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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 April 30, 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: Kelly Barber-Dodge
Matt Helms
Lisa Felice
Blair Renfro
Ryan Wilson
Jill Rusnak
Al Freeman
Teresa McKay
Anne Armstrong
Jerry McClung
Kate Daymon
Joe Cole
Andy Hannum
Ben Johnson
Gustavo Cordero
Andi Taylor
Zoe Salamey
Sarah Mullkoff
Mike Byrne

Public: Barbara Manzon, Oshtemo Township
Ken Schneider
Katie Schneider

Additional Staff & Public Attending Telephonically/Video Conferencing: 192 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 April 17, 2026, Commissioner Myers seconded.

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

The minutes were approved.

III. Consented Orders

A. Communications

- 1. U-13690 In the matter of the joint request for Commission approval of a multi-state interconnection agreement between QuantumShift Communications, Inc. and various AT&T Inc. owned companies, including Ameritech Michigan (ninth amendment)
- U-18106 In the matter of the joint request for Commission approval of a multi-state interconnection agreement between Entelegent Solutions, Inc. and various AT&T Inc. owned companies, including AT&T Michigan (second amendment)
- U-22066 In the matter of the joint request for Commission approval of a multi-state interconnection agreement between Wide Voice, LLC and various AT&T Inc. owned companies, including AT&T Michigan (interconnection agreement)

B. Electric

- 1. U-21829 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, 2024 (proposed settlement agreement)
- 2. U-21831 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, 2024 (proposed settlement agreement)
- 3. U-22076 In the matter of the application of Alpena Power Company for approval to implement a power supply cost recovery plan for the 12 months ending December 31, 2027 (order assigning case numbers)
- U-22077 In the matter of the application of Alpena Power Company for reconciliation of its power supply cost recovery plan (Case No. U-22076) for the 12 months ended December 31, 2027

- U-22078 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, 2027
- U-22079 In the matter of the application of Consumer Energy Company for reconciliation of its power supply cost recovery plan (Case No. U-22078) for the 12 months ended December 31, 2027
- U-22080 In the matter of the application of DTE Electric Company for approval to implement a power supply cost recovery plan for the 12 months ending December 31, 2027
- U-22081 In the matter of the application of DTE Electric Company for reconciliation of its power supply cost recovery plan (Case No. U-22080) for the 12 months ended December 31, 2027
- U-22082 In the matter of the application of Indiana Michigan Power Company for approval to implement a power supply cost recovery plan for the 12 months ending December 31, 2027
- U-22083 In the matter of the application of Indiana Michigan Power Company for reconciliation of its power supply cost recovery plan (Case No. U-22082) for the 12 months ended December 31, 2027
- U-22084 In the matter of the application of Northern States Power Company for approval to implement a power supply cost recovery plan for the 12 months ending December 31, 2027
- U-22085 In the matter of the application of Northern States Power Company for reconciliation of its power supply cost recovery plan (Case No. U-22084) for the 12 months ended December 31, 2027
- U-22086 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, 2027
- U-22087 In the matter of the application of Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation for reconciliation of its power supply cost recovery plan (Case No. U-22086) for the 12 months ended December 31, 2027
- U-22088 In the matter of the application of Upper Peninsula Power Company for approval to implement a power supply cost recovery plan for the 12 months ending December 31, 2027
- U-22089 In the matter of the application of Upper Peninsula Power Company for reconciliation of its power supply cost recovery plan (Case No. U-22088) for the 12 months ended December 31, 2027

C. Gas

- 1. U-21438 In the matter of the application of Consumers Energy Company for reconciliation of its gas cost recovery plan (Case No. U-21437) for the 12 months ended March 31, 2025
(proposed settlement agreement)

