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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES AND AVAILABLE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS VIDEO CONFERENCING ON JUNE 12, 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: Blair Renfro  
Matt Helms  
Lisa Felice  
Jason Mailloux  
Ryan Wilson  
Stephanie Fitzgerald  
Zoe Salamey  
Jill Rusnak  
Anne Armstrong  
Megan Emmons  
Tayler Becker  
Julie Baldwin  
Jesse Harlow  
Ben Johnson  
Kate Daymon  
Diane Martin  
Jerry McClung  
Ally Durfee  
Jessica Duell  
Naomi Campbell  
Cathy Cole  
Nora Quilco  
Anna Schiller  
Katie Krupp  
Mike Byrne  
Nick Evans  
Lauren Fromm  
Kevin Krause  
Tom Holm  
Roger Doherty  
Laura Weir  
Sarah Mullkoff

Lisa Kindschy  
Reka Voelker  
Kit Sabo  
Angela McGuire  
Dolores Midkiff-Powell  
Zach Heidemann  
Li Szilagyi

Public: Robert Williams, 18MI

Additional Staff & Public Attending Telephonically/Video Conferencing: 210 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 May 15, 2025, Commissioner Carreon seconded.

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

The minutes were approved.

**III. CONSENTED ORDERS**

**A. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. U-21910 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PB MICHIGAN FIBER ASSET ENTITY, LLC FOR A TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT LICENSE TO PROVIDE BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE IN THE INCUMBENT LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS' SERVICE TERRITORIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF MICHIGAN (interim order)
2. U-21915 IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN SPRINGPORT TELEPHONE COMPANY AND LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

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|                        |               | (interconnection agreement)   |
|                        | U-21923       | IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN ONTONAGON COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY AND LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC   |
|                        |               | (interconnection agreement)   |
|                        | U-21924       | IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN WINN TELEPHONE COMPANY AND LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC   |
|                        |               | (interconnection agreement)   |
| 3.                     | MINUTE ACTION | METRO ACT<br>(tax credit determination report)  |
| 4.                     | MINUTE ACTION | AT&T MICHIGAN<br>(9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. 517 R41-0001 067 9 dated June 1, 2025)   |
| 5.                     | MINUTE ACTION | PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK NEXT GENERATION SERVICES LLC<br>(9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-1293 dated June 1, 2025)  |
| 6.                     | MINUTE ACTION | PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK LLC<br>(9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-3658 dated June 1, 2025)   |
| <br><b>B. ELECTRIC</b> |               |   |
| 1.                     | MINUTE ACTION | GREAT LAKES GAS TRANSMISSION LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, TARIFF FILING<br>(FERC Docket No. RP25-855-000)   |
| 2.                     | MINUTE ACTION | MIDCONTINENT INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR, INC., TARIFF REVISIONS TO ELIMINATE DUAL REGISTRATION<br>(FERC Docket No. ER25-2050-000)  |
| <br><b>C. GAS</b>      |               |   |
| 1.                     | U-21687       | IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION, REGARDING THE REGULATORY REVIEWS, REVISIONS, DETERMINATIONS, AND/OR APPROVALS NECESSARY FOR SEMCO ENERGY, INC., TO FULLY COMPLY WITH PUBLIC ACT 295 OF 2008, AS AMENDED<br>(energy waste reduction plan/proposed settlement agreement) |

2. U-21837 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DTE GAS COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS REVENUE DECOUPLING MECHANISM FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH NOVEMBER 20, 2024  
(proposed settlement agreement)
3. MINUTE ACTION VECTOR PIPELINE L.P., MOTION TO IMPLEMENT RATE REDUCTION  
(FERC Docket No. RP24-971-000)
4. MINUTE ACTION ANR PIPELINE COMPANY, TARIFF FILING  
(FERC Docket No. RP-25-858-000)

**D. STEAM**

1. U-21616 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-MONTH PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2026  
(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 5 orders and 8 minute actions were adopted.

