

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES AND AVAILABLE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS VIDEO CONFERENCING ON JANUARY 29, 2026.

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
Shaquila Myers, Commissioner

Staff: Alissa Day
Matt Helms
Lisa Felice
Blair Renfro
Marcy Champion
Al Freeman
Anna Stirling
Nick Taylor
Stephanie Fitzgerald
Jill Rusnak
Andy Hannum
Ben Johnson
Jerry McClung
Kate Daymon
Charlie Tidwell
Mike Byrne
Chris Forist
Tom Hohm
Kevin Spence
Li Szilagyi
Andi Taylor
Ryan Wilson
Olivia Flower
Jacob Martus

Additional Staff & Public Attending Telephonically/Video Conferencing: 131 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 January 15, 2026, Commissioner Myers seconded.

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

The minutes were approved.

III. CONSENTED ORDERS

B. ELECTRIC

1. U-21963 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH BLUE ELK SOLAR I, LLC (proposed settlement agreement)
2. U-22025 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ALPENA POWER COMPANY TO COMMENCE A RENEWABLE ENERGY COST RECONCILIATION PROCEEDING FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025 (order assigning dockets)
- U-22026 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY TO COMMENCE A RENEWABLE ENERGY COST RECONCILIATION PROCEEDING FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025
- U-22027 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY TO COMMENCE A RENEWABLE ENERGY COST RECONCILIATION PROCEEDING FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025
- U-22028 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY TO COMMENCE A RENEWABLE ENERGY COST RECONCILIATION PROCEEDING FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025
- U-22029 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY TO COMMENCE A RENEWABLE ENERGY

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| | | COST RECONCILIATION PROCEEDING FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025 |
| U-22030 | | IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY TO COMMENCE A RENEWABLE ENERGY COST RECONCILIATION PROCEEDING FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025 |
| U-22031 | | IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION TO COMMENCE A RENEWABLE ENERGY COST RECONCILIATION PROCEEDING FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025 |
| 3. | MINUTE ACTION | PJM INTERCONNECTION, LLC, TARIFF FILING AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
(FERC Docket No. ER26-751-000) |
| 4. | MINUTE ACTION | NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY LLC v. MIDCONTINENT INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR, INC.
(FERC Docket No. EL26-36-000) |
| 5. | MINUTE ACTION | SOUTHERN INDIANA GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY v. MIDCONTINENT INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR, INC.
(FERC Docket No. EL26-38-000) |

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 2 orders and 3 minute actions were adopted.

IV. OTHER ORDERS

A. ELECTRIC

1. U-18353 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, REGARDING THE REGULATORY REVIEWS, REVISIONS, DETERMINATION, AND/OR APPROVALS NECESSARY FOR INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 61 OF 2016 PA 342
(*ex parte*/voluntary green pricing program)

Case No. U-18353 involves an amended application filed by Indiana Michigan Power Company requesting *ex parte* approval of updates

to its voluntary green pricing program. The order before you approves the amended application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its January 29, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

2. U-21090 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN UNDER MCL 460.6t, CERTAIN ACCOUNTING APPROVALS, AND FOR OTHER RELIEF
(*ex parte*/full avoided cost rates)

Case No. U-21090 involves applications filed by Consumers Energy Company requesting *ex parte* approval of updates to the company's full avoided cost rate pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 and an update to the bundled outflow rate for the Simple Renewable Program. The order before you approves the August 7, 2025 and November 3, 2025 applications. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its January 29, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

3. U-21374 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, REGARDING THE REGULATORY REVIEWS, REVISIONS, DETERMINATIONS, AND/OR APPROVALS NECESSARY FOR CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 61 OF 2016 PA 342
(*ex parte*/voluntary green pricing program/ updated tariff)

Case No. U-21374 involves a matter, on the Commission's own motion, regarding the regulatory reviews, revisions, determinations, and/or approvals necessary for Consumers Energy Company to comply with Section 61 of Public Act 342 of 2016. The order before you approves the January 5, 2026 Joint Stipulation of the Parties filed in this docket. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its January 29, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

