

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES AND AVAILABLE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS VIDEO CONFERENCING ON DECEMBER 19, 2024.

Commission Chair Daniel C. Scripps called the meeting to order at 1:06 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: Blair Renfro
Matt Helms
Lisa Felice
Charlie Cavanaugh
Ryan Wilson
Sarah Mullkoff
Tom Hohm
Jill Rusnak
Alex Morese
Anne Armstrong
Ryan Boutet
Jessica Duell
Ally Durfee
Cathy Cole
Paul Ausum
Nick Evans
Teresa McKay
Andy Hannum
Ben Johnson
Charlie Tidwell
Al Freeman
Nathan Burnand
Steve Kimbrell
Stephanie Fitzgerald
Brandy Quinn
Julie Baldwin
Ethyan Kramer
Mike Byrne

Public: Karol Sanborn
Heidi Myers, Consumers Energy
Kelly Hall, Consumers Energy

Mekulash Baron-Galbau
Ruta Haila, MEJC
Morgan Locke

Additional Staff & Public Attending Telephonically/Video Conferencing: 165 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 21, 2024, Commissioner Carreon seconded.

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

The minutes were approved.

III. CONSENTED ORDERS

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. U-13328 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN AT&T MICHIGAN AND US SIGNAL COMPANY, L.L.C.
(seventeenth amendment)
- U-14302 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN AT&T MICHIGAN AND CLEAR RATE COMMUNICATIONS, LLC
(twenty-fifth amendment)
- U-15585 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN AT&T MICHIGAN AND ACCESS ONE, INC.
(sixth amendment)
- U-21641 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF AT&T MICHIGAN AND FIRST COMMUNICATIONS, LLC INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
(first amendment)

2. U-21805 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF COMCAST CABLE COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT, LLC AGAINST THE VILLAGE OF FOWLerville REGARDING ITS VIOLATIONS OF THE UNIFORM VIDEO SERVICES LOCAL FRANCHISE ACT (proposed settlement agreement)
3. MINUTE ACTION AT&T (9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. 517 R41-0001 067 9 dated December 1, 2024)
4. MINUTE ACTION PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK NEXT GENERATION SERVICES LLC (9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-1272 dated December 2, 2024)
5. MINUTE ACTION PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK NEXT GENERATION SERVICES LLC (9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-1273 dated December 10, 2024)
6. MINUTE ACTION PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK NEXT GENERATION SERVICES LLC (9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-1274 dated December 10, 2024)
7. MINUTE ACTION PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK NEXT GENERATION SERVICES LLC (9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-1275 dated December 10, 2024)
8. MINUTE ACTION PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK NEXT GENERATION SERVICES LLC (9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-1276 dated December 10, 2024)
9. MINUTE ACTION PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK NEXT GENERATION SERVICES LLC (9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-3559 dated December 10, 2024)

B. ELECTRIC

1. U-21559 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, REGARDING THE REGULATORY REVIEW, REVISIONS, DETERMINATIONS, AND/OR APPROVALS NECESSARY FOR

INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY TO FULLY COMPLY
WITH PUBLIC ACT 295 OF 2008, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC ACT
342 OF 2016
(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 3 orders and 7 minute actions were adopted.

IV. OTHER ORDERS

A. ELECTRIC

1. U-16901 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES
POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A CREDIT MECHANISM
FOR DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS, AND
DEFERRED ACCOUNTING, AS NECESSARY
(request for extension/settlement payment)

Case No. U-16901 involves a notice filed by Northern States Power
Company requesting an extension on the fifteenth settlement
payment from United States Department of Energy settlement
payments. The order before you grants the request for the fifteenth
settlement payment as described in the order. Commissioner
Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its
December 19, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that
motion.

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

The order was adopted.

2. U-20632 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO
COMMENCE A COLLABORATIVE TO CONSIDER ISSUES
RELATED TO UTILITY CURTAILMENT PROCEDURES
(interim order)

Case No. U-20632 involves a matter, on the Commission's own
motion, regarding issues related to utility service curtailment

procedures. The order before you accepts the September 30, 2022 Natural Gas Curtailment Procedures Workgroup Status Report filed in the docket; adopts the recommendations therein; and requires the Commission Staff to file an updated status report no later than July 31, 2025. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its December 19, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

Chair Scripps commented:

“I just want to acknowledge the work that has gone into this, led by our staff, particularly from the Energy Security Section. We will hear a bit more from them later in the agenda. I also want to recognize that this is ongoing activity that was initiated as part of the 2019 Statewide Energy Assessment, including focusing on the increasing interdependence between the natural gas and electricity systems. The curtailment procedures work. The work that has been undertaken in this docket is essential to understand how we would respond in cases of emergency and discussions that have taken place through the work, I think have helped better position us should such emergency take place. Later in the agenda we will also hear a couple of updates related to winter preparedness, including an update from, as I mentioned, our Energy Security Section, as well as from the American Gas Association on the new Natural Gas Readiness Forum that had its first meeting earlier this week. I wanted to acknowledge that this is part of that overall focus on emergency preparedness, particularly as we get into the heart of the winter heating season.”

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

The order was adopted.

3. U-21285 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*/special contract/Ford Motor Company)

Case No. U-21285 involves an application filed by DTE Electric Company requesting *ex parte* approval of an amended and restated contract between DTE Electric Company and Ford Motor Company. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its December 19, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

4. U-21361 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*/special contract/City of Detroit)

Case No. U-21361 involves an application filed by DTE Electric Company requesting *ex parte* approval of a special contract between DTE Electric Company and the City of Detroit. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its December 19, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

5. U-21565 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ELECTRIC RATES IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
(proposed settlement agreement)

Case No. U-21565 involves an application filed by Northern States Power Company for authority to increase its electric rates in Michigan. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its December 19, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

Chair Scripps commented:

“I want to acknowledge that this is a settlement agreement that was agreed to by all the participants. I appreciate the work that went into those negotiations and discussions. The additional funding being approved in the order before us will allow Northern States Power Company, which operates in the far western end of the Upper Peninsula, to replace aging distribution infrastructure, make capital investments in their transmission infrastructure, and also add software updates related to their grid management strategies.

Again, I appreciate the work that went into bringing the settlement that is in front of us today.”

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

The order was adopted.

6. U-21803 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATE’S POWER COMPANY FOR *EX PARTE* APPROVAL OF AN EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY WAIVER OF RULE 460.732(r) FOR REPORTING MOMENTARY OUTAGES
(request for waiver extension/ interim order)

Case No. U-21803 involves an application filed by Northern States Power Company for *ex parte* approval of an extension of the temporary waiver of Mich Admin Code, R 460.732(r), of the Commission’s service quality and reliability standards for electric distribution systems. The order before you grants the temporary waiver of Mich Admin Code, R 460.732(r), until December 31, 2027. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its December 19, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

7. U-21810 IN THE MATTER OF THE *EX PARTE* APPLICATION OF ALPENA POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A REVISED SPECIAL CONTRACT FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE OF HOLCIM US, INC.
(final order)

Case No. U-21810 involves an *ex parte* application filed by Alpena Power Company for approval of a revised special contract. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its December 19, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

8. U-21811 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY REQUESTING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDED RENEWABLE ENERGY PLAN TO COMPLY WITH PUBLIC ACT 235 OF 2023
(request for extension to file/interim order)

Case No. U-21811 involves a motion filed by Upper Peninsula Power Company for *ex parte* approval of an extension for the

filing of its amended renewable energy plan pursuant to Public Act 235 of 2023 and the consolidation of Case No. U-21811 with Case No. U-21809. The order before you grants the motion to extend the filing date of the company's amended renewable energy plan but denies the motion to consolidate at this time. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its December 19, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

9. U-21813 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDED RENEWABLE ENERGY PLAN TO COMPLY WITH PUBLIC ACT 235 OF 2023
(request for extension to file/interim order)

Case No. U-21813 involves a motion filed by Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation for *ex parte* approval of an extension for the filing of its amended renewable energy plan pursuant to Public Act 235 of 2023. The order before you grants the motion. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its December 19, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

B. GAS

1. U-21785 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SEMCO PIPELINE COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE THE BELLE RIVER PIPELINE IN ST. CLAIR COUNTY, MICHIGAN, PURSUANT TO ACT 9
(*ex parte*/ final order)

Case No. U-21785 involves an application filed by SEMCO Pipeline Company, pursuant to Public Act 9 of 1929, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and

operate the Belle River Pipeline in St. Clair County, Michigan. The order before you approves the application and makes the required agency findings regarding the project's environmental impact. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its December 19, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

V. WINTER PREPAREDNESS OUTLOOK

Ethyan Kramer, Energy Operations Division, presented a brief synopsis on the findings from the Winter Energy Appraisal that was issued earlier this month.

