

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES AND AVAILABLE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS VIDEO CONFERENCING ON APRIL 24, 2025.

Commission Chair Daniel C. Scripps called the meeting to order at 1:04 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: Kelly Barber-Dodge
Matt Helms
Lisa Felice
Blair Renfro
Al Freeman
Stephanie Fitzgerald
Jill Rusnak
Ryan Wilson
Jerry McClung
Andy Hannum
Kate Daymon
Ben Johnson
Mike Byrne
Dave Chislea
Justin Miller
Julie Baldwin

Public: Karol Sanborn
Heidi Myers, Consumers Energy
Kelly Hall, Consumers Energy
Doug Bontekoe, Marion Township Supervisor

Additional Staff & Public Attending Telephonically/Video Conferencing: 156 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 April 10, 2025, Commissioner Carreon seconded.

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

The minutes were approved.

III. CONSENTED ORDERS

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. 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-sixth amendment)
U-20148 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN AT&T MICHIGAN AND SPECTROTEL OF THE MIDWEST LLC (second amendment)
U-20953 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF A MULTI-STATE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN LDMI TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC, MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, LLC, PAETEC COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, TALK AMERICA, LLC, US XCHANGE OF MICHIGAN, L.L.C., WINDSTREAM KDL, LLC, WINDSTREAM NEW EDGE, LLC, WINDSTREAM NORLIGHT, LLC AND WINDSTREAM NTI, LLC AND VARIOUS AT&T INC. OWNED COMPANIES, INCLUDING AT&T MICHIGAN (second amendment)
U-21908 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN HIAWATHA TELEPHONE COMPANY AND LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC (interconnection agreement)
2. MINUTE ACTION PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK LLC (9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-3633 dated April 1, 2025)
3. MINUTE ACTION PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK NEXT GENERATION SERVICES LLC (9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-1287 dated March 28, 2025)

4. MINUTE ACTION PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK NEXT GENERATION SERVICES LLC
(9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-1290 dated April 1, 2025)

B. ELECTRIC

1. U-21598 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, 2025
(proposed settlement agreement)
2. U-21602 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, 2025
(proposed settlement agreement)
3. U-21852 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF ITS STATE RELIABILITY MECHANISM CHARGE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 6w OF 2016 PA 341
(proposed settlement agreement)

B. 4, C. 2, D. 1.

- U-21871 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, 2026
(order assigning case numbers)
- U-21872 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ALPENA POWER COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21871) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2026
- U-21873 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, 2026
- U-21874 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21873) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2026
- U-21875 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, 2026

- U-21876 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21875) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2026
- U-21877 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, 2026
- U-21878 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21877) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2026
- U-21879 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, 2026
- U-21880 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21879) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2026
- U-21881 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, 2026
- U-21882 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21881) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2026
- U-21883 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, 2026
- U-21884 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21883) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2026
- U-21885 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN AND AUTHORIZATION OF GAS COST RECOVERY FACTORS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2026
- (order assigning case numbers)
- U-21886 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21885) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2026

- U-21887 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 ENDED MARCH 31, 2027
- U-21888 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21887) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31, 2027
- U-21889 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, 2027
- U-21890 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DTE GAS COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21889) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2027
- U-21891 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, 2027
- U-21892 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MICHIGAN GAS UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21891) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2027
- U-21893 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, 2027
- U-21894 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21893) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2027
- U-21895 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, 2027
- U-21896 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21895) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2027
- U-21897 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, 2027

(order assigning case numbers)
U-21898 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DETROIT THERMAL, LLC FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS STEAM SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21897) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2027

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 5 orders and 3 minute actions were adopted.

IV. OTHER ORDERS

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. U-21868 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION, TO COMMENCE FORMAL BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE LICENSE REVOCATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST COMTECH21, LLC; OSIRUS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.; CRYSTAL AUTOMATION SYSTEMS, INC., d/b/a CASAIR, INC.; AND MCC TELEPHONY OF THE MIDWEST, LLC
(interim order)
- U-13994 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF COMTECH 21, LLC FOR A LICENSE TO PROVIDE BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE ZONE AND EXCHANGE AREAS SERVED BY VERIZON NORTH INCORPORATED, CONTEL OF THE SOUTH, INC., d/b/a VERIZON NORTH SYSTEMS, AND SBC MICHIGAN
- U-14494 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF OSIRUS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR A LICENSE TO PROVIDE BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE ZONE AND EXCHANGE AREAS SERVED BY VERIZON NORTH INC., CONTEL OF THE SOUTH INC., d/b/a VERIZON NORTH SYSTEMS, CENTURYTEL OF MICHIGAN INC., CENTURYTEL MIDWEST-MICHIGAN INC., CENTURYTEL OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN INC., CENTURYTEL OF UPPER MICHIGAN INC., AND SBC MICHIGAN
- U-16812 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CRYSTAL AUTOMATION SYSTEMS, INC. d/b/a CASAIR, INC. FOR A TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT LICENSE TO PROVIDE RESOLD