2. U-22090 In the matter of the application of Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation for approval of a gas cost recovery plan and factors for the 12 months ending October 31, 2027
(order assigning case numbers)
- U-22091 In the matter of the application of Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation for reconciliation of its gas cost recovery plan (Case No. U-22090) for the 12 months ended October 31, 2027
- U-22092 In the matter of the application of Consumers Energy Company for approval of a gas cost recovery plan and factors for the 12 months ending March 31, 2028
- U-22093 In the matter of the application of Consumers Energy Company for reconciliation of its gas cost recovery plan (Case No. U-22092) for the 12 months ended March 31, 2028
- U-22094 In the matter of the application of DTE Gas Company for approval of a gas cost recovery plan and factors for the 12 months ending March 31, 2028
- U-22095 In the matter of the application of DTE Gas Company for reconciliation of its gas cost recovery plan (Case No. U-22094) for the 12 months ended March 31, 2028
- U-22096 In the matter of the application of Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation for approval of a gas cost recovery plan and factors for the 12 months ending March 31, 2028
- U-22097 In the matter of the application of Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation for reconciliation of its gas cost recovery plan (Case No. U-22096) for the 12 months ended March 31, 2028
- U-22098 In the matter of the application of Northern States Power Company for approval of a gas cost recovery plan and factors for the 12 months ending March 31, 2028
- U-22099 In the matter of the application of Northern States Power Company for reconciliation of its gas cost recovery plan (Case No. U-22098) for the 12 months ended March 31, 2028
- U-22100 In the matter of the application of SEMCO Energy Gas Company for approval of a gas cost recovery plan and factors for the 12 months ending March 31, 2028
- U-22101 In the matter of the application of SEMCO Energy Gas Company for reconciliation of its gas cost recovery plan (Case No. U-22100) for the 12 months ended March 31, 2028

D. Steam

1. U-22102 In the matter of the application of Detroit Thermal, LLC for approval of a steam supply cost recovery plan and factors for the 12 months ending March 31, 2028

U-22103 In the matter of the application of Detroit Thermal, LLC for reconciliation of its steam supply cost recovery plan (Case No. U-22102) for the 12 months ended March 31, 2028

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

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

The 7 orders were adopted.

IV. Other Orders

A. Communications

1. U-21869 In the matter, on the Commission’s own motion, to implement provisions of Section 103 of the Michigan Telecommunications Act (geographic mapping information/interim order)

Case No. U-21869 involves implementation of the provisions of Public Act 179 of 1991, as amended, and establishes the timing and format of basic local exchange service area data collection. The order before you directs the Commission Staff to establish a process for submission of this information. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 30, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

B. Electric

1. U-20147 In the matter, on the Commission's own motion, to open a docket for certain regulated electric utilities to file their distribution investment and maintenance plans and for other related, uncontested matters (order closing docket)

Case No. U-20147 involves a matter, on the Commission’s own motion, for certain regulated electric utilities to file their distribution system plans and for other related, uncontested matters. The order before you discusses the first distribution system plans filed by

Alpena Power Company, Northern States Power Company, and Upper Peninsula Power Company, including comments and replies thereto; provides guidance to these utilities for the next iterations of their distribution system plans; and closes the docket in this case, pending further guidance by the Commission. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 30, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Commissioner Peretick commented:

“I would like to begin by thanking our Staff in the distribution planning section, led by Tayler Becker, that includes Kit Sabo, Anna Schiller, and Li Szilagyi for their excellent work analyzing and providing feedback and recommendations for our three smaller electric IOUs that submitted their first Distribution System Plans in this docket. In addition, I’d like to acknowledge the work of Alpena Power Company, Northern States Power Company, and Upper Peninsula Power Company in developing their first distribution system plans.

As the order notes, these filings generally meet the requirements in place at the time and provide a meaningful starting point for what must become a much more robust, transparent, and forward-looking planning process.

But I do want to highlight the need to move from descriptive filings to truly analytical, data-driven documents. Distribution system plans are not meant to re-state past investments or high-level strategies. They must clearly demonstrate how utilities are making decisions, what options they consider, what tradeoffs they evaluated, and why the chosen path is the most cost-effective and beneficial for customers.

A central theme of this order is the need to draw a direct, measurable connection between investments and outcomes. The Commission has established four overarching electric distribution system objectives for distribution planning- safety, reliability and resiliency, cost-effectiveness and affordability, and accessibility. Thus, affordability cannot remain a passing reference. Affordability must be central to utility planning. Customers ultimately pay for every investment we approve, and utilities must demonstrate that not only their investments improve the system, but that they do so in a way that is cost-effective and mindful of rate impacts, particularly for vulnerable communities.

I want to compliment Alpena Power Company for their data-driven planning and want to highlight that all utilities should meet this level. Detailed data, including asset condition, outage cause, and system constraint are essential for understanding system needs and evaluating whether proposed solutions are appropriate.

