Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission Held In Its Offices and Available Via Microsoft Teams Video Conferencing on June 11, 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:	Leah Arendt Blair Renfro Matt Helms Lisa Felice Jill Rusnak Carmen Wagner Stephanie Fitzgerald Anne Armstrong Joe Cole Andy Hannum Charlie Tidwell Ben Johnson Jerry McClung Meagan Emmons Daniel Gottschalk Dave Isakson Mike Byrne Al Freeman Andi Taylor Jason Mailloux Anna Stirling Dave Chislea
Public:	Suzy Westmoreland, MEGA

Additional Staff & Public Attending Telephonically/Video Conferencing: 236 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 May 14, 2026, Commissioner Myers seconded.

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

The minutes were approved.

III. Consented Orders

A. Communications

1.	U-22074	In the matter of the application of Lyina LEC LLC for a temporary and permanent license to provide local exchange service throughout the state of Michigan (request to withdraw application)
2.	Minute Action	METRO Act (tax credit determination report)
3.	Minute Action	AT&T (9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. 517 R-41-0001 067 9 dated June 1, 2026)
4.	Minute Action	Peninsula Fiber Network LLC (9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-3870 dated June 1, 2026)
5.	Minute Action	Peninsula Fiber Network Next Generation Services LLC (9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-1344 dated June 1, 2026)

B. Electric

1.	U-22052	In the matter of the application of Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation for approval of an annual review of its state reliability mechanism charge to comply with the requirements of Section 6w of 2016 PA 341 (proposed settlement agreement)

2.	Minute Action	Lansing Board of Water and Light, request for waiver and expedited action (FERC Docket No. ER26-2295-000)

C. Gas

1.	U-21442	In the matter of the application of Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation for a gas cost recovery reconciliation proceeding for the 12-month period ended March 31, 2025 (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 3 orders and 5 minute actions were adopted.

IV. Other Orders

A. Electric

1.	U-20757	In the matter, on the Commission's own motion, to review its response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, including the statewide state of emergency, and to provide guidance and direction to energy and telecommunications providers and other interested persons (energy affordability/interim order)
	U-20929	In the matter of the application of DTE Gas Company and DTE Electric Company for approval of a low-income payment stability plan pilot program
	U-21021	In the matter of the application of Consumers Energy Company for approval of a percent of income payment plan pilot

Commission Staff Elaina Braunschweig, Regulated Energy Division, presented a brief synopsis of the case listed above. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 11, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Commissioner Peretick commented:
"Today's order represents an important milestone in a conversation that has spanned years of work by Commission Staff, utilities, advocates, community organizations, and many others committed to improving energy affordability in Michigan.

For the first time, we are establishing a clear goal that no Michigan utility customer participating in an affordable payment plan should face an energy burden greater than six percent of household income for the energy needed to heat and power their home. While that number may seem simple, it reflects years of analysis, stakeholder engagement, pilot programs, and thoughtful consideration about what true energy affordability should mean in practice.

This goal is important because energy is not a luxury. Access to safe, reliable electric and natural gas service is essential to modern life. When families are forced to spend an unsustainable share of their income on energy bills, they are often making impossible choices between keeping the lights on and paying for food, housing, medicine, or other necessities. Thanks to the work from our Staff and all participants in this conversation, we now have a destination in focus and can track our progress in achieving this goal.

This order is not the end of the work. We are establishing a goal, not declaring victory. Nearly one million Michigan households currently experience an energy burden above six percent, and meaningful work remains to translate this objective into practical, effective programs that reach customers who need assistance the most.

That is why this order before us focuses not only on the destination, but also on the implementation work ahead. The workgroup established in this order will bring together utilities, assistance providers, state agencies, and other stakeholders to develop a framework that is simpler for customers to navigate, better coordinated across programs, and more effective at delivering meaningful relief. It will also give us the opportunity to continue examining how energy efficiency, weatherization, and other long-term solutions can be coordinated to help reduce energy burdens in a sustainable way.

I want to thank Staff and all participants in the Energy Affordability and Accessibility Collaborative for the substantial effort that has brought us to this point, especially Elaina Braunschweig, Mary Wilkins, Jesann Gonzalez Cruz, Anne Armstrong, Cathy Cole, and Carmen Wagner. The goal we establish today is ambitious