4. U-21816 IN THE MATTER OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR THE REGULATORY REVIEWS, REVISIONS, DETERMINATIONS, AND/OR APPROVALS NECESSARY TO FULLY COMPLY WITH PUBLIC ACT 295 OF 2008, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC ACT 235 OF 2023
(*ex parte*/Mustang Mile Solar Energy/power purchase agreement)

Case No. U-21816 involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company requesting *ex parte* approval of the conversion of the Mustang Mile Solar Energy Project build transfer agreement to a power purchase agreement. The order before you approves the December 2, 2025 application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its January 29, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

5. U-21930 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO COMMENCE A PROCEEDING TO IMPLEMENT FILING GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATIONS UNDER ACT 30 OF 1995, AS AMENDED
(final order)

Commission Staff Marcy Champion, Energy Resources Division, presented a brief synopsis of the case listed above. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its January 29, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Commissioner Peretick commented:

“I’d first like to thank Ms. Champion for her excellent presentation and her work on developing these guidelines, as well as Zach Heidemann, Naomi Simpson, Megan Mix, Amelia Arnold, Karsten Szajner, and Jon DeCooman, and Charlie Cavanagh for their work reflected in today’s order.

I want to start by underscoring why this proceeding matters. Act 30 gives this Commission significant authority over the siting of certain electric transmission lines, and with that authority comes a responsibility to ensure that the process is understandable, predictable, and fair—

particularly for landowners and local communities who may be encountering this process for the first time.

The voluntary filing guidelines adopted today are an important step in that direction. They do not change the statute, and they do not impose new legal requirements, but they do provide clearer expectations about what a complete and thoughtful application should look like. That clarity benefits everyone involved: applicants, intervenors, Staff, and members of the public.

These guidelines place early and meaningful public engagement at the center of the Act 30 process—they reiterate that the transmission owner’s public engagement process isn’t meant to be box-checking. It’s meant to be a mutually beneficial interaction where the impacted parties can be meaningfully involved, and the transmission owner can learn new information and make better decisions.

Encouraging applicants to identify a study area, to engage with landowners and municipalities before routes are finalized, and to consider alternative routes informed by that engagement reflects lessons learned from prior cases. It also recognizes that public input is most valuable early in the process when it can still influence the project’s ultimate design.

I also want to acknowledge the emphasis on transparency. Provisions related to public meetings, meeting materials, public notice, and accessible mapping information are all aimed at ensuring that affected parties have the information they need to participate meaningfully. In my view, a process that is clear and accessible from the outset ultimately leads to better decision-making and more durable outcomes.

I’d like to thank Staff for the collaborative approach taken here. The record reflects engagement with transmission companies, advocacy organizations, and individual members of the public, and I appreciate the effort to incorporate constructive feedback where appropriate. I also want to thank those who took the time to comment, especially landowners who have valuable experience going through this once before like Valerie Wolscheid-Brennan—your participation clearly strengthened the final product.

Finally, I think it’s important to emphasize that these guidelines are the first step. Next, the Commission plans to work with interested parties to develop enforceable rules to more clearly express the requirements of Act 30. I look forward to everyone’s participation in the next step of the process.”

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

The order was adopted.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Valerie Wohlscheid-Brennan provided comments on Case No. U-21930 and thanked the Commission for their efforts.

Commissioner Peretick announced:

“I just wanted to say thank you to all of the line workers, including many of them from Michigan, who have been deployed to help restore power after winter storm Fern impacted a large swath of the country. I know that at one point there were almost one million customers that were out of power as a result of this winter storm from the snow and ice that took down power lines throughout the middle and south of the country. I know a large number of line workers from our state, from our utilities here in Michigan, too time to go down and help utilities there to restore the power in a fast and safe manner. I wanted to thank all of them and to all the line workers who have been working around the clock to get everybody’s power restored.”

Chair Scripps commented:

“We certainly have benefited from those mutual assistance arrangements in the past, including gaining some, unfortunately, valuable experience in dealing with ice storms. I am glad we could reciprocate at this point in time.”

A recording of the proceedings of the January 29, 2026 meeting is archived at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwh1YiPXFo> .

Chair Scripps announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2026 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 1:23 p.m.

Lisa Felice
Executive Secretary