

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES AND AVAILABLE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS VIDEO CONFERENCING ON APRIL 17, 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: Charlie Cavanaugh
Matt Helms
Lisa Felice
Blair Renfro
Kate Holloran
Al Freeman
Ryan Wilson
Anne Armstrong
Lucy Clay
Stephanie Fitzgerald
Kate Daymon
Jerry McClung
Joe Cole
Andy Hannum
Andi Taylor

Public: Kelly Hall, Consumers Energy
Helena Thornton

Additional Staff & Public Attending Telephonically/Video Conferencing: 164 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 March 27, 2026, Commissioner Myers seconded.

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

The minutes were approved.

III. CONSENTED ORDERS

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. U-15368 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF WINN RESTRUCTURING, INC., FOR A LICENSE TO PROVIDE BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE IN THE ZONES AND EXCHANGES CURRENTLY SERVED BY THE WINN TELEPHONE COMPANY, AT&T MICHIGAN, VERIZON NORTH INC., AND CONTEL OF THE SOUTH, INC., d/b/a VERIZON NORTH SYSTEMS (request to voluntarily surrender license/final order)
2. U-15530 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF WINN RESTRUCTURING, INC., FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER PURSUANT TO SECTION 214(e)(2) OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934 (request to voluntarily relinquish a portion of designation/final order)
3. MINUTE ACTION PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK LLC (9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-3848 dated April 1, 2026)
4. MINUTE ACTION PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK NEXT GENERATION SERVICES LLC (9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-1334 dated April 1, 2026)

B. ELECTRIC

1. U-17492 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ENGIE POWER & GAS, LLC, FOR A LICENSE TO OPERATE AS AN ALTERNATIVE ELECTRIC SUPPLIER IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN (request to voluntarily relinquish license/final order)
- U-17549 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, REGARDING THE REGULATORY REVIEWS, DETERMINATIONS, AND/OR APPROVALS NECESSARY FOR ENGIE POWER & GAS, LLC TO FULLY COMPLY WITH PUBLIC ACT 295 OF 2008

2. U-21941 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS
(C&C Energy/proposed settlement agreement)
3. U-21942 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS
(Peoples LFG/proposed settlement agreement)
4. U-21943 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS
(Commonwealth Power/proposed settlement agreement)
5. U-21944 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS
(Ada Cogeneration/proposed settlement agreement)
6. U-21945 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS
(WM Renewable/proposed settlement agreement)
7. U-21947 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS
(Cadillac Renewable Energy/proposed settlement agreement)
8. U-21948 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS
(Grayling Generating Station/proposed settlement agreement)
9. U-21949 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS
(Genesee Power Station/proposed settlement agreement)
10. MINUTE ACTION PJM INTERCONNECTION, LLC, TARIFF FILING TO EXTEND THE PRICE CAP AND PRICE FLOOR RELIABILITY PRICING MODEL AUCTIONS
(FERC Docket No. ER26-1556-000)

11. MINUTE ACTION PJM INTERCONNECTION, LLC, TARIFF FILING TO ESTABLISH AN EXPEDITED INTERCONNECTION TRACK (FERC Docket No. ER26-1563-000)

C. GAS

1. U-17491 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ENGIE POWER & GAS, LLC, FOR A LICENSE TO OPERATE AS AN ALTERNATIVE GAS SUPPLIER IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN (request to voluntarily relinquish license/final order)

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 12 orders and 4 minute actions were adopted.

