

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES AND AVAILABLE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS VIDEO CONFERENCING ON NOVEMBER 21, 2024.

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
Katherine Peretick, Commissioner
Alessandra Carreon, Commissioner

Staff: Shannon Wambaugh
Matt Helms
Lisa Felice
Charlie Cavanaugh
Corey Osier
Austin Glass
Tom Hohm
Andy Hannum
Ben Johnson
Kate Daymon
Charlie Tidwell
Brittany Klocke
Paul Ausum
Mike Byrne
Sarah Mullkoff
Al Freeman
Jill Rusnak
Kayla Gibbs
Cathy Cole
Anne Armstrong
Ryan Cook

Public: Steve Colby
Heidi Myers, Consumers Energy

Additional Staff & Public Attending Telephonically/Video Conferencing: 166 Participants

I. Commissioner Peretick moved to approve today’s agenda, Commissioner Carreon seconded.

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

The agenda was approved.

II. Commissioner Peretick moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of November 7, 2024, Commissioner Carreon seconded.

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

The minutes were approved.

III. CONSENTED ORDERS

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. U-12952 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN AT&T MICHIGAN AND TDS METROCOM, LLC (thirteenth and thirty-first amendments)
2. U-21663 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF EZEE FIBER TEXAS, LLC FOR A TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT LICENSE TO PROVIDE BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF MICHIGAN (interim order)
3. MINUTE ACTION PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK NEXT GENERATION SERVICES LLC (9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-1268 dated November 1, 2024)
4. MINUTE ACTION PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK NEXT GENERATION SERVICES LLC (9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-1270 dated November 4, 2024)

B. ELECTRIC

1. U-21322 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
(proposed amended settlement agreement)

2. U-21551 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY TO COMMENCE A RENEWABLE ENERGY COST RECONCILIATION PROCEEDING FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
(proposed settlement agreement)
3. U-21557 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, REGARDING THE REGULATORY REVIEW, REVISIONS, DETERMINATIONS, AND/OR APPROVALS NECESSARY FOR CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY TO FULLY COMPLY WITH PUBLIC ACT 295 OF 2008, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC ACT 342 OF 2016
(proposed settlement agreement)
4. U-21558 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, REGARDING THE REGULATORY REVIEW, 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
(proposed settlement agreement)
5. U-21666 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT
(Midland Cogeneration Venture/Zonal Resource Credits/ proposed settlement agreement)
6. U-21784 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO RECONCILE CERTAIN ELECTRIC UTILITY RESIDUAL BALANCES
(voluntary refund mechanism/proposed settlement agreement)

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

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

The 8 orders and 2 minute actions were adopted.

IV. OTHER ORDERS

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. 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
(final order)

Case No. U-20962 involves an application filed by Thumb Electric Cooperative of Michigan d/b/a Tec Fiber to expand its eligible telecommunications carrier designation. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its November 21, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

B. ELECTRIC

1. U-18150 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF DEPRECIATION ACCRUAL RATES AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS
(motion for extension to file/interim order)

Case No. U-18150 involves a motion filed by DTE Electric Company requesting approval for an extension of time to file its next depreciation case. The order before you grants the motion. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its November 21, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

2. U-20898 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO COMMENCE A COLLABORATIVE TO CONSIDER ISSUES RELATED TO NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND BUSINESS MODELS (interim order)

Case No. U-20898 involves the establishment, on the Commission's own motion, of the New Technologies and Business Models workgroup. The order before you extends the deadline for producing a spreadsheet-based tool or other open-source tool for use with benefit-cost analyses. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its November 21, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

Commissioner Peretick commented:

"I'd like to briefly thank the staff for their diligence in their work developing this tool for benefit cost analysis. Spending the time now to create a robust and comprehensive spreadsheet-based tool will result in something that will be transparent and accessible for evaluating pilots. As part of this tool development, there will be an opportunity for interested parties to participate and offer thoughts and ideas on how to create the best result. More information on how to participate will be forthcoming on our website, and I'm looking forward to seeing the result when complete."

