

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES AND AVAILABLE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS VIDEO CONFERENCING ON MAY15, 2025.

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  
Blair Renfro  
Charlie Cavanagh  
Lisa Felice  
Dan Williams Jr.  
Elaina Braunschweig  
Jake Thelen  
Nick Taylor  
Jacob Martus  
Stephanie Fitzgerald  
Chris Forist  
Diane Martin  
Anne Armstrong  
Jill Rusnak  
Ryan Wilson  
Jessica Duell  
Ally Durfee  
Jason Mailoux  
Kevin Spence  
Steve Kimbrell  
Laura Fromm  
Paul Proudfoot  
Ben Johnson  
Jerry McClung  
Andy Hannum  
Kate Daymon  
Amy Rittenhouse  
Jamie Kuras  
Kevin Krause  
Wendy Cadwell  
Reka Holley-Voelker  
Brittany Klocke

Matt Helms  
Naomi Simpson  
Zach Heidemann  
Roger Doherty  
Sarah Mullkoff  
Dave Chislea  
Nick Evans  
Laura Weir  
Brandy Quinn  
Tom Hohm  
Sarah Hutchinson  
Julie Ginevan

Public: Robert Williams  
Avery Sanborn  
Ron Cochell

Additional Staff & Public Attending Telephonically/Video Conferencing: 121 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 24, 2025, Commissioner Carreon seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Scripps, Peretick, Carreon  
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-1292 dated May 1, 2025)

2. MINUTE ACTION PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK LLC  
(9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-3644 dated May 1, 2025)

**B. ELECTRIC**

1. MINUTE ACTION MIDCONTINENT INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR, INC.,  
ENERGY OPERATING RESERVE TARIFF EXPEDITED ADDITION  
STUDY FILING  
(FERC Docket No. ER25-1674-000)
2. MINUTE ACTION MIDCONTINENT INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR, INC.,  
TARIFF REVISIONS FOR DEMAND RESPONSE PARTICIPATION  
REQUIREMENTS  
(FERC Docket No. ER25-1729-000)
3. MINUTE ACTION MIDCONTINENT INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR, INC.,  
TARIFF REVISIONS FOR DEMAND RESPONSE AND  
EMERGENCY RESOURCES REFORMS  
(FERC Docket No. ER25-1886-000)

**C. GAS**

1. U-21274 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MICHIGAN GAS  
UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS GAS  
COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21273) FOR THE 12  
MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2024  
(proposed settlement agreement)
2. U-21278 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SEMCO ENERGY  
GAS COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS GAS COST  
RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21277) FOR THE 12 MONTHS  
ENDED MARCH 31, 2024  
(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 2 orders and 5 minute actions were adopted.

#### **IV. OTHER ORDERS**

##### **A. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. U-16577 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GLOBAL CONNECTION, INC. OF AMERICA d/b/a STAND UP WIRELESS FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER PURSUANT TO SECTION 214(e)(2) OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED (proposed expansion of service area/final order)

Case No. U-16577 involves the March 18, 2025 application filed by Global Connection Inc. of America, d/b/a Stand Up Wireless, to expand its eligible telecommunications carrier designated service area. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 15, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

2. U-21869 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION, TO IMPLEMENT PROVISIONS OF SECTION 103 OF THE MICHIGAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT (basic local exchange service geographic area data/opportunity to comment)

Case No. U-21869 involves implementation of the provisions of Public Act 179 of 1991, as amended, and establishes a deadline for the filing of comments on the proposed timing and format of basic local exchange service area data collection by 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time) on June 13, 2025. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 15, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

##### **Commissioner Peretick commented:**

“I would like to thank our telecom staff for their work on this new map that is proposed in this order. In light of the increased use of unregulated telecommunication services, it is important for customers to have a clear understanding of the changes to service areas where a provider offers basic local exchange service, or more commonly known as landline phone service. While there have been many advances made in the availability of telecommunications and broadband services, there are still areas within Michigan that lack broadband service, may not have reliable wireless

voice service, and where other types of non-regulated services such as voice over internet protocol service are not available.

This order invites comments on the proposal that is outlined in this order to direct all licensed landline providers to provide a map where their service is available to customers and to update that information whenever it changes. This would provide transparency and information necessary for many Michiganders to make informed decisions about how their telecommunications services are offered.