**IV. OTHER ORDERS**

**A. ELECTRIC**

1. U-15805 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, REGARDING THE REGULATORY REVIEWS, REVISIONS, DETERMINATIONS, AND/OR APPROVALS NECESSARY FOR CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY TO FULLY COMPLY WITH PUBLIC ACTS 286 AND 295 OF 2008, AS AMENDED  
(*ex parte*/ Blackman Solar project/final order)

Case No. U-15805 involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company requesting *ex parte* approval of an Engineering,

Procurement, and Construction Agreement and Module Supply Contract for the Blackman Solar Project. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 12, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

2. U-20350 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  
(*ex parte*/ Republic Solar project/final order)

Case No. U-20350 involves an application filed by Upper Peninsula Power Company requesting *ex parte* approval of the Member Interest Purchase Agreement and Engineering, Procurement, and Construction Agreements for the Republic Solar Project. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 12, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted

3. U-20604 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS  
(*ex parte*/Pivot Energy MI 19 Solar plant/final order)

Case No. U-20604 involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company seeking *ex parte* approval of a power purchase agreement with Pivot Energy MI 18 LLC. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 12, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

4. 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 INTERESTED PERSONS  
(Critical Care Collaborative/interim order)

Case No. U-20757 involves a matter, on the Commission’s own motion, to review its response to COVID-19 and to provide guidance and direction moving forward. The order before you reviews the Critical Care Collaborative recommendations as reflected in the December 26, 2024 report filed in this docket and further directs the Commission Staff to initiate the rulemaking process and collaborate with the Energy Affordability and Accessibility Collaborative, consistent with this order. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 12, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

**Commissioner Carreon commented:**

“With today's approval of the order in this case, the Commission furthers its commitment to protect vulnerable customers and assess metrics that can drive towards a clearer definition of customer affordability.

First, today we direct the start of a rulemaking process that ensures that medically vulnerable customers can be protected from disconnections while keeping them engaged during their protection period beyond the enrollment and renewal periods alone. Remaining in touch with medically vulnerable customers in between enrollment and renewal can aim to help mitigate and manage account arrearages during the critical care shut off protection period by ensuring customers seek assistance, if income eligible, or enter into a payment plan. Rule revision would encourage both engagement from the utility and the customer, requiring the utility to work hand-in-hand with the customer, while providing guidance with assistance and payment plan options. At the Commission, rulemaking is always an excellent time for public input and participation, and any party or person with an interest in ensuring methods for vulnerable customers to have peace of mind during these critical care periods are encouraged to follow future related rulemaking updates.

Finally, along the lines of inviting comment, this order also takes an important step in directing the development of affordability metrics for feedback, then requesting Staff work with the Energy Affordability and Accessibility Collaborative's Affordability, Alignment, and Assistance subcommittee to incorporate those results in the forthcoming Percent of Income Payment Plan analysis report. As a reminder, comments from the public on DTE Electric, DTE Gas, and Consumers Energy's Percent of Income Payment Plan or PIPP pilot reports are due soon - by 5 pm on June 14, with reply comments due by 5 pm on June 26. We are also inviting comment on the proposed definition of "home energy

security" as recommended by Staff on the same timeline. I invite anyone interested in weighing in on the PIPP pilot results and this definition to comment and follow the U-20757 docket for updates."

**Commissioner Peretick commented:**

"While this docket began in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, it has evolved into something much larger. The Commission began by assessing our response to the pandemic and continued to use this docket to explore the need for special protections for customers to ensure access to utility services and to assist those struggling with utility bills. This order is no different. It confirms the definition of a critical care customer, a definition that outlines who is eligible for the shutoff protections afforded to customers whose life depends on reliable access to electric service.

This order also ensures that properly credentialed medical professionals are the ones assessing customers' medical needs and identifying qualifying medical equipment.

Additionally, it directs a rulemaking process to begin to establish a customer journey that considers different scenarios and outcomes and provides a balance between utilities keeping vulnerable customers engaged through participation in a payment plan or by seeking assistance and requiring engagement from the utility in how it assists customers in this journey.

As stated by our Staff, "the overall goal is to find a way to keep medically vulnerable customers protected by still continuing to keep them engaged during the protection and beyond the enrollment and renewable period, ultimately resulting in success."

And finally, this order directs development of affordability metrics, which will be helpful for us as we continue to assess pathways for low-income customer affordability."

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

The order was adopted.