U-18365

AND FACILITIES-BASED LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES
THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MCC TELEPHONY OF
THE MIDWEST, LLC FOR TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT
LICENSES TO PROVIDE BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE
THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE ZONE AND
EXCHANGE AREAS SERVED BY AT&T MICHIGAN, FRONTIER
NORTH, INC., AND FRONTIER MIDSTATES INC.

Case Nos. U-21868 *et al.* involve an action on the Commission's own motion to commence formal basic local exchange service license revocation proceedings against specific telecom providers. The order before you directs the named telecom providers to intervene in the proceeding and to appear at a virtual hearing before an administrative law judge on June 10, 2025. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 24, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

2. U-21904

IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION,
DIRECTING CMC TELECOM AND INTERNET, INC. TO SHOW
CAUSE WHY IT SHOULD NOT BE FOUND IN VIOLATION OF 1991
PA 179, THE MICHIGAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT, AS
AMENDED
(show cause order)

Case No. U-21904 involves a matter, on the Commission's own motion, initiating an action to require CMC Telecom and Internet, Inc., to show cause why it should not be found in violation of the Michigan Telecommunications. The order before you directs CMC Telecom and Internet, Inc., to appear at a prehearing conference before an administrative law judge and to prefile testimony and evidence. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 24, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

Commissioner Peretick commented:

"I'd like to thank our Telecom team here at the MPSC for identifying both this license violation investigation and the ones we previously voted on in Case No. U-21868. This is a total of 5 investigations into telephone service providers who may be operating without proper licensing or registration or failing to meet their statutory and regulatory responsibilities to maintain their licenses.

While traditional landline telephone service is much less common than it used to be, for many Michiganders, the service is crucial. There are areas of our state that do not have reliable cell phone coverage, and for some residents in these areas, landline service is the most practical, affordable, and reliable way for them to communicate, in many instances. It is more stable during power outages and emergencies, and more secure and reliable for businesses or residents that need affordable, redundant, or secure communications.

Our Telecom staff learned of these potential violations from customer complaints directed to us at the Public Service Commission. Our staff took these complaints seriously and dug into the claims of the customers.

Our regulations are in place to protect customers. When companies act in bad faith and outside of the established regulations, they are choosing to put customers at risk. In this case, the unresponsiveness of the companies is concerning, and I'm grateful to our telecom staff for their diligent investigations."

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

The order was adopted.

B. ELECTRIC

1. U-17377 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF 2013 PA 95, AS AMENDED (low-income energy assistance funding factor/final order)

Case No. U-17377 involves implementation of the provisions of Public Act 95 of 2013, as amended. The order before you adopts the funding factor for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund for 2025-2026. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 24, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

Chair Scripps commented:

"I would like to note that today we are increasing the funding factor from one dollar where it has been set since Public Act 95 of 2013 (actually up to one dollar). I think we were at about \$.89 in the past year to \$1.25. That was made possible under some legislation that passed this past year. With that increase, and it is limited to one meter per household, the surcharge is expected to generate just over \$75 million for energy assistance in the next fiscal year and that represents a more than 50% increase over the \$50 million cap that has been in place since the enactment of Public Act 95 of 2013. This is a significant step forward in terms of the dollars that will be available for energy assistance. In addition, the legislation that was adopted in 2024, expanded the income eligibility for Michigan households and with expanded eligibility, as many as 335,000

additional households may qualify for assistance. In both of those regards, this represents a pretty significant step forward and I am please to see the order in front of us today.”

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

The order was adopted.

