

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES AND AVAILABLE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS VIDEO CONFERENCING ON MARCH 12, 2026.

Commission Chair Daniel C. Scripps called the meeting to order at 1:07 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: Shannon Wambaugh
Matt Helms
Lisa Felice
Blair Renfro
Al Freeman
Tayler Becker
Stephanie Fitzgerald
Teresa McKay
Andy Hannum
Jerry McClung
Kate Daymon
Charlie Tidwell
Zoey Salamey
Mike Byrne

Public: Heidi Myers, Consumers Energy
Suzy Westmoreland, MEGA

Additional Staff & Public Attending Telephonically/Video Conferencing: 185 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 February 19, 2026, Commissioner Myers seconded.

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

The minutes were approved.

III. CONSENTED ORDERS

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. MINUTE ACTION PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK LLC
(9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-3826 dated March 1, 2026)
2. MINUTE ACTION PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK NEXT GENERATION SERVICES LLC
(9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-1330 dated March 1, 2026)

B. ELECTRIC

1. MINUTE ACTION CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, REQUEST FOR COST RECOVERY
(FERC Docket No. ER26-1138-000)

C. GAS

1. U-21446 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21445) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2025
(proposed settlement agreement)

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

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

The 1 order and 3 minute actions were adopted.

IV. OTHER ORDERS

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. U- U-14725 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, REGARDING DESIGNATION OF A STATE 2-1-1 COORDINATING AGENCY PURSUANT TO SECTION 214 OF THE MICHIGAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT
(request to amend reporting timelines/final order)

Case No. U-14725 involves a petition filed by Michigan 2-1-1 requesting to amend its annual audit filing deadline and related timeline dates that were established by the March 15, 2024 order redesignating Michigan 2-1-1 as the statewide coordinator for 2-1-1 services. The order before you grants Michigan 2-1-1’s request, as described in the order. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 12, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

B. ELECTRIC

1. U-15814 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, REGARDING THE REGULATORY REVIEWS, REVISIONS, DETERMINATIONS, AND/OR APPROVALS NECESSARY FOR BAYFIELD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. TO FULLY COMPLY WITH PUBLIC ACTS 286 AND 295 OF 2008
(amended renewable energy plan/final order)

Case No. U-15814 involves a matter on the Commission’s own motion, regarding the regulatory reviews, determinations, and/or approvals necessary for Bayfield Electric Cooperative, Inc. to comply with Public Act 295 of 2008, as amended. The order before you finds that the amended renewable energy plan filed by Bayfield Electric Cooperative, Inc., is compliant with the requirements of Public Act 295 of 2008, as amended. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 12, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Scripps, Peretick, Myers

Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. U-20140 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, REGARDING EXTREME WEATHER CONDITION POLICIES FILED IN COMPLIANCE WITH MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE R 460.134 (opportunity to comment/interim order)

Case No. U-20140 involves the review and approval of extreme weather condition policies filed by the utilities in compliance with Mich Admin Code, R 460.134 of the Commission's Consumer Standards and Billing Practices for Electric and Natural Gas Service. The order before you invites comment on related issues. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 12, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Commissioner Peretick commented:

“This order continues the Commission’s work to ensure that Michigan’s extreme weather disconnection policies remain responsive to the realities customers are facing today. As the order notes, both hot and cold extreme weather events are occurring more frequently, and they pose serious risks to public health and safety.

The Commission’s existing policies were approved in 2018, and it is appropriate that we revisit them in light of changing weather patterns and the growing evidence of the harms associated with extreme temperatures. I appreciate the work of Staff in convening the technical conference, gathering comments, and preparing the report that helps frame the issues for further discussion.

Today’s order invites additional input on several thoughtful recommendations that were put forward by our Staff, including clearer temperature triggers, greater consistency across utilities, and improved transparency around when extreme weather protections are activated.

Ensuring that customers are protected from disconnection during dangerous weather conditions crucial, and I look forward to reviewing the comments as we consider whether updates to these policies are warranted.”

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

The order was adopted.

3. U-21015 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR FINANCING ORDER APPROVING THE SECURITIZATION OF QUALIFIED COSTS

(annual true-up adjustment/proposed charges)

Case No. U-21015 involves an application filed by DTE Electric Company for a financing order approving the securitization of qualified costs. The order before you accepts DTE Electric Company's fourth annual true-up report and authorizes tariffs reflecting the securitization charges after the true-up, as reflected in the report and attachments thereto. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 12, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

4. U-21227 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO SEEK COMMENTS FROM RATE-REGULATED ELECTRIC, STEAM, AND NATURAL GAS UTILITIES REGARDING POTENTIAL UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN FROM THE FEDERAL FUNDING AVAILABLE UNDER THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT OF 2021: ALPENA POWER COMPANY, CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, DETROIT THERMAL, LLC, DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY, DTE GAS COMPANY, INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY, NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY, UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION, MICHIGAN GAS UTILITIES CORPORATION, AND SEMCO ENERGY GAS CORPORATION (interim order)

Case No. U-21227 involves a matter, on the Commission's own motion, to track the funding and assistance opportunities available to public utilities pursuant to the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021. The order before you encourages each rate-regulated utility to continue to pursue federal funding or assistance opportunities, and directs each utility to file an update on its continued efforts on a biannual basis. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 12, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Commissioner Peretick commented:

“In May of 2022, the Commission opened this docket in order to track how utilities were maximizing the benefits of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA). The order before us continues the reporting docket as a place for utilities to report on federal funding opportunities and their efforts to pursue them. When federal dollars are available to help modernize our energy infrastructure, strengthen

reliability, or lower costs, we should make sure Michigan utilities are actively exploring those opportunities to maximize value for ratepayers.