And finally, I want to highlight the need for customer and community engagement. These plans should reflect the needs and experiences of the people served by the system. Meaningful engagement requires demonstrating how customer feedback shapes decisions, identifies problems, and informs solutions. I look forward to seeing how the utilities incorporate this guidance in the order before us plus the Commission’s 2025 Distribution System Planning Guidelines U-20147 into their next filings, and how these plans evolve into the critical tools they are intended to be.”

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

The order was adopted.

2. U-20852 In the matter, on the Commission’s own motion, to commence a collaborative to consider best practices to ensure cost-effective development of new energy resources and to limit procurement barriers for emerging technologies, including processes for competitive bidding (interim order)

Case No. U-20852 involves a matter, on the Commission’s own motion, to commence a collaborative to consider best practices to ensure cost-effective development of new energy resources and to limit procurement barriers for emerging technologies, including processes for competitive bidding. The order before you directs the Commission Staff to convene a workgroup to revise the Competitive Procurement Guidelines approved in the September 9, 2021 order in this docket and to file a revised draft of the Competitive Procurement Guidelines in this docket, and directs the Commission’s Executive Secretary to provide a copy of this order to all parties participating in the amended renewable energy plan and completed integrated resource plan dockets listed in this order. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 30, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Commissioner Peretick commented:

“I’d like to briefly note that this order before us is initiating a workgroup to review and revise the Competitive Procurement Guidelines to ensure fair, competitive procurement of renewable energy resources and better opportunities for third-party participation, particularly in light of new clean energy requirements under recent legislation. The workgroup established here will use a revised draft as a starting point for discussion, which will be attached to the order. After the engagement process, updated guidelines will be filed for public comment further consideration by the Commission.

All interested parties are invited to participate in the workgroup, and I encourage broad participation.”

Chair Scripps commented:

“I would like to add a few comments of my own on this one. Affordability is clearly in front of mind, and increasingly so, and deservedly so. There are, as we look further out in terms of changing energy mix in Michigan, there are a number of tools that we have at our disposal, including the integrated resource planning process itself, which requires under statute for us to find the most reasonable and PR. Mix of energy resources to meet needs and I think that allows for an optimization between resource trade-offs including both supply side and demand side options.

This is the sort of other side of the same coin, and that says that once that strategy is in place, how are

we going about a robust competitive procurement process in order to identify the most cost effective resources? And so both from a planning perspective and then a competitive procurement perspective, I think these give us additional tools to ensure that that we're meeting the needs of Michigan's energy future in the most affordable way that we possibly can.”

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

The order was adopted.

- 3. 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 (reporting template/interim order)
- U-21122 In the matter, on the Commission's own motion, to review the response of Alpena Power Company, Consumers Energy Company, DTE Electric Company, Indiana Michigan Power Company, Northern States Power Company, Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation, and Upper Peninsula Power Company to recent storm damage in their service territories

Case Nos. U-21388 *et al.* involve a matter, on the Commission’s own motion, to open a docket that will be used to collaboratively consider issues related to the reliability and resilience of the electric power system in Michigan. The order before you addresses comments filed in response to the Commission Staff’s Electric Undergrounding Report; adopts the Commission Staff’s recommendations, as described in this order; directs the Commission Staff and certain utilities to work to identify and define the data points that would support and serve as inputs to the Sustained Interruption Reduction Index and the Restoration Effectiveness Plus Area Index Resilience metrics; and to file an updated reporting template, as described in this order. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 30, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Commissioner Peretick commented:

“I would like to thank the team of Staff that have worked hard to put forward real solutions on the topic of undergrounding electric distribution wires as part of this docket, especially Tayler Becker, Paul Proudfoot, Nick Revere, Kit Sabo, Anna Schiller, Li Szilagyi, Nick Evans, Naomi Simpson, and a special thanks to Luke Dennin, who is no longer with the Commission but whose excellent work laid the foundation for this. Thank you also to all the commenters and public who submitted their thoughts and recommendations as well.

This work, at least partially, stemmed from a series of comments and questions from concerned public who saw moving overhead lines underground as a reliability solution. Our Staff asked deep questions, did the analysis, and came forward with eleven recommendations that this order adopts, as modified. These recommendations reflect a serious and necessary evolution in how we think about reliability, resilience, and the role of data in driving better outcomes for Michigan.