2. 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*/City of Detroit Solar Park/final order)

Case No. U-21361 involves an application filed by DTE Electric Company seeking *ex parte* approval of the City of Detroit Solar Park. The order before you approves DTE Electric Company’s December 10, 2024 application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 24, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

3. U-21373 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO AMEND THE RULES GOVERNING ELECTRICAL SUPPLY AND COMMUNICATION LINES AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT
(rulemaking/adoption of rules/final order)

Case No. U-21373 involves the proposed amendment of Mich Admin Code, R 460.813, within the Commission’s rules governing Electrical Supply and Communication Lines and Associated Equipment, to update the rule to adopt by reference the most current version of the National Electrical Safety Code, being the 2023 edition. The order before you formally adopts the amended rule. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 24, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

4. U-21600 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, 2025
(proposed settlement agreement)

Case No. U-21600 involves an application filed by Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation for approval to implement a power supply cost recovery plan for the 12 months ending December 31, 2025. 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 April 24, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

Chair Scripps commented:

“I want to note that this is a settlement agreement, and we are approving it today as filed. We did note in the order that we are reserving judgment on the automatic adjustment mechanism that is included here that is tied to the underlying price of natural gas. We have approved these in gas plan cases for a number of years. This is actually the third one that we have approved for UMERC but wanted to note sort of a concern that the adjustment mechanism could ultimately influence an electric utilities analysis when comparing natural gas generation resources with alternatives that have less fuel cost volatility, though we still have an opportunity to review that analysis in integrated resource plan filings and other proceedings.

I want to note again that we are approving this settlement in front of us but expressing some concern and additional evaluation of these type of approval mechanisms going forward.”

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

The order was adopted.

5. U-21768 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO COMMENCE A RULEMAKING PROCEEDING TO AMEND THE UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTS FOR MAJOR AND NON-MAJOR ELECTRIC UTILITIES, MICH ADMIN CODE, R 460.9002 AND R 460.9003
(rulemaking/adoption of rules/final order)

Case No. U-21768 concerns the commencement of a rulemaking proceeding to amend the Uniform System of Accounts for Major and Nonmajor Electric Utilities, Mich Admin Code, R 460.9002 and R 460.9003. The order before you formally adopts the amended rules. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its

April 24, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

6. U-21902 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR ADDRESSING THE MIDCONTINENT INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR, INC.'S EXPEDITED RESOURCE ADDITION STUDY TARIFF (opportunity to comment/interim order)

Case No. U-21902 involves a matter, on the Commission's own motion, to establish a process for addressing requests filed under the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s proposed Expedited Resource Addition Study tariff, should the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approve the proposal. The order before you allows interested persons to file comments on the proposed process no later than May 15, 2025. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 24, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

7. U-21916 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF CUSTOMER PRIVACY DATA TO ASSIST IN THE EMERGENCY ENERGY RESPONSE FOLLOWING A SEVERE ICE STORM IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN (interim order)

Case No. U-21916 involves a matter, on the Commission's own motion, to authorize the release of customer privacy data to assist in the emergency energy response following a severe ice storm in northern Michigan. The order before you authorizes the release as described in the order. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 24, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

Chair Scripps commented:

“The order in front of us (consistent with our billing rules and data privacy rules) allows for the sharing of information focused on the primary purpose of protecting the grid. This allows for an accurate assessment of damage from the ice storm that occurred at the end of last month and where restoration efforts continued for a number of weeks.

We are working fairly closely with the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division. EMHS is the lead in conducting a joint preliminary damage assessment with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Small Business Administration. The goal of that is to validate damages and determine the overall impact of the storms from a financial standpoint.

This sharing of data focused on the two utilities, investor-owned utilities that are under full regulation, Alpena Power Company, and Consumers Energy, allows for the sharing of data consistent with the primary purpose provision in their tariffs and also directs to the extent permitted by law, the three Co-ops that were impacted by the storm – Cloverland Electric Cooperative, Great Lakes Energy, and Presque Isle Electric and Gas Cooperative, to provide the same limited customer information to assist in the emergency energy response and aid in the effort the garner federal assistance in responding to the storm.

I appreciate the work of our Energy Security Section in bringing this idea forward and the partnership with the State Police and a number of others, as we worked across State government, and indeed with a number of industry leads in the storm response.”

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

The order was adopted.

C. GAS

1. U-21839 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DTE GAS COMPANY
FOR APPROVAL OF A TEMPORARY WAIVER OF RULE 460.2351a
FOR APPROVAL OF ALTERNATIVE NATURAL GAS ROTARY
METER AND DIAPHRAGM METER INSPECTION AND TESTING
PROCEDURES
(*ex parte*/final order)

Case No. U-21839 involves an application filed by DTE Gas Company for approval of a temporary waiver of the meter inspection requirement in Mich Admin Code, R 460.2351a of the Commission’s Technical Standards for Gas Service and for approval of alternative natural gas rotary meter and diaphragm meter inspection and testing procedures. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Peretick moved that

the Commission approve the order at its April 24, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karol Sanborn addressed her concerns regarding Case No. U-21471 and provided an attachment.