IV. OTHER ORDERS

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. U-21952 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF INTERACTIVE SERVICES NETWORK, INC. FOR A TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT LICENSE TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN (final order)

Case No. U-21952 involves an application, as amended, filed by Interactive Services Network, Inc., for a permanent license to provide basic local exchange service in all exchanges in the state of Michigan. The order before you grants the permanent license. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 17, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

B. ELECTRIC

1. U-17377 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF 2013 PA 95, AS AMENDED (low-income energy assistance funding factor/final order)

Case No. U-17377 involves implementation of the provisions of Public Act 95 of 2013, as amended. The order before you adopts the funding factor for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund for 2026-2027 and directs certain electric utilities to make additional filings, as described in this order. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 17, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Chair Scripps commented:

“The order before us would formally adopt a funding factor of \$1.50 per meter per month for the state’s Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund. As a result, funding for energy assistance through the Michigan Energy Assistance Program, or MEAP, will increase to approximately \$90 million for the next fiscal year. That’s an increase of nearly 40% over the cap of \$50 million that existed prior to the reforms to the MEAP program enacted in 2024.

This increase is badly needed. Yesterday I had the opportunity to present to the Michigan Senate Energy and Environment Committee on some of the drivers of the energy cost increases we’ve seen in recent years, including inflation (and inflation in the electric sector that’s even higher than economy-wide inflation numbers), tariffs and the effects of recent changes to federal tax policy, tightening regional capacity and energy markets, and aging grid infrastructure, much of which is at or even past end of useful life.

At the Commission, we’ve sought to use the existing statutory framework and a disciplined approach to mitigate some of these challenges, including holding bill increases to nearly 5% below the rate of inflation since 2020. As a result, we’ve achieved our best residential bill ranking in a decade and residential electric bills are below both the national and regional average.

Yet we’re also aware that many people continue to struggle to afford their energy bills, particularly when the cost of everything else is also going up. The 2024 Residential Energy Consumption Survey, released last month by the U.S. Energy Information Administration, paints what the National Consumer Law Center accurately characterized as “an alarming picture of the growing challenges families face in heating and cooling their homes and keeping the lights on.” Key findings from the Residential Energy Consumption Survey include:

- 33% of US households experienced energy insecurity in 2024, up from 27% in 2020
- Nearly 25% of American households reported reducing or forgoing food or medicine in order to pay their energy bills
- Every region of the country saw an increase in energy insecurity between 2020 and 2024

Clearly, this is an issue that deserves the heightened attention it's getting. And I appreciate the partnership of the Legislature in enacting the MEAP reforms in 2024 and support the order in front of us that makes good on that promise and delivers and additional \$15 for much-needed assistance in the next fiscal year. There is more to do, and we will continue to work on efforts to simplify and improve programs designed to help struggling Michiganders.”

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

The order was adopted.

- 2. U-18356 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, REGARDING THE REGULATORY REVIEWS, REVISIONS, DETERMINATION, AND/OR APPROVALS NECESSARY FOR UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 61 OF 2016 PA 342 (voluntary green pricing program/interim order)

Case No. U-18356 involves an amended application filed by Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation for approval of its voluntary green pricing program. The order before you grants a petition for leave to intervene filed by Tilden Mining Company, L.C., converts this matter to a contested proceeding, and consolidates this matter with the company’s amended renewable energy plan proceeding to be filed no later than October 15, 2026. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 17, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

- 3. U-21455 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO R 460.920 AND R 460.928 (proposed revised interconnection procedures/final order)

Case No. U-21455 involves an application filed by Northern States Power Company for approval of revised interconnection procedures. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 17, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Scripps, Peretick, Myers

Nays – None

The order was adopted.

4. U-21813 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDED RENEWABLE ENERGY PLAN TO COMPLY WITH PUBLIC ACT 235 OF 2023
(petition for rehearing)

Case No. U-21813 involves a petition for rehearing filed by Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation seeking rehearing of the Commission’s December 18, 2025 order issued in this docket. 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 April 17, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

5. 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
(amended renewable energy plan/petitions for rehearing)

Case No. U-21816 involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company requesting approval of its amended renewable energy plan. The order before you grants Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council’s petition for rehearing of the September 11, 2025 order in this docket, reopens the evidentiary record for a single issue, establishes a case schedule that provides for the submission of evidence and briefing from the parties, denies Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association’s petition for rehearing as moot, and denies the Michigan Department of Attorney General’s petition for rehearing. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 17, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Chair Scripps commented:

“We granted rehearing on this issue because of some tension in statutory interpretation and wanted to provide all parties with the opportunity to submit additional legal briefs on that issue, and to reopen the evidentiary record as well to allow for additional evidence as needed to support their legal arguments. The schedule for the submission of evidence and briefs is outlined in the order, and we hope to resolve this issue this summer.”