5. U-21305 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO INVESTIGATE, AUDIT AND REVIEW THE METHODS EMPLOYED BY DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY AND CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY TO SECURE GOOD ELECTRIC SERVICE AND THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO MCL 460.555 AND MCL 460.556  
(DTE Electric Company/interim order)
6. U-21305 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO INVESTIGATE, AUDIT AND REVIEW THE METHODS EMPLOYED BY DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY AND CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY TO SECURE GOOD ELECTRIC SERVICE AND THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO MCL 460.555 AND MCL 460.556  
(Consumers Energy Company/interim order)

Commission Staff Tayler Becker, Energy Resources Division, presented a brief synopsis of the case listed above. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 12, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

**Commissioner Peretick commented:**

“Because there are two separate orders regarding the audit, my comments reflect both this order before us now for DTE as well as the following order directed toward Consumers Energy. First of all, I would like to thank our staff, especially Tayler Becker, Nick Evans, Paul Proudfoot, Julie Baldwin, Anna Schiller, Kit Sabo, Li Szilagyi, Luke Dennin, Jessica Duell, Ally Durfee, Ryan Boutet, and Jing Shi for all their work on this 3rd party audit over the past 2 years. This was the Commission’s first 3rd party audit on our State’s distribution system, and it was a huge undertaking by our staff to analyze the results of the Audit. The results served to be extremely helpful in identifying opportunities to improve reliability at the lowest cost.

Many of the recommendations made by Liberty, the 3rd party auditor, were agreed to by the utilities and are already implemented or in the process of being implemented. For example, Liberty recommended that the utilities hire an on-staff meteorologist. This meteorologist can better predict storm impact, location, and severity, allowing of the utilities to more effectively stage crews and ensuring the right equipment and personnel is dispatched to the most effective location. Both utilities have implemented this recommendation, and we’re already seeing improved storm results.

But there were a number of recommendations where utilities’ plans and the Liberty recommendations do not align, and those recommendations are what are addressed in this order. We addressed each of these contested recommendations and provided directives to the utilities. For example, Consumers Energy currently employs a 7-year effective tree trimming cycle for their distribution circuits. The audit recommends moving to a shorter cycle as a cost-effective way of reducing outages from falling trees and limbs during storms. We know frequent tree trimming is a highly cost-effective way to improve reliability.

This order directs Consumers Energy to analyze the benefits of shifting to a 4-year tree trimming cycle in its next electric rate case.

Liberty also recommended that DTE Electric adopt a 4–5-year visual overhead circuit inspection program, focusing on securing visual control of the system. This will result in more frequent overhead inspection than the company currently conducts, so proactive maintenance and repair can take place before the outages occur at a cheaper cost.

Another important example is Liberty’s recommendation that both utilities begin reporting additional details on downed wire statistics. The danger of live wires that fall down off utility poles cannot be overstated. Increasing transparency and accountability for de-energization and guarding of any downed wires is a priority.

I’m excited that after a thorough and detailed audit process we are now implementing the results to push our utilities toward excellence. The recommendations provided by the 3rd party experts, both the uncontested and contested ones addressed in this order, will now be embedded into decisions going forward, including distribution plans and rate cases for cost recovery.”



**Commissioner Carreon commented:**

“I'd like to thank all the individuals and groups who have engaged and continue to remain engaged in this docket, from the auditors who conducted the assessments to the parties who reviewed and commented on the recommendations. I especially want to thank and recognize our Staff from the Electric Operations and Distribution Planning Sections, led by Nick Evans and Tayler Becker, who presented today, respectively. Staff pored over the audit reports and comments we received to help ensure we guide utilities to remain focused on the most impactful and cost-effective actions that lead to system improvements.

The Commission, as Commissioner Peretick has highlighted, has spoken at length about the unprecedented nature of the in-depth, comprehensive audits conducted on both DTE and Consumers' electric distribution systems, and the enduring and significant impact the audit results will have on monitoring and informing investment in the state's largest utilities' reliability improvement efforts. I wanted to highlight a couple of aspects from the directives for both the DTE and Consumers' orders today, as well as connect these audit results to broader activities underway at the Commission.

First, it is imperative to state the goals of these audits as a reminder: those goals are "to investigate, audit and review methods employed by DTE Electric Company and Consumers Energy Company to secure good electric service and the safety of the public." Accordingly, the Commission has directed adopting the findings and recommendations of the Liberty Consulting Group's audit report for both DTE and Consumers, including directing the companies to develop additional wire down reporting information for inclusion in reports to the Commission to ensure public safety. The order for DTE also directs the company to assess its ability to perform planned increases in capital projects and provide a comparison of actual reliability performance to its aspirational reliability projections, including assessing rate impacts for meeting the company's reliability goals in five- and ten- year timeframes in its next rate case.