What stands out to me the most among these recommendations that the order adopts are our shift from broad, programmatic thinking to a much more disciplined, project-level approach. If utilities are going to propose significant capital investments, including undergrounding, they must demonstrate clearly and convincingly why that specific investment is the best option for that specific location. This is about accountability. Customers are being asked to fund substantial investments in the distribution system, and in return, they deserve evidence that those investments will actually improve reliability and resilience, and that they are the most cost-effective way to do so.

This order also takes an important step forward on data transparency. Requiring more granular reliability data allows better decisions to be made. It allows us to distinguish between systemic weaknesses and isolated storm impacts, and allows targeted investments where they are needed most, while grounding this decision in granular, Michigan-specific data and risks rather than relying solely on national or regional averages.

I also want to emphasize the importance of evaluating alternatives. Undergrounding may be appropriate in certain circumstances, and this record shows that targeted applications can be cost-effective. But it is not a default solution. In many cases, other approaches—whether system hardening, vegetation management, sectionalizing, or new technologies—may deliver equal or greater reliability benefits at lower cost. The burden is on the utility to demonstrate that it has rigorously evaluated those options.

Another critical theme in this order is coordination. We heard clearly from local governments about the importance of aligning utility work with municipal infrastructure projects. A “dig once” approach is not just good planning—it is essential to minimizing disruption and controlling costs. Utilities should be engaging early and meaningfully with local partners to identify these opportunities.

Finally, I want to underscore the connection between reliability and affordability. These are not competing priorities—they are deeply linked. Smart, well-targeted investments can reduce outages, avoid costly emergency response, and ultimately lower long-term costs for customers. But poorly justified or inefficient investments will do the opposite.

This process has set standards we will apply when evaluating investments going forward, and I’m looking forward to seeing this reflected in future distribution system plans and rate cases.”

Chair Scripps commented:

“Just maybe to underline, there was a comprehensive set of comments and just to maybe underline two different pieces. One is the use of undergrounding or anything else as a default strategy where it’s always the right strategy in all instances. I think both for undergrounding hardening and other things, it needs to be the right strategy in the right place. I think this adopts a framework for how we better consider undergrounding and the potential benefits it can provide and then identify where the right strategy is and what places are the right places for that.

The other piece is just to highlight, as Ms. Barber-Dodge noted in her introduction, that the order before us includes (I think) requirements for the three largest utilities to find the data points that would support and serve as inputs to two emerging metrics, the sustained interruption reduction index (SIRI) and the restoration effectiveness plus area index resilience metric or repair.

I think it's really important as we looked at the metrics that we had available, they're largely reliability based as opposed to resilience based. These two metrics allow us as, as you pointed out, Commissioner Peretick, to separate the systemic weaknesses from isolated incidents and to really make sure that we're isolating for weather and some other things as we look at how to boost the resilience of the grid in adopting the requirement to provide data.

We're not adopting the metrics themselves, but it puts us on a path as these metrics are finalized and ultimately incorporated into the IEEE standards for Michigan to be among the leading states in adopting these new metrics and really trying to put parameters and measurement around resilience related activities.

I'm excited to support this order and to see the work that flows from it.”

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

The order was adopted.

4. U-21566 In the matter of the application of DTE Electric Company for approval of contracts for the development of the Trenton Channel Energy Center (*ex parte*/final order)

Case No. U-21566 involves an application by DTE Electric Company seeking *ex parte* approval of the equipment supply agreement between DTE Electric Company and LG Energy Solution Vertech, Inc., necessary to develop the Trenton Channel Energy Center Project. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 30, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

5. U-21592 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, 2025 (final order)

Case No. U-21592 involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company seeking approval to implement a power supply cost recovery plan for the 12 months ended December 31, 2025. The order before you approves the application, which includes approval of a power supply cost recovery contingency mechanism for the 2025 plan year, as specified in the order. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 30, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

6. U-21594 In the matter of the application of DTE Electric Company for approval to implement a power supply cost recovery plan for the 12 months ending December 31, 2025
(final order)

Case No. U-21594 involves an application filed by DTE Electric Company requesting approval to implement a power supply cost recovery plan for the 12 months ending December 31, 2025. The order before you approves DTE Electric Company’s application and proposed power supply cost recovery factor, and further accepts the company’s five-year forecast. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 30, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

7. U-21968 In the matter of the application of Indiana Michigan Power Company for *ex parte* accounting authority to change the methodology for allocating between Indiana and Michigan retail jurisdictions the costs of current generation resources
(proposed settlement agreement)