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

The order was adopted.

3. U-21090 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN UNDER MCL 460.6t, CERTAIN ACCOUNTING APPROVALS, AND FOR OTHER RELIEF (*ex parte*/Voyager Energy Storage/power purchase agreement/final order)

Case No. U-21090 involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company requesting *ex parte* approval of a power purchase agreement with Voyager Energy Storage LLC. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its November 21, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

4. U-21338 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 charges)

Case No. U-21338 involves an application filed by DTE Electric Company for approval of new securitization charges for the period of December 2024 through November 2025. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its November 21, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

5. U-21479 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION PROCEDURES AND FORMS PURSUANT TO R 460.920 (*ex parte*/ final order)

Case No. U-21479 involves an application for approval of interconnection procedures filed by Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation pursuant to Mich Admin Code, R 460.920. The order before you approves interconnection procedures, forms, and agreements for Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its November 21, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

6. U-21572 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION, TO REPORT ON THE UNIQUE CONDITIONS INFLUENCING ELECTRIC GENERATION, TRANSMISSION, AND DEMAND IN MICHIGAN’S UPPER PENINSULA, TO FULLY COMPLY WITH PUBLIC ACT 235 OF 2023 (interim order)

Case No. U-21572 involves a matter, on the Commission’s own motion, to report on the unique conditions influencing electric

generation, transmission, and demand in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula to fully comply with Public Act 235 of 2023. The order before you waives the requirement for the Commission Staff to file a report in this docket as directed in the February 8, 2024 order. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its November 21, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

7. U-21809 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN PURSUANT TO MCL 460.6t AND FOR OTHER RELIEF
(motion for extension to file/interim order)

Case No. U-21809 involves a motion filed by Upper Peninsula Power Company requesting an extension for the filing of its integrated resource plan under MCL 460.6t. The order before you grants the motion. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its November 21, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

8. U-21814 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN UNDER MCL 460.6t AND FOR OTHER RELIEF
(motion for extension to file/interim order)

Case No. U-21814 involves a motion filed by Northern States Power Company requesting an extension for the filing of its multistate integrated resource plan under MCL 460.6t. The order before you grants the motion. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its November 21, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Colby, Eagle Township, provided his comments regarding Case No. U-21471.

Karol Sanborn provided comments regarding Case No. U-21471.

Dee Woods, Detroit, requested that the Commission not approve rate increases for DTE and expressed her concerns about the duration and number of outages for DTE customers.

Catherine Lenard expressed her concerns regarding SEMCO's EWR program.

Makeba Manitage, addressed her concerns and requested that the Commission not approve DTE's rate hike.

Angelita Gonzales commented that she does not support DTE's rate hike.

Raymone Vincent expressed his concerns regarding DTE's rate hike and DTE's outages.

Chair Scripps announced:

"We have been fortunate enough to welcome a number of new employees in the last couple of weeks. A number of those are here with us today. I want to welcome Erin Austin, Sarah Hutchinson, Gus Cordero, Austin Glass, Tom Hohm, Katie Krupp, and Joe Lobodzinski. All of them have joined the Commission in the last couple of weeks. If you are one of those individuals, I encourage you to stand at this time. I know some of you are here. Welcome to the MPSC.

I also want to recognize Paul Ausum, who is also here. We have a job shadow program at the Commission. Paul, for the last couple of weeks, has drawn the short straw and had to shadow me. I have certainly enjoyed it. I hope that he has as well. I appreciate your participation in the job shadow program.

Finally, I want to send my congratulation to Aiden Cluckinson, the turkey that was pardoned by Governor Whitmer ahead of next week's Thanksgiving break – named as part of the annual Thanksgiving Turkey Pardon contest. A great name for all of us who are enjoying watching the Detroit Lions and who also like to eat turkey."

A recording of the proceedings of the November 21, 2024 meeting is archived at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfl8scrQQaA> .

Chair Scripps announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on December 19, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

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

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

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Lisa Felice
Executive Secretary