission line or the people most involved or directly impacted by outage events. It is a very helpful thing as we do our jobs and working to serve the public and fulfill our mission. I appreciate the people who turned out. I also want to recognize staff from literally across the Commission. I am not sure that there was a single one of our division (maybe Gas Safety and Operations) that was not involved, but just about everybody else. It takes a huge amount of work to do those events, both virtually and in-person. I appreciate the many, many hours of staff, including those hours that were outside of our traditional working hours.”

Commissioner Phillips announced:

“Thank you again, for all of you making the trip. I know that there are sacrifices that you have to make this drive and coming to our office. It is not the most convenient thing to do during the workday - on a Friday. I know that many of you are here to speaking on behalf of your neighbors who do have to work and have obligations or family commitments and are not able to be here today. I really want to thank you for taking that time. As the Chair mentioned, we will do what we can do to investigate and look into many of the concerns that you raised.

Secondly, I did not get to do this during our standard agenda but thank you Lynn Beck and others form our staff on the Nuclear Feasibility Study that you gave a presentation on. It is an example of the potential for collaboration and cooperation with the Legislature and to look into these other sources and potential for energy and capacity looking forward as we are trying to continue to build out the mix of reliable, decarbonized, and affordable for the state of Michigan. Thank you for the amount of work that has gone into that. There is still more work to go but thank you and congratulate you and your team for getting to this point.

Thank you to all of our staff who assisted in the many town halls, as well as assisted in pulling together and helping.

Thank you, Chair Scripps, and your testimony this week. It has been an all-hands-on-deck type of effort.

I appreciate all of the work of my colleagues throughout the Commission, especially this week.”

Commissioner Peretick announced:

“Would first like to thank all of you for coming here today to give us your testimony. I can say I learned a lot from you. I also want to thank the Michiganders who were affected by the ice storms who took the time out of their days to comment in one of the three town hall meetings that we held this past week. We held one meeting in Jackson, one in Dearborn, and one virtually. We had over 400 people turn out for these meetings, and we heard hundreds of comments from those of you affected.

I would also like to note that today we launched two new webpages that provide reliability and safety information for customers:

- Distribution System Reliability Metrics webpage with information on electric outages among Michigan’s regulated utilities based on three metrics that measure reliability of utilities’ distribution systems. They measure the duration of outages at both the system and customer level as well as the frequency of outages. This page launched today, but the first

utility data is due to the Commission on May 15, 2023. As data comes in and the display is developed and refined, a clearer picture of reliability metrics, trends and trouble spots should become visible to anyone who accesses the public webpage.

- Preparing for and Responding to Power Outages webpage includes links to checklists created by the MPSC, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the American Red Cross on being prepared for an outage and staying safe when the power goes out. It includes information on how to locate and contact your utility, where to find utility outage maps, and information on warming and cooling centers (updated seasonally).”

A recording of the proceedings of the March 24, 2023 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 April 13, 2023 at 1:00 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 2:39 p.m.

Lisa Felice
Executive Secretary

**Jennifer Blatson, south of 44th st.
Mattawan.**

1:40
PM

I do not own the rights to this note but wanted to share a friend's comment. "Our lands and our homes and the safety of the people across multiple townships are of much more importance and value than expanding the marijuana company's operating capacities. Hypothetic jobs created and hypothetical benefits shouldn't be put in front of our homes and land and businesses

Anonymous 1:45 PM

Lorraine Valk. I have a farmhouse built in 1881. This monstrosity Powerline will be within 100 feet of my bedroom. We purchased land across the street hoping our children/grandchildren will eventually build there. This Powerline will make those 19 acres unbuildable, and potentially ruin the farmhouse we have restored these last 7 years. How come a public utility, working for the common good, has the right to steamroll our properties? We are getting increasingly irate because of the lack of transparency and the speed at which they are working (without support or permission) to secure easements. It seems like a bait and switch. Once they have an easement they will undoubtedly increase the size, and voltage....further decreasing our values and plummeting the tax base for our townships. Please stop this seizure of some of our most beautiful countryside and demand that they use a route they already own!!!

Anonymous 2:23 PM

Sad, yet another story of Consumer's Energy bullying the very people they are supposed to be serving. My heart goes out to Jerry and all that neighborhood, they testimony of how these people were treated 'protecting your home, huh', lack of answers at the meeting, no answer on benefits.... These stories are not the 1st, same kinds of issues with the mid-Michigan pipeline. This is the risk of investor owned and a key reason we have an MPSC. MPSC had to have extra hearings around outages, primarily due to lack of Consumer (and DTE) investment in managing the grid that is they we all pay for via our rates, and yet Consumers wants to build more to service a specific business. Clearly the effected townships (letters from townships, county commission and state representatives) and residence have real and serious concerns and objections.

Michigan Public Service Commission
COMMENT CARD

Your Name: DON WAITE	Date: 3/24/23
Organization or Interest Represented: Citizen	Your Address: [Redacted] Paw Paw, MI 49079
Your Phone Number: 269-[Redacted]	Your Email: [Redacted]@gmail.com
Do you wish to comment? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Do you wish to submit written comments? If Yes, write in space below. Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Written Comments:

Consumers Power & AEP should get together and share a short section of power line, like they have been trying to do the last few years that doesn't compromise our property and environment (from Matteson to Lammie.)

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your listening ear and consideration to our situation today and figuring out what your role in it could be.

As has been discussed, any line construction over 100 KV should require revision by the Michigan public service commission to issue a permit for this line.

Assuming that this is the case, the Michigan environmental protection act of 1970 actually prohibits administrative agency authorization when another prudent and feasible alternative exists. In this case, I am of course referencing a collaboration with AEP Energy which has a nearby substation and high voltage line capacity that does not require the running of a 20 mile line through private property and destroying forests and natural resources along the way.

Although it seems clear that according to Michigan statute a permit should be required, if for whatever reason or technicality it does not require a permit or revision by the MPSC, it is imperative that we know who or what body this type of project is reviewed by. It simply cannot be that this type of private property infringement can simply go unchecked by Consumers Energy.

I request updates, information, or decisions in this matter that the MPSC receives.

I am eternally thankful to any attention or help that the Michigan public service commission can give us in regards to this matter.

Sincerely,

Steven Cavanagh
Mattawan MI 49071