Case No. U-21968 involves an application filed by Indiana Michigan Power Company for *ex parte* approval for accounting authority to change the methodology for allocating the cost of current generation resources between the company’s Michigan and Indiana retail jurisdictions. 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 April 30, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

8. U-22022 In the matter of the application of MCV Retail Company LLC, for a license as an alternative electric supplier (final order)
U-22047 In the matter, on the Commission’s own motion, regarding the regulatory reviews, determinations, and/or approvals necessary for MCV Retail Company, LLC, to fully comply with Public Act 295 of 2008

Case Nos. U-22022 *et al.* involve an application by MCV Retail Company LLC for an alternative electric supplier license. The order before you grants the license, and requires MCV Retail Company LLC to file a renewable energy plan in Case No. U-22047 within 90 days from the date of this order. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 30, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

9. U-22054 In the matter of the application of DTE Electric Company for approval of tolling agreements and energy storage projects along with related relief (*ex parte*/final order)

Case No. U-22054 involves an application filed by DTE Electric Company for *ex parte* approval of the Coldwater River and Tuscola II Tolling Agreements and the Isabella Energy Center and Meridian Energy Center Projects along with the associated equipment supply agreements for battery modules and master service agreements for the engineering, procurement, and construction of the projects. The order before you approves the application, denies the Michigan Department of Attorney General’s request to convert this matter to a contested proceeding and notice of intervention as moot. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the

order at its April 30, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

10. U-22065 In the matter, on the Commission’s own motion, to open a docket that will be used to collaboratively consider and address issues related to advanced metering infrastructure in a Commission-sponsored technical conference (interim order)

Case No. U-22065 involves a matter, on the Commission’s own motion, to open a docket to collaboratively consider issues related to the future implementation of advanced metering infrastructure. The order before you opens the docket and notifies interested persons of a Commission-sponsored technical conference to be held within 90 days from the date of this order. Information on how to participate will be made available in this docket at a later date. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 30, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Commissioner Peretick commented:

“I would like to thank our Staff who has been thinking about how to improve the usage of our advanced metering infrastructure, or AMI, and get more value out of the system for Michigan customers. AMI can provide a lot of value if used well, but if left unused, it is simply a burdensome cost. This order lays out a series of questions to be answered as part of a commission-led technical conference on AMI’s past and future. Proposed questions to be discussed at the technical conference include exploring the value, the missed opportunities, and ways we can ensure that any future AMI investments ultimately provide the value they should. The timing of this technical conference will be announced shortly and will be posted to our website, and I expect it to coordinate closely with another upcoming technical conference that we have planned (and will provide future guidance on) about customer-side resources, or VPPs. AMI has the ability to enable VPPs, which can provide a cost-effective way of serving load. I look forward to the results of these technical conferences and optimizing Michigan’s investments.”

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

The order was adopted.

C. Gas

1. U-20745 In the matter of the application of Bluewater Gas Storage LLC for authority to modify the inspection schedule for its natural gas storage

facilities in Columbus and Wales Townships, St. Clair County, Michigan
(*ex parte*/interim order)

Case No. U-20745 involves an application filed by Bluewater Gas Storage, LLC, for authority to modify the inspection schedule for certain natural gas storage facilities to temporarily revise the currently approved logging program by delaying the logging for the three wells from 2026 to 2027. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 30, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

2. U-21272 In the matter of the application of DTE Gas Company for reconciliation of its gas cost recovery plan (Case No. U-21271) for the 12 months ended March 31, 2024
(final order)

Case No. U-21272 involves an application filed by DTE Gas Company seeking authority to reconcile the costs and revenues associated with its gas cost recovery plan for the 12 months ended March 31, 2024. The order before you approves the application, as set forth in the order. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 30, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

3. U-21847 In the matter, on the Commission's own motion, to promulgate rules governing gas safety
(rulemaking/final order)

Case No. U-21847 involves proposed amendments to the rules governing gas safety. The order before you formally adopts the rules for submission to the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules for filing with the Secretary of State. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 30, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

4. U-21992 In the matter of the application of Consumers Energy Company for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate the R-510 and R-511 Well Lines
(*ex parte*/final order)