If you have thoughts that you would like to share on this new mapping requirement, please submit them to this docket by June 13<sup>th</sup>.”

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

The order was adopted.

**B. ELECTRIC**

1. U-20929 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DTE GAS COMPANY  
AND DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A LOW-  
INCOME PAYMENT STABILITY PLAN PROGRAM  
(opportunity to comment/interim order)
- U-21021 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS  
ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A PERCENT OF  
INCOME PAYMENT PLAN PILOT  
(opportunity to comment)
- U-20757 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION, TO  
REVIEW ITS RESPONSE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS  
(COVID-19) PANDEMIC, INCLUDING THE STATEWIDE STATE OF  
EMERGENCY, AND TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION  
TO ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS AND  
OTHER STAKEHOLDERS  
(home energy security/opportunity to comment)

Case Nos. U-20929 *et al.* involve the application of DTE Gas Company and DTE Electric Company for approval of a low-income payment stability plan pilot program, Consumers Energy Company’s revised application for a percent of income payment plan, and a proceeding on the Commission’s own motion to, among other things, adopt a definition for “home energy security.” The order before you provides interested persons an opportunity to submit comments and reply comments regarding DTE Electric Company’s and DTE Gas Company’s payment stability plan report, Consumers Energy Company’s percent of income payment plan program report,

and the Commission Staff's working definition for "home energy security. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 15, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

**Commissioner Peretick commented:**

"I would like to thank both Consumers and DTE for conducting these pilots to help inform our decisions on the best way of addressing affordability and the energy burden for low-income customers. I also want to thank our staff for their help in the support and analysis of these programs. These pilots are exploring the effectiveness and the costs associated with providing payment plans for low-income customers that are set based on a fixed percentage of the customer's income.

The results of the two pilots are detailed in the reports that are associated with this order, and they have some unique differences that we would like to dig into. I would like to highlight the opportunity here for all members of the public to comment on these pilot results and to help inform our decisions on future implementation.

Additionally, as Ms. Wambaugh noted, we are also seeking comment on staff's proposed definition of home energy security, which has evolved from the work of the Energy Affordability and Accessibility Collaborative and the Energy Waste Reduction Low-Income work group. There has been a lot of work that has gone into this, and it is important that we get these definitions and these programs right.

I appreciate all the effort that has gone into getting us to this point."

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*/special contract/City of Detroit Phase 2 Solar Park/final order)

Case No. U-21361 involves an application filed by DTE Electric Company seeking *ex parte* approval of the Phase 2 special contract with the City of Detroit and Phase 2 of the City of Detroit Solar Park. The order before you approves DTE Electric Company's February 21, 2025 application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 15, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Scripps, Peretick, Carreon

Nays – None

The order was adopted.

3. 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/University of Michigan/ final order)

Case No. U-21361 involves an application filed by DTE Electric Company seeking *ex parte* approval of a special contract between DTE Electric Company and the University of Michigan. The order before you approves DTE Electric Company’s February 27, 2025 application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 15, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

4. U-21661 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF MELISSA BURWELL AGAINST DTE ENERGY COMPANY  
(final order)

Case No. U-21661 involves a complaint filed by Melissa Burwell against DTE Energy Company. The order before you dismisses the complaint with prejudice. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 15, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

5. U-21662 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, AS AMENDED  
(proposed settlement agreement)

Case No. U-21662 involves an application filed by DTE Electric Company requesting approval of its amended renewable energy

plan. The order before you approves a settlement agreement that resolves all issues in the case. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 15, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

## C. GAS

1. U-21525 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DTM MICHIGAN LATERAL COMPANY REQUESTING *EX PARTE* APPROVAL TO INCREASE ITS RATES FOR TRANSPORTATION ON THE WET HEADER PIPELINE SYSTEM  
(petition for rehearing)  
U-20894 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DTE MICHIGAN LATERAL COMPANY FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONVERT AND OPERATE PORTIONS OF ITS PIPELINE SYSTEM AND TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE PORTIONS OF A PIPELINE SYSTEM TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL SUPPLY SOURCE TO THE AREAS OF MANISTEE, TRAVERSE CITY, ALPENA, AND ROGERS CITY