Matthew Agen, Senior Regulatory Council/American Gas Association provided an update on the new Natural Gas Readiness Forum. Mr. Agen also provided answers to the Commissioner's questions.

VI. YEAR IN REVIEW

Chair Scripps provided an outline of the year in review:

- 1) The Commission issued 395 orders
- 2) A third-party audit of DTE Electric and Consumers Energy electric distribution systems
- 3) Approval of reliability related investments in utility rate cases
- 4) Commission worked with partners in the Legislature, Human Services, utilities to promote legislation that was signed this week by Governor Whitmer for energy assistance
- 5) Other energy affordability work at the Commission continued through work groups
- 6) Continued gas pipeline safety through pipeline inspections, damage prevention oversight, and maintain our delegated authority
- 7) Continued consumer protection and advocacy
- 8) Continued to make the Commission more accessible and transparent to the public
- 9) Continued legislative implementation work, including authority over siting of utility scale renewable energy and battery storage projects
- 10) Launched a study of long-term and multi-day energy storage systems
- 11) Commissioners and staff joined the Long Duration Energy Storage National Consortium
- 12) Enhance public understanding of energy issues through the publication and issuance of several reports
- 13) Announced recipients of nearly \$21 million in grants for renewable energy and electrification projects

Commissioner Peretick highlighted Commission Divisions:

“Big thanks to all our staff who have put in an incredible amount of work over this past year that has allowed us to fulfil our mission of providing safe, accessible, and reliable energy and telecommunications at reasonable rates. As the Chair just described, this has been a huge year. We have a fantastic team of over 200 true public servants, who are working in the interest of all 10 million Michiganders every day they come to work.

Dave Chislea and his team of Gas Safety and Operations work to ensure the safety and efficient operations of our natural gas system throughout both lower and upper peninsulas.

Julie Baldwin and her team in Energy Operations ensure energy security, that generation and electric operations run smoothly, efficient interconnection is possible, and electric infrastructure can be interconnected and sited.

Paul Proudfoot and his Energy Resources team plan for our future generation mix, optimize energy efficiency, forecast energy usage, and plan the distribution system and renewable energy integration.

Anne Armstrong and her Customer Assistance team take customer calls, helping the public directly on the phone and via email, and ensuring customers have access to their data and that it is kept private. They also implement the Michigan energy assistance program, getting assistance funding directly to customers who need it.

Ryan McAnany and his Telecommunications team manages all the licensing, compliance, and financial analysis for Michigan’s telecommunications companies.

Bill Stosik and his team in Regulated Energy calculate and testify on all our rates and tariffs, rate base, revenue requirements, income analysis, competition, licensing, and energy cost recovery reconciliations.

Ryan Wilson and his team in the Regulatory Affairs Division advise on all things legal and efficiently manage all the cases at the Commission.

Leslie Thomas and her Administrative Services team manage everything HR and technical support for this organization.

Cathy Cole and her team in Strategic Operations manage all of our internal and external communications, our engagement with our regional energy markets and the federal energy regulatory commission and are our advisors who help us make the right decisions in each of our cases.

As you can see, there is a huge amount of work that goes into the decisions we make and the orders that we issue from this bench every few weeks. It is this team that makes this all possible, and I’m so grateful for all their dedication to regulating Michigan’s energy and telecommunications industries in 2024.”

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Val Wohlscheid-Brennan provided comments and a reference document regarding Case No. U-21471.

John Karmer, Eagle Township, provided comments regarding Case No. U-21471.

Morgan Locke, Detroit, requested that the Commission not approve DTE's rate hike request.

Mekulash Baron-Galbovi, Detroit, requested that the Commission not approve DTE's rate hike request and disapproved of the Commission's approval of Line 5.

Ruta Halu, Wayne County, opposes DTE's continued rake hikes.

Kamau Clark requested that the Commission not increase rates in DTE's electric rate case.

Tecreshia Thomas, Detroit, addressed her concerns about Detroit residents on fixed incomes and requested that the Commission vote no on DTE's rate hike.

Chair Scripps announced:

"The first Regular Commission Meeting of 2025 will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. The adoption of Commission Meetings for the remainder of 2025 will at that meeting."

A recording of the proceedings of the December 19, 2024 meeting is archived at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1D0kS1_vA.

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 2:11 p.m.

Lisa Felice
Executive Secretary