Case No. U-21992 involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company for *ex parte* approval to construct and operate the proposed R-510 and R-511 Well Lines, which consist of new natural gas pipelines to connect to two new wells in the Ray Storage Field located in Ray Township, Macomb County, Michigan. The order before you approves the application and makes the required agency findings regarding the project’s environmental impact. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 30, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

5. U-21993 In the matter of the application of Consumers Energy Company for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate the P-301 and P-302 Well Lines
(*ex parte*/final order)

Case No. U-21993 involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company for *ex parte* approval to construct and operate the proposed P-301 and P-302 Well Lines, which consist of new natural gas pipelines to connect to two new wells in the Puttygut Storage Field located in Casco Township, St. Clair County, Michigan. The order before you approves the application and makes the required agency findings regarding the project’s environmental impact. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 30, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

6. U-21995 In the matter of the application of Consumers Energy Company for approval of a temporary waiver of Rules 460.2351 and 460.2351a and for approval of alternative natural gas diaphragm meter testing procedures (ex parte/interim order)

Case No. U-21995 involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company for *ex parte* approval to waive meter testing requirements in the Commission's Technical Standards for Gas Service until December 31, 2028, and to approve alternative natural gas diaphragm meter testing procedures. The order before you approves the application, establishes an annual reporting requirement, and requires Consumers Energy Company to file revised tariffs within 30 days. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its April 30, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

V. Public comments

Katie Schneider, Kalamazoo, addressed her concerns regarding a proposed battery storage project near her home.

Ken Schneider, Kalamazoo, addressed his concerns regarding the location of the proposed project site near his home.

Donita DeBruin addressed her concerns regarding the proposed battery storage facility near her home.

Barbara Manzon, Kalamazoo, addressed her concerns about the proposed battery storage facility affecting local schools and rural homes.

Victor Manzon addressed his concerns regarding the environmental impact of the proposed battery storage facility.

Ms. Baker addressed her concerns regarding the LIEAF assistance program and the funding of data center projects, and delay in inspections of gas wells.

Mr. Hunt addressed his concerns regarding the proposed battery storage facility in Kalamazoo and the data center in Saline.

Miranda Vinden, Kalamazoo, addressed her concerns regarding the proposed battery storage facility near her home.

Chair Scripps announced:

“The first announcement is sort of a bittersweet one for all of us. Judge Sally Wallace is retiring today after a long and dedicated public service career. She has been an outstanding administrative law judge and manager and prior to her current role also worked directly for the Commission as one of our outstanding attorneys. Judge Wallace will be greatly missed by all of us who have had the great fortune to work with and learn from her. I want to personally thank her for her service and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Less bittersweet is the next announcement, which is that our own Karen Gould, who manages our Energy Optimization Section, last night was honored by the Michigan Energy Efficiency Contractors Association as the Public Servant/Public Official of the Year. An award that was actually presented by my predecessor, former Commission Chair Sally Talberg. Karen is incredibly well respected by her colleagues, utilities, advocates in her proceedings, and indeed colleagues across the country. Her leadership is a big part of why Michigan's energy waste reduction programs are among the best in the country and why are low-income programs our models for other states. I just want to offer my congratulations to Karen Gould on her recognition as Public Servant/Public Official of the Year by the Energy Efficiency Contractors Association.

Speaking of public service, next week marks Public Service Recognition Week, which is observed May 3rd through 9th this year. As Commissioner Peretick noted earlier in the meeting, and highlighting the names of the many professionals at the MPSC that we rely on every day in their leadership in certain proceedings, this is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of all those who have chosen to dedicate their careers to the Commission and indeed to the people of Michigan. I look forward to celebrating the many contributions of our fine staff and indeed public servants across State government.

Finally, our next meeting will be on May 14th at 1:00 p.m. and on that date, we are also inviting all of you to step aboard CATA’s Rosa Parks Tribute Bus, which will arrive at the Commission at 10:00 and will be on site here in our parking lot until 4:00 on May 14th. The bus, which is wrapped to resemble the original preserved at the Henry Ford Museum, honors the moment that sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott and inside employees, and indeed members of the public, can explore a historical timeline of the Civil Rights Movement, offering a power visual reminder of Rosa Parks's unique role in history. Again, that will take place on the same day as our next regular Commission Meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, May 14th, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.”

A recording of the proceedings of the April 30, 2026 meeting is archived at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dT5YxOJd02U> .

Chair Scripps announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11, 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 2:02 p.m.

Lisa Felice
Executive Secretary