The audit results ensure the Commission has a reliable source of performance recommendations and industry best practices with corresponding findings from which to draw that can help inform not only rate case evidentiary records but also both companies' distribution system plans, reporting requirements as Commissioner Peretick described to increase transparency, and metrics within financial incentives and disincentive frameworks and beyond. Alignment across proceedings will lead to greater efficiencies and can help build stronger evidentiary records for consistency across planning approaches and cost recovery requests.”

**Chair Scripps commented:**

“My comments also cover both orders in front of us. I just want to note the findings of audit. Mr. Becker did a great job describing it and the comprehensive nature of the audit. In addition to the 75 specific recommendations (42 for DTE Electric Company and 33 for Consumers) it also includes 67 observations rooted in the expertise of the independent auditors, as well as 148 conclusions on the state of the two utilities respective distribution grids. So, truly a deep dive into the system and I think the orders in front of us today, as well as the comprehensive approach that really goes back nearly a decade. These orders are a major part of our focus on reliability, speak to that. Today's orders are indeed a major milestone in our yearslong effort to improve system reliability and storm restoration efforts. The implementation will continue in future distribution plans and rate cases as

my colleagues noted. Many of the recommendations will be implemented over time to improve reliability and resilience for electric customers in Michigan.

I want to thank, in addition to our staff, and certainly add my thanks to the staff from the Electric Operations Section led by Nick Evans, and the Distribution Planning Section led by Tayler Becker, as well as to all of the individuals that Commissioner Peretick mentioned, the attorneys and advisors who assisted us in our deliberative processes and drafting the orders in front of us. It really was a team effort. I also want to thank the independent auditors and my fellow Commissioners for their steadfast commitment to improving the reliability and resilience of Michigan's electric distribution grids.

Our goal as Commissioners, fundamentally, is to leave the grid better than we found it. I believe that the actions taken today ensure that we do just that."

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

The order in Case No. U-21305 – DTE Electric Company was adopted.

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

The order in Case No. U-21305 – Consumers Energy Company was adopted.

7. U-21388 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO OPEN A DOCKET THAT WILL BE USED TO COLLABORATIVELY CONSIDER AND ADDRESS ISSUES AND CONCERNS RELATED TO THE RELIABILITY AND RESILIENCE OF THE ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEM IN MICHIGAN IN A COMMISSION-SPONSORED TECHNICAL CONFERENCE  
(opportunity to comment/Critical Facility Resilience/ interim order)

Case No. U-21388 involves a matter, on the Commission's own motion, to open a docket to collaboratively consider issues related to the reliability and resiliency of the electric power system in Michigan in a Commission-sponsored technical conference. The order before you invites comments on the Commission Staff's Straw Proposal on Critical Facility Resilience and directs the Commission Staff to hold a technical conference on undergrounding and alternatives to undergrounding and file a follow-up report in this docket. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 12, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

**Commissioner Peretick commented:**

“As is the case in many states, Michigan is experiencing increasingly frequent and increasingly severe weather. At the end of March, our northern lower peninsula was hit by an extreme winter weather event that resulted in dangerous ice accumulation, followed by gale force winds. This caused widespread power outages and had significant impacts on critical services throughout the region, including loss of phone and cellular services, impassable roads, and damage to homes and businesses.

Storms like this are, unfortunately, not rare. We have been acutely focused on increasing electric system resilience for several years. For example, the Commission hosted a 2-part technical conference on resilience in 2023 with discussions and recommendations from Staff, local government officials, industry leaders, national experts, consumer advocates, and others. We also launched a reliability reporting template, conducted the 3rd party audit we just issued an order on, implemented financial incentives and disincentives around reliability metrics, and kept a keen eye to investments that would improve reliability and resilience in rate cases and distribution system plans.

We’ve launched storm response investigations and utility data collection and transparency efforts and required utilities to meet with local government officials and emergency response teams to improve communication during extreme weather.

