

<http://michigan.gov/mpsc>

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES AND AVAILABLE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS VIDEO CONFERENCING ON OCTOBER 9, 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
Shaquila Myers, Commissioner

Staff: Caitlin Mucci
Matt Helms
Lisa Felice
Blair Renfro
Lynn Beck
Dan Williams, Jr.
Kevin Spence
Jill Rusnak
Amy Rittenhouse
Jake Thelen
Dolores Midkiff-Powell
Anne Armstrong
Stephanie Fitzgerald
Olivia Li Szilagyi
Kate Daymon
Ben Johnson
Andy Hannum
Jerry McClung
Carmen Wagner
Theresa Staley
Mike Byrne
Laura Weir
Ally Durfee
Andi Taylor
Gustavo Cordero
Ryan Boutet
Elaina Braunschweig

Public:

Additional Staff & Public Attending Telephonically/Video Conferencing: 163 Participants

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

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

The agenda was approved.

II. Commissioner Peretick moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of September 30, 2025, Commissioner Myers seconded.

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

The minutes were approved.

III. CONSENTED ORDERS

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. U-21959 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BLUEBIRD
MIDWEST, LLC FOR A TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT LICENSE
TO PROVIDE BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE IN ALL THE
ZONE AND EXCHANGE AREAS IN MICHIGAN PRESENTLY
SERVED BY MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY d/b/a
AT&T MICHIGAN, FRONTIER NORTH INC. AND FRONTIER
MIDSTATES INC.
(interim order)
2. MINUTE PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK, LLC
ACTION (9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-3741 dated October 1, 2025)
3. MINUTE PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK NEXT GENERATION SERVICES
ACTION LLC
(9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-1309 dated October 1, 2025)

B. ELECTRIC

1. U-15309 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SPARTAN
RENEWABLE ENERGY, INC. FOR A LICENSE AS AN
ALTERNATIVE ELECTRIC SUPPLIER

(request for voluntary relinquishment/final order)

- U-16651 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, REGARDING THE REGULATORY REVIEWS, REVISIONS, DETERMINATIONS, AND/OR APPROVALS NECESSARY FOR SPARTAN RENEWABLE ENERGY, INC., TO FULLY COMPLY WITH PUBLIC ACT 295 OF 2008, AS AMENDED
2. U-21432 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21431) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 (proposed settlement agreement)
3. MINUTE ACTION APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE THERESA A.G. STALEY

C. GAS

1. U-21936 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY TO UPDATE THE FACILITY IMPROVEMENT DEMAND SURCHARGE (proposed settlement agreement)

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

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

The 4 orders and 3 minute actions were adopted.

IV. OTHER ORDERS

A. ELECTRIC

1. U-21265 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, 2023 (interim order)

Case No. U-21265 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, 2023. The order before you remands the case to the administrative law judge to address a petition for intervention, and extends the deadline for the filing of Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation's next integrated resource plan case. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its October 9, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

2. 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 (petition for rehearing)
- 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, MICHIGAN

Case Nos. U-21471 *et al.* involve a petition for rehearing filed by Daren A. Wiseley challenging the Commission's July 10, 2025 order in this consolidated docket and seeking to reopen the record to consider newly submitted evidence and unresolved issues in the contested case proceeding. The order before you denies the petition for rehearing for the reasons stated in the order. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its October 9, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

3. U-21655 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF AARON MOHLMAN
AGAINST DTE ENERGY COMPANY
(final order)

Case No. U-21655 involves a complaint filed by Aaron Mohlman against DTE Energy Company. The order before you dismisses the complaint with prejudice. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its October 9, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

4. U-21809 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER PENINSULA
POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS INTEGRATED
RESOURCE PLAN PURSUANT TO MCL 460.6t AND FOR OTHER
RELIEF
(proposed settlement agreement)
- U-21811 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER PENINSULA
POWER COMPANY REQUESTING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDED
RENEWABLE ENERGY PLAN TO COMPLY WITH PUBLIC ACT
235 OF 2023

Case Nos. U-21809 *et al.* involve applications filed by Upper Peninsula Power Company requesting approval of the company's integrated resource and amended renewable energy plans, along with its Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 avoided cost proposal. The order before you approves a revised settlement agreement resolving all issues in the consolidated case. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its October 9, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Chair Scripps commented:

"I want to highlight a couple of the provisions in this longer-term source plan from UPPCO. First, it increases the energy waste reduction target to more than 2% of the company's total electric load; listing UPPCO as one of the national leaders in saving customers money by reducing the amount of electricity that they use. It also adds a 37.5 MW power purchase agreement that's connected to an existing solar facility that allows the company to comply with current and upcoming renewable energy portfolio standards, among a number of other things.

I appreciate the company for bringing this forward, our staff for their diligence and reviewing, the Department of Attorney General, Citizens Utility Board of Michigan, the Association of Businesses

Advocating Tariff Equity, and Billerud Americas Corporation as intervenors in the case.

I support the order.”

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

The order was adopted.