I appreciate the work utilities have already done to identify and pursue funding under the IIJA and the Inflation Reduction Act. These programs can provide important support for investments that benefit customers, whether that is improving grid resilience, deploying new technologies, or enhancing system reliability. Many of these signed commitments and formula dollars were continued under the current administration, and these opportunities for cost savings should be maximized.

At the same time, the federal funding landscape continues to evolve. Some programs have changed, others have closed, and new opportunities are emerging. Maintaining this docket and continuing the biannual reporting requirement helps ensure the Commission remains informed about what opportunities exist and how utilities are positioning themselves to bring those resources to Michigan.

Every dollar of federal support that utilities are able to secure can help reduce costs for ratepayers while still allowing us to make needed investments in our energy system. I encourage utilities to continue pursuing these opportunities wherever possible.”

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

The order was adopted.

5. U-21260 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21259) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 (final order)

Case No. U-21260 involves an application filed by DTE Electric Company for approval to reconcile its power supply costs and revenues for 2023 metered jurisdictional sales of electricity. The order before you approves the reconciliation as set forth in the order. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its March 12, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

6. U-21918 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO RECONCILE ITS ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION INVESTMENT RECOVERY MECHANISM AND FOR OTHER RELIEF

(proposed settlement agreement)

Case No. U-21918 involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company for authority to reconcile its electric distribution investment recovery mechanism and other relief. 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 March 12, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Chair Scripps commented:

“I believe that this is the first application for reconciliation of an investment recovery mechanism since we started approving those for electric utilities a couple of years ago or at least from DTE Electric Company and Consumers Energy. I am pleased to see the settlement in front of us. There is a slight refund to customers based on underspent but largely tracking what had been laid out in the approval. I am pleased that the process seems to be working in this regard.”

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

The order was adopted.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Green, Saline, provided comments on the proposed DTE data center.

Chair Scripps announced:

“As this is our first meeting in March, I want to take a moment to wish everyone a Happy Women’s History month. This month is an opportunity for us to recognize the achievements that have shaped both our nation and the Commission. I encourage you to check out our Michigan_PSC Instagram page to learn more about the women who have helped lead the MPSC. This week, on our Instagram page. We’re featuring the Commission’s longest ever serving Commissioner, Edwina Anderson, who served from 1980 – 1988. There is also a cool logo designed by our staff that features some of the many women who made the Commission what it is today.

I’d also note on a personal note that from the beginning of my time on the Commission, I’ve been blessed to serve with and learn from some incredibly dedicated, smart women, including Sally Talberg and Alessandra Carreon, as well as Commissioner Katherine Peretick and Commissioner Shaquila Myers. I want to thank both of you for your continued service and commitment to our state.

I also want to highlight the many strong women we have in every part of the Commission. I’m particularly excited that women make up fully half – 22 out of 44 – of those in managerial roles at the MPSC. That is a percentage that has increased over the last several years and builds on the work

of former Chair Sally Talberg to empower strong women leaders across our organization. As we celebrate Women's History Month and every month indeed, it's an honor to serve with you.

My second announcement is around the MPSC's Annual Report. Earlier this month, the Commission published our 2025 Annual Report which detailed encouraging and significant improvement in electric reliability, maintaining affordable energy, and a focus on strong consumer protections. The report notes that Michigan, from 2019 to 2024, shaved off nearly an hour of outages per year when accounting for weather, 52.6 minutes annually per customer. That is more than any other state during that period. When storm events are included, the improvement is even more dramatic with outage times dropping by 88.5 minutes. This is the sixth highest improvement in the country and the best in the region.

Amid increased utility investments in grid improvements, the Commission also maintained our strong focus on managing customer costs. Michigan ranked 18th nationally for home energy bills in 2024. Our best ranking in a decade. Home energy bills include both electric and natural gas. But when you look at just at electric bills, Michigan performed even better, ranking 15th in the nation. Data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration show that average home electric bills in Michigan were nearly \$23 lower than the national average in 2024, lower than average bills in two neighboring states, Ohio and Indiana, and lower than average for the region that includes Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Against the high inflationary pressures, Michigan has held utility increases in check. While the nation saw a cumulative 22.5% increase in inflation across the economy as a whole from 2020-2025, our residential energy costs during that period increased at a rate of 5.3% below that rate of inflation.

The report also highlights the more than \$54 million in assistance funding provided to more than 56,000 Michiganders under the Michigan Energy Assistance Program. Michigan's best-in-class energy waste reduction efforts that generate lifetime savings of \$1.4 billion for customers. The fact that by the end of 2025, the amount of renewable energy generation in Michigan grew to 8,300 megawatts, a more than 40% increase from 2023, as well as other details on customer assistance, community engagement, pipeline safety, and telecommunications and broadband efforts, among others.

I want to particularly thank our staff for their work over the course of 2025. Even as we celebrate the many areas of progress, we're certainly mindful of the work ahead and I'm confident that the 220 professionals who make up the MPSC are up for the challenge."

A recording of the proceedings of the March 12, 2026 meeting is archived at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EePyDRNX2UQ> .

Chair Scripps announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on Friday, March 27, 2026 at 11:00 a.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 1:30 p.m.

Lisa Felice
Executive Secretary