We created a dedicated distribution planning section within the Commission staff that Mr. Becker leads, and we revised the service quality standards to raise the bar for utility outage response.

We increased outage credits and made them automatic.

We were among the first Commissions in the country to monitor our utilities’ pursuits of federal funding for resilience and affordability.

And we ordered a review of service quality rules and technical standards and resilience requirements of critical facilities to operate in the event of an outage and asked our Staff to file a proposal to improve critical facility resilience. The order before us now invites comment on that proposal from anyone who would like to offer their input.

This order adds one more action to this long list of attempts to improve reliability and resilience: We’re going to be holding a technical workshop to discuss the costs and benefits of undergrounding electrical distribution infrastructure. This was a prominent theme we heard from the public when we hosted a hearing in Gaylord following the March ice storm and has been a topic of research for utilities and staff over recent years. We will be hosting a virtual workshop to dig into this, so if you’re interested, stay tuned for details on timing and agenda.”

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

The order was adopted.

8. U-21420 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER PENINSULA  
POWER COMPANY FOR WAIVERS OF CERTAIN SERVICE

QUALITY AND RELIABILITY STANDARDS FOR ELECTRIC  
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS PURSUANT TO R 460.751 AND  
RELATED RELIEF

(*ex parte*/ request for temporary waiver extension/interim order)

Case No. U-21420 involves an application filed by Upper Peninsula 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 April 30, 2027. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 12, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

9. U-21423 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, 2024  
(final order)

Case No. U-21423 involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company requesting approval to implement a power supply cost recovery plan for the 12 months ending December 31, 2024. The order before you approves the application, power supply cost recovery factor, and contingency mechanism, as described in this order, and accepts the company's five-year forecast. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 12, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

10. U-21467 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF INDIANA MICHIGAN  
POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION  
PROCEDURES, FORMS, AGREEMENTS AND RELATED RELIEF  
(request for waivers and final order)

Case No. U-21467 involves the approval of interconnection procedures, forms, and agreements for Indiana Michigan Power Company pursuant to Mich Admin Code, R 460.920. The order before you approves interconnection procedures, forms, and agreements, and grants limited waivers. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 12, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

11. U-21471 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MICHIGAN  
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION COMPANY, LLC FOR AN ACT 30  
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR  
THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MAJOR TRANSMISSION LINE  
BETWEEN ONEIDA SUBSTATION IN EATON COUNTY AND  
NELSON ROAD SUBSTATION IN GRATIOT COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
U-21472 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MICHIGAN  
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION COMPANY, LLC FOR AN ACT 30  
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR  
THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MAJOR TRANSMISSION LINE  
BETWEEN THE INDIANA/MICHIGAN STATE BORDER AT  
GILEAD TOWNSHIP IN BRANCH COUNTY AND THE NEW HELIX  
SUBSTATION IN CALHOUN COUNTY  
(interim order)

Case Nos. U-21471 and U-21472 involve applications filed by Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC, seeking the issuance of certificates of public convenience and necessity for the construction of major transmission lines under the Electric Transmission Line Certification Act, Public Act 30 of 1995. The order before you permits the parties to submit supplemental briefing on the issue described in the order. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 12, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

**Commissioner Peretick commented:**

“I would like to thank our staff and all the intervening parties to this case for their thoughtful input in this transmission siting case. As noted in the agenda, this order before us currently is not a final order. Rather, it is a limited order asking for supplemental briefing regarding the proposed Helix-Hiple transmission line. The order does not make a determination on the application of the Helix-Hiple line or the Nelson-Oneida line.

When considering whether to issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity, the Commission must decide whether the proposed or alternate route presented by the transmission company are reasonable and feasible. Regarding the Nelson-Oneida line, we had many individual and group intervenors present evidence and arguments regarding METC's proposed routes, as well as analysis of alternatives proposed by the intervenors. All of this information filed by METC and supplemented by intervenors will help us make a reasoned decision on the Nelson-Oneida line.

However, we would benefit from supplemental briefing on a limited issue regarding the Helix-Hiple line. The proposed route for the Helix Hiple line transects an existing airport. This airport was registered with the FAA prior to METC's application, has been used as an airport for 30 years, and was brought to METC's attention before their application was filed. Yet METC has proposed to route the transmission line through the airport.