5. U-21975 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION,
REGARDING THE AWARD OF GRANTS UNDER THE
RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ELECTRIFICATION
INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
GRANT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO PUBLIC ACT 121 OF 2024
(announcement of grant awards)

Commission Staff Amy Rittenhouse, Administrative Services Division, presented a brief synopsis of the case listed above. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its October 9, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Commissioner Peretick commented:

“I would just like to thank our staff at the MPSC who put in so much work for this grant program. As Ms. Rittenhouse mentioned, there were 76 applications submitted, which required thorough analysis and a significant amount of administrative help from our fantastic staff. That was really helpful for our evaluation and for our final decisions. I’d especially like to thank Amy Rittenhouse, Lynn Beck, Charlie Tidwell, Jesann Gonzales Cruz, Anne Armstrong, Al Freeman, Cathy Cole, the great retired Julie Baldwin, Cody Matthews, Jesse Harlow, Paul Proudfoot, Josh Towslee, Dave Chislea, Jacob Martus, and Tim Sayers. Now I’m excited for the projects to get underway and can’t wait to see the positive results for Michigan’s energy landscape and Michigan energy customers.”

Chair Scripps commented:

“This is the second year that we’ve awarded grants through funding provided by the Legislature for renewable energy and electrification infrastructure enhancement and development projects. That followed two rounds of projects for low carbon energy infrastructure and economic development projects, as well. The grantees, as Ms. Rittenhouse noted, are reflective of communities all over the state, from Solar Tonic in Highland Park, Wayne County, to Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians in the Upper Peninsula. We also had grants in Kalamazoo; an interesting project that combined a solar green roof and battery systems with a good connection with attainable housing in Oakland County. As Ms. Rittenhouse noted, five high-speed charging stations: from Metro Detroit to Port Huron to Houghton Lake and Alpena and to the Upper Peninsula, as well.

I echo thanks to our staff for their diligence in review. I appreciate the quality of the applications brought forward and I am excited to see these dollars provided by the Legislature do good work in all corners of our great state.”

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

The order was adopted.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Chair Scripps announced:

“As previously noted, the Commission is holding a public hearing later this month in Auburn Hills to hear from the community about how certain factors should be considered as part of the long-range plans developed by electric utilities for producing electricity to meet customer energy needs. That hearing will be from 6:00 -7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 27th, at Oakland Community College’s Auburn Hills Campus, in Building F, Room F123, at 2900 Featherstone Road. The hearing will be in person, and anyone may attend. A previous hearing was held on the same subject on September 9th in Grand Rapids.

Second, the Commission issued a pair of reports this week detailing how energy waste reduction programs help save money for utility customers, among a broad range of other benefits, and also showing continued growth in both utility-scale wind and solar projects and distributed renewable energy resources.

On the energy waste reduction side, the report concludes that investments in Michigan EWR programs made in 2024 will save Michiganders \$1.4 billion over the next 12 years, which is the average life of efficiency upgrades and other EWR measures. The programs also resulted in savings of 1.73 million megawatt hours (MWh) of electricity and 6.44 million thousand cubic feet (Mcf) of natural gas last year. For comparison, the electricity saved by Michigan’s EWR programs is approximately double the electricity sales for all homes and businesses in the City of Ann Arbor each year.

In addition to benefits for customers participating in EWR programs, savings realized through EWR programs can help delay or eliminate the need to build costly new power generation resources and reduce the impact of rising fuel costs that factor into all customers’ bills. For every dollar utilities spent on EWR programs in 2024, customers see \$2.40 of benefits.

Michigan’s EWR efforts rank among the best and most cost-effective programs in the nation, including Michigan being best in the country for natural gas savings as a percentage of sales and ranking third nationally for electricity savings.

On the renewable energy side, the Commission’s Status of Renewable Energy, Distributed Generation, and Legacy Net Metering in Michigan report (that we issued yesterday) finds the electric utilities regulated by the MPSC had more than 7,5000 megawatts (MW) of renewable capacity at the end of 2024 and more than 8,300 MW expected by the end of 2025, based on

contracts approved by the Commission. Utilities added 1,698 MW of renewable energy in 2024, an increase of 28.9% over the 5,882 MW of renewable capacity that was online at the end of 2023.

That figure is expected to reach 17,800 MW by 2030 as renewable energy expands to meet the standards set in Michigan's energy laws revamped in 2023 and commitments made in utility resource plans that speed up the state's transition to cleaner sources of energy and reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

In addition, the generation capacity of Michigan's distributed generation program increased to 222.4 MW in 2024 from 189.6 MW in 2023, a more than 17% increase.

My third announcement is to recognize Julie Baldwin (referenced earlier) and Paul Proudfoot who were recently inducted into the Michigan Energy Innovators Hall of Fame. This was at a ceremony held in Detroit by the Michigan Energy Innovation Council. I want to express my congratulations to both Julie and Paul on being honored.

My next announcement is that we are in the presence of royalty here today, and by royalty, I am of course referring to Commissioner Peretick's inclusion as part of Crain's Detroit Business 40 Under 40 Class for this year. Commissioner Peretick is one of the most widely respected public utility commissioners in the country, and here in Michigan we get the benefits of her vision and leadership every day. Congratulations Commissioner Peretick on this richly deserved recognition.

In addition, as of this week the Commission is now on Instagram, or Insta as I'm told those included on the 40 Under 40 lists refer to the social media platform. This adds to our existing presence on X (or Twitter), Facebook and LinkedIn, the videos we post on our YouTube channel and our Behind the Meter podcast and gives us one more tool to expand our outreach on energy and telecommunications matters and share important with Michiganders.

Finally, I want to note that we maintain a close relationship with a number of Commissions across the country, including our colleagues at the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, including Chair Brian Rybarik, Milt Doumit, and Ann Rendahl, who will be installed as NARUC's next president next month. And while we wish them well in all endeavors.

When it comes to baseball, all I can say is Go Tigers!"

A recording of the proceedings of the October 9, 2025 meeting is archived at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RTzcF2zkuWE> .

Chair Scripps announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

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

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

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Lisa Felice
Executive Secretary