Case Nos. U-21525 *et al.* involve a petition for rehearing filed by DTM Michigan Lateral Company. The order before you denies the petition for rehearing. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 15, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

2. U-21780 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE THE KEWEENAW CONNECTOR PIPELINE  
(proposed settlement agreement)

Case No. U-21780 involves an application filed by SEMCO Energy Gas Company, pursuant to Public Act 9 of 1929, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate a new,



approximate 30-mile, 12-inch-diameter, steel natural gas transmission pipeline, known as the Keweenaw Connector Pipeline, between Three Lakes and Baraga, Michigan. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case and makes the required agency findings regarding the project's environmental impact. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its May 15, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

**Chair Scripps commented:**

"I want to thank the staff, and the Company involved, as well as Attorney General, Nana Nessel, who brought forward a settlement agreement that resolved, as Ms. Wambaugh noted, all issues in the case. This provides a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate this new pipeline, which brings needed redundancy and enhanced resilience to the western Upper Peninsula's gas supply. That was a core focus on the 2019 Statewide Energy Assessment. It is nice to see this project moving forward in a part of the state that very much needs it."

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

The order was adopted.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Robert Williams addressed his concerns regarding Case No. U-21471 and the letter filed to the docket on May 12, 2025.

Avery Sanborn addressed his concerns regarding Case No. U-21471.

Ron Cochell, Superior Township, commented on DTE's recent rate increase. Customer Assistance staff followed up on Mr. Cochell's issue.

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

Shane Brewer, Marshall, addressed his concerns regarding Case No. U-21471.

**Chair Scripps announced:**

"We are traveling north to Gaylord next week, Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, for a public forum to review the response to the catastrophic ice storm that heavily damaged the power grid in Northern Michigan that started at the end of March and continued into April, leaving thousands without power. The goal of this is to take input from utility customers impacted by the storm and provide an opportunity for them to share their experiences, thoughts, and ideas. The forum will take place in Gaylord at Ellison Place, located at 150 Dale Drive. Again, it is Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

On Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be in Detroit with another public hearing. This one focused on our work to broaden opportunities for public engagement in matters before the Commission and in the Commission's decision-making process. This meeting will take place on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Cadillac Place, Room L150. Cadillac Place is in Midtown. It is 3022 West Grand Boulevard, west of Woodward, in the New Center neighborhood. The goal of this is unlike some of our other public hearings. This one, because it is not a contested case, is to provide an opportunity for dialogue and community conversation. We welcome any and all who are interested in opportunities to broaden public participation in our proceedings to join us.

May is Asian American and Pacific American Heritage Month. This is an opportunity for us to pay tribute to generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have enriched America's history and are instrumental to our future success. I would be remiss if I did not recognize Commissioner Carreon, who serves as our first Asian American Commissioner in the 151 years of the Commission's history and contributes every single day in all sorts of ways. It is a privilege to honor you and to recognize the many contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

I also want to note that the next Commission Meeting is Thursday, June 12, 2025. We have got a special event lined up for that as part of our celebrations of Juneteenth. We will have here at the Commission offices, the Black History 101 Mobile Museum-Music of the Movement exhibit. This includes a verbal presentation and provides an opportunity to delve into the powerful impact of music on the social, cultural, and political movements of the Black experience of America. The exhibit viewing will begin at 10:00 a.m., here at the Commission's offices at 7109 West Saginaw Highway. The verbal presentation will be at 11:00 a.m. The Commission Meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. and the exhibit viewing will conclude at 3:00 p.m. I invite all of you to join us for that and for and out next meeting.

Finally, I think you have probably recognized that we have a larger than usual attendance today. In part because we are celebrating our Annual Employee Recognition ceremony, recognizing the great work of the Commission's staff over the course of the year. It is something that we are appreciative of every single day, certainly no day more than this when we can formally recognize this. This, of course, follows Public Service Week, which was last week where we recognized the contributions of public servants, including those here at the Michigan Public Service Commission, where public service is literally our middle name."

A recording of the proceedings of the May 15, 2025 meeting is archived at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hgDMyVatflo> .

Chair Scripps announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2025 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 1:46 p.m.

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Lisa Felice  
Executive Secretary