And the alternate route that METC included in their application, which avoids the airport, has different social impacts from the proposed route. It requires 35 more acres of new right of way, has 17 more residences within 500 ft of the centerline, crosses 25 more parcels, and has 2 more archaeological sites within the right of way when compared to the proposed route. We must determine – are either of these routes reasonable?

Therefore, I encourage any party to this case who can help us sort through this determination of reasonableness to submit a brief on this issue by June 26. I look forward to reading them before making a final decision in this case.”

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

The order was adopted.

12. U-21482 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION PROCEDURES AND WAIVERS FROM INTERCONNECTION AND DISTRIBUTED GENERATION STANDARDS R 460.901a ET. SEQ. (request for extension/ interim order)

Case No. U-21482 involves approval of interconnection procedures filed by DTE Electric Company pursuant to Mich Admin Code, R 460.920. The order before you grants a second joint motion to extend, and extends the deadline for issuing a final order in this case until August 21, 2025. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 12, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

13. U-21665 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY FOR *EX PARTE* APPROVAL OF TARIFFS GOVERNING THE PROVISIONS OF OUTDOOR SECURITY LIGHTING  
(final order)

Case No. U-21665 involves an application filed by Indiana Michigan Power Company for *ex parte* approval of tariffs governing the provision of outdoor security lighting. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 12, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

14. U-21776 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION, REGARDING THE REGULATORY REVIEWS, DETERMINATIONS, AND/OR APPROVALS NECESSARY FOR AMERICAN RURAL COOPERATIVE POWER, INC., TO FULLY COMPLY WITH PUBLIC ACT 295 OF 2008, AS AMENDED  
(renewable energy plan/final order)

Case No. U-21776 involves an application filed by American Rural Cooperative Power, Inc., for approval of its renewable energy plan filing pursuant to Public Act 295 of 2008, as amended. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 12, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

15. 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 initial and reply comments on the Commission's revised proposed process for addressing requests for a verification. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 12, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

16. U-21914 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY TO DEFER EXPENSES FOR THE MARCH/APRIL EXTRAORDINARY STORM EVENT  
(*ex parte*/ request for accounting authority/interim order)

Case No. U-21914 involves an application by Consumers Energy Company requesting *ex parte* approval for accounting authority to use a regulatory asset to defer operations and maintenance expense associated with the March/April 2025 storm event. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 12, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Carreon seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

## V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Williams addressed his concerns regarding Case No. U-21471.

Peter Sullivan, on behalf of his mother, Margo Sullivan, addressed his concerns regarding Case No. U-21471.

Jack Wages, Union City, addressed his concerns regarding Case No. U-21471.

### Chair Scripps announced:

"I want to express my appreciation to the Federal Small Business Administration for their Disaster Declaration earlier this week. It provides much needed federal support in response to the ice storms that impacted northern Michigan at the end of March and beginning of April that Commissioner Peretick spoke about earlier today. I express my appreciation for that.



Second, in June we celebrate Pride Month and Juneteenth. Juneteenth marks the end of slavery in the United States. It celebrates June 19, 1865, when word of the end of the Civil War reached Galveston, Texas. That was announced by Major General Gordon Granger as he issued General Order No. 3, which demanded ‘absolute equality’ between previously enslaved people and former slaveholders. Juneteenth became a federal holiday in 2021 and a state holiday in Michigan in 2023.

In addition, Pride Month, celebrated every year in June, traces its origins to the early 1970’s after the Stonewall uprising in 1969. In celebration of Pride Month, there are a number of events across the state of Michigan, and across State government. We are proud to celebrate this and every June.

Finally, it was mentioned that there was cake earlier. That is because after we adjourn, we will have the opportunity to celebrate Julie Baldwin, who is retiring at the end of this month. Following 36 years with the Public Service Commission, the last several as the Director of Energy Operations Division. She is affectionately dubbed ‘The Velvet Hammer’. One of the nicest people you will ever meet, but also one that you don’t necessarily want to cross. The stories across Julie’s 36 years at the Commission are legendary. Unfortunately, very few can be shared in public.”

A recording of the proceedings of the June 12, 2025 meeting is archived at:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=emnLH\\_mo6L4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=emnLH_mo6L4).

Chair Scripps announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 10, 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 1:56 p.m.

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Lisa Felice  
Executive Secretary