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

The order was adopted.

6. U-22035 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION FOR *EX PARTE* ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY TO DEFER EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH RENEGADE SOLAR FACILITIES
(interim order)

Case No. U-22035 involves an application filed by Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation requesting *ex parte* approval to use deferred accounting for incremental costs associated with the Renegade Solar project that will not be recovered through its power supply cost recovery mechanism. The order before you approves the amended application and requested accounting treatment, as described in the order. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 17, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

C. GAS

1. U-21608 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DTE GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A GAS COST RECOVERY PLAN AND AUTHORIZATION OF GAS COST RECOVERY FACTORS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31, 2026
(final order)

Case No. U-21608 involves an application filed by DTE Gas Company for approval to implement a gas cost recovery plan for the 12-month period ending March 31, 2026. The order before you approves the plan, as set forth in the order, and accepts the company’s five-year forecast. Commissioner

Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 17, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Helena Thornton, Dearborn, addressed her concerns regarding data centers in Michigan.

Pat Miller, Waylon addressed his concerns regarding Consumers Energy’s rate increase and its donations to the Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Kay Schneider, Kalamazoo, stated that the parcel next to her property is anticipated to be sub-leased as commercial, but it is currently a residential siting. She also commented about amendments to Case No. U-21547.

Chair Scripps announced:

“As you likely saw from the new banner hanging in the Commission lobby, April is Safe Digging Month, and as in past years, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has issued a [proclamation](#) making April Safe Digging Month in Michigan. Contacting MISS DIG 811 by calling 811 or clicking on www.MISSDIG811.org at least three days in advance of any digging allows crews to mark buried utility lines to prevent costly damage and potentially deadly consequences. There’s now even a new MISS DIG mobile app to make the process even easier. Contacting MISS DIG 811 is free and easy, and it will help protect you and your community.

April is also Arab American Heritage Month, dedicated to celebrating the history, culture, and contributions of the nearly four million Arab Americans in the United States. As the state with the highest percentage of Arab Americans in the country, Michigan benefits greatly in ways both large and small from the many contributions of our Arab American friends and neighbors, and we’re pleased to stand with them, and indeed Michiganders of all backgrounds, in recognizing Arab American Heritage Month.

This week we’re also celebrating National Lineman Appreciation Day, which is designated by Congress as tomorrow, April 18, 2028. Though every day is a good day to thank a lineman, it is important to take time on National Lineman Appreciation Day to express our utmost appreciation to the great men and women that work so hard for us every day. It's our honor to celebrate the hard work, innovation, and dedication of the approximately 115,000 Electrical Lineworkers across the country – including the many men and women here in Michigan who show up every day to keep the lights on.

Finally, I’m thrilled to welcome Kate Halloran to the Commission! Ms. Halloran joined us this week as an Administrative Law Specialist in the Regulatory Affairs Division after spending the last five years at

the Michigan Department of Attorney General representing the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Michigan Department of Education in all stages of litigation. She previously practiced law with Lakeshore Legal Aid and the Legal Aid and Defender Association, as well as in private practice. Ms. Halloran earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of the Holy Cross and her JD from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. We're excited to welcome Ms. Halloran to the MPSC!"

A recording of the proceedings of the April 17, 2026 meeting is archived at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljW8B-XV638> .

Chair Scripps announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 30, 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 1:29 p.m.

Lisa Felice
Executive Secretary