Doug Bontakoe, Marion Township Supervisor, recommended that the Commission review publications of all notices and where they are publishing the notices to ensure that the publications are circulated in local area. Mr. Bontakoe also addressed his concerns about the location of transmission lines and gas wells traversing over farmland and the potential accidents that may occur.

Heidi Drumheller addressed her concerns regarding Case No. U-21471.

Catherine Fisher, rate analyst, for a submeter billing company. She indicated that the rate books for Consumers Energy and DTE are not timely being updated on the Commission's website.

Chair Scripps announced:

“At our last meeting, we highlighted the role of our Energy Security Section and our Electric Operations Section, in responding to the ice storms and also the tornadic activity. I also wanted to note that they are not the only ones at the Commission who work hard around restoration efforts. Specifically, our Telecommunications staff was actively involved in the restoration efforts. One of the things that was less known about the storm is that the limited ability – or the fact that telecommunications infrastructure had also been impacted. This put significant additional challenges on the restoration of electricity where it was difficult to communicate with staff who were out doing restoration work because of the limited telecommunications operations. That was an added challenge, in addition to the residents who not only did not have electricity during the restoration effort, but also had limited telecommunications abilities, even if they had cell phones. While providers are not required to report outages to us, we often reach out through our Telecommunications staff when there is a large weather-related incident.

Starting on March 31st, the Division Director of our Telecommunications Division, Ryan McAnany, began to reach out. Ultimately, finding that Charter Communications had 101,000 customers out and Frontier Communications had 11,000 customers out. Fortunately, the 911 service, the backbone provided by PFN, was not impacted. We still had 911 working, but there was a significant amount of damage to the telecommunications infrastructure. Through that outreach, Ryan McAnany and our Telecommunications team began organizing meetings on behalf of the State's Department of Technology, Management, and Budget with the cell providers, including AT&T, Verizon, and T-Mobile, as well as FirstNet, the MPSCS, the multiple divisions with the State Police, and others to

discuss the impact on cell towers, coordination and areas of activity, power supply issues, inaccessibility issues, and a number of others. They also organized and specifically, Ryan was active in organizing a regional meeting with FEMA, where they discussed telecom outages and continued throughout the restoration efforts to serve as a liaison between the telecommunications industry and State Emergency Operations Center.

I want to offer a tip of my hat as well, to Ryan McAnany and our Telecommunications team, for their work in contributing to the restoration activities.

On a related note, I wanted to note that – and it could not have come at a more timely time this year, but on April 18th, we celebrated National Linemen Appreciation Day. I try to celebrate that every day, but we do want to take time each year on April 18th, to celebrate the many contributions of line workers across the state. The day is intended to recognize the essential work of line workers, who are responsible for maintaining and installing electrical power lines. They often work in challenging conditions and very rarely are more challenging than we saw at the end of March and the beginning of April. Often doing this at great heights and around high voltage equipment to ensure reliable electricity for homes and businesses. I wanted to express my appreciation and that of the Commission for all those line workers. Both, those who are actively involved in storm restoration this month and for the work that they do year round.

Finally, also connected to those storms, I wanted to announce that the Commission is going to have a public hearing on Wednesday, May 21st, at Ellison Place in Gaylord. It is scheduled from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. It is an opportunity to hear from those who are affected by the outages and get community feedback on what well, where there are opportunities for improvement, and how the challenges that we experienced over the last several weeks impacted people in Northern Michigan. Again, that will take place on Wednesday, May 21st, at 6:00 p.m. at Ellison Place in Gaylord. We will have a press release going out shortly. I encourage all those who are interested in attending to do so.”

A recording of the proceedings of the April 24, 2025 meeting is archived at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n8Nr3uhALdU> .

Chair Scripps announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025.

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 1:38 p.m.

Lisa Felice
Executive Secretary

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April 23, 2025 MPSC Meeting

This is on Case #U-21471 the Nelson to Oneida 345 Kilovolt Transmission line

I am Karol Sanborn and I live in Lebanon Twp, Clinton County just south of the Maple River.

I am here today to beg once again for the MPSC to FORCE ITC/METC to reroute around my family's prime agricultural land.

I want to submit an email dated 1/26/23 from Dan Smith, the twp clerk, where he states the twps biggest concern is the Maple River state ground. According to the twp meeting minutes, which I've included, this was never discussed with the board or any residents of the township that may have been present at the twp meetings. This is WRONG! Dan Smith is only the clerk, not the supervisor. If this is the only reason for ITC/METC going out of their way taking the curvature route around Matherton, it is unwarranted, harmful to the environment and financially wasteful. It will cost MILLIONS in ratepayer and taxpayer funds and ruin fragile trout streams and wetlands, our field tile that we just installed that costed a family like us a small fortune, devalue our home and property, and cause emotional and physical stress on my family members. It is unwise, reckless, careless, imprudent and foolish. There are many spots where utility lines are allowed to cross state land in our state. This has been allowed elsewhere. There is no reason to destroy and waste resources and money when a straight line north is the best

and most prudent choice. All METC had to do was apply with the DNR for permission.

With President Trump pulling federal funding on wind and solar, there will be decreased need for these projects and the line. The House Energy Committee voted on Tuesday to report bills that would reverse PA 233 of 2023, which gave the state authority over siting for solar and wind projects. THE PEOPLE do not want wind and solar, that is abundantly clear. THE PEOPLE WANT LOCAL CONTROL over their backyards and property. THE PEOPLE WANT TO MAINTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS. Our government is OF THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE AND BY THE PEOPLE, not the other way around.

At these MPSC meetings over the last year, I've listened to the Detroit area residents complain about how high their electric bills have gone up. I've listened to the parents on my Parent College facebook page complain of the high electric bills where their students pay living in apartments at college. They all seem puzzled that the costs are so high. It's all because of the wastefulness that is being spent on these projects. The poor planning and unthoughtful routes being chosen.

Please listen and require METC to reroute around our property or cancel the whole Nelson/Oneida and Helix project lines altogether. They are doing the same to the landowners on the Helix line.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karol Janborn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karol" being more prominent than the last name "Janborn".

From: Daniel Smith
To: Johnson, Kevyn K
Subject: Nelson Rd. to Oneida Rd. Transmission Line.
Date: Thursday, January 26, 2023 11:26:02 AM

I attended a meeting this morning in St. Johns and all my concerns as of now were answered. Lebanon Twp. is mostly ag property.

The biggest concern is the Maple River and state ground that cuts through our Twp. We have a campground along the river. No land fills or hazardous waste sites that I am aware of.

Dan Smith

Lebanon Twp. Clerk



December 12, 2022

The Belmar Twp meeting was held Dec 12 at the Twp Hall. Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM. 4 members present. Motion by Piggott supported by Fitzpatrick to approve minutes as read. 4 aye. 0 nay.

Bills presented:

- 4494 Clinton County Access Association Duane 285⁰⁰
- 4495 Clinton County Clerk Primary & General Election 852⁴⁷
- 4496 Clinton County Road Commission Culvert & mill W of Talmage 7226⁰⁹
- 4497 N. L. Twp. Retiree fee. Bernard breakfast for son, Gary Delahoussier 3450⁰⁰
- 4498 New Smith Hall cleaning supplies & cemetery work 131⁴²
- 4499 Hart's Interiors Maintenance removal & installation 804⁰⁰
- 4500 Jet Speed Printing envelope newsletter & jobbing 177⁰⁰
- 4501 John Hancock Twp. journal plan 1636⁵⁰
- 4502 Lynx Twp. 2023 Fire rescue returns fee 5000⁰⁰
- 4503 USA Today Network public accuracy test & newsletter 348⁰⁰
- 4504 Village of Hubbardston 2023 Fire rescue returns fee 1500⁰⁰
- 4505 Village of Maple Rapids Road Jan Zyglowski makes run & 2023 Fire rescue returns fee 1750⁰⁰

Motion by Piggott supported by Smith to pay bills as read 4 aye. 0 nay. Motion by Smith supported by Fitzpatrick to adjourn meeting at 8:20 PM. 4 aye. 0 nay.

Motion by Piggott supported by A-14 to send out and put on file financial report 4 aye. 0 nay.
 Gregory R. Ambrose, Michael C. Shio
 President David Piggott Board Clerk

January 9 2023

The Lebanon Twp meeting was held on January 9 at the Twp Hall. Meeting was held at 7:00 PM. All members present. Motion by Klein supported by Piggott to approve minutes as read. Saye Ormy, County Commissioner Dave Hill was present. He gave an update on things going on in the County. They gave out information on the ambulance authority. Motion by Piggott supported by Klein to approve the Resolution Adopting Guidelines for Poverty Exemption # 2023-1 Roll Call Vote A-14 yes Fitzpatrick yes Klein yes Piggott yes Smith yes Saye Ormy One resolution adopted. Motion by Klein supported by Fitzpatrick to approve Resolution # 2023-2 Property Transfer Affidavit Exemption. Roll Call vote Saye Ormy yes Fitzpatrick yes Klein yes Piggott yes Smith yes Saye Ormy One Resolution adopted. Motion by Klein supported by Smith to adopt Public Inspection of Records Policy. Saye Ormy. Motion by Smith supported by Fitzpatrick to adopt Accessibility of the Accession Office Policy. Saye Ormy. Motion by Smith supported by Fitzpatrick to approve the 2022-2023 Amended Budget. Roll Call vote Saye Ormy yes Fitzpatrick yes Klein yes Piggott yes Smith yes Saye Ormy One Amended Budget adopted.

Bill Presented:

- 4506 Open Software Maintenance record missing 235⁰⁰
- 4507 Clinton County Treasurer Dismissed Large Tax 2581⁶⁵
- 4508 David Smith 1 year salary + 300⁰⁰ computer repairs 5227⁵⁰
- 4509 David Piggott 2 meetings less 3⁹² minutes 266⁰⁸
- 4510 Greg A. H 1 year salary + 300⁰⁰ computer repairs 8282⁵⁰
- 4511 Mike Klein 1 year salary + 300⁰⁰ computer repairs 5227⁵⁰
- 4512 Perry Fitzpatrick 2 meetings less 3⁹² minutes 266⁰⁸
- 4513 St. John Business Tax W-2/w-3/payroll 178⁵⁰
- 4514 Village of Hubbardston Earl Huppach medical sur 250⁰⁰
- Motion by Piggott supported by Klein to
 pay bills as read Say O yes. Motion by
 Piggott supported by Fitzpatrick to record and put
 on file financial report Say O yes. Motion by
 Klein supported by Smith to adjourn meeting
 at 8:30 P.M. Say O yes.
- Gregory A. Ambushmacher Michael C. Klein
 P. R. Fitzpatrick David Piggott
 David H. Smith

February 13 2023



The Lebanon Twp meeting was held on February 13 at the Twp Hall. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. All members present. Motion by [unclear] supported by Piggott to approve minutes as read. Say, O'ray. Sayon Weber as present. He was updated on Clinton Area Ambulance Service budget and financial situation. Motion by A-14 supported by Piggott to approve 2023 - 2024 Ambulance budget. Say, O'ray. Motion by A-14 supported by Fitzpatrick to approve 2023 - 2024 Capital Budget for Ambulance Authority. Say, O'ray. Motion by Piggott supported by Klein to approve land split for Randy Thies. Say, O'ray. Motion by Piggott supported by Smith to approve Resolution 2023-3 - The property Act, that the Board of Review shall receive letters of Protest. Roll call vote: A-14 yes / Fitzpatrick yes / Klein yes / Piggott yes / Smith yes. Say, O'ray. Resolution adopted. Motion by A-14 supported by Fitzpatrick to approve 300⁰⁰ donation to Tri County Motor Activities. Say, O'ray. Motion by Smith supported by A-14 to sign contract with Eubank Edge Case to provide Cemetery and Hall lawn and maintenance for Twp Cemetery & Hall grounds for 3 years. Say, O'ray. Motion by Smith supported by Piggott to approve contract with Village of Hubbardston for fire & rescue service. Say, O'ray.

Bill's presented:

- 4515 Consumers Energy Hall election 100⁰⁰
4516 Dan Smith cemetery meet w/ Sam Miel & HPink 63⁰⁰
4517 Les Miller & Don Northy Walden burial 660⁰⁰
4518 Mike Klein quickbooks on-line storage 265⁰⁰
4519 Mich Municipal League Waldman large payroll audit¹⁰
4520 Village of Fowler 2013 residents interest review fee 240⁰⁰
4521 Village of Hubbardston medical rent Kay Fischer 250⁰⁰
4522 Village of Maple Ridge fire run Consumers - inspection, 1000⁰⁰
Matter by Klein supported by Piggott Klein to
pay bills as read, Say Oray. Matter by
Klein supported by Piggott to review and get
on file financial report Say Oray. Matter
by Piggott supported by Smith to adjourn
meeting at 9:15 P.M., Say Oray.
Megan A. Armstrong Michael C. Klein
P. J. Dufour Daniel Piggott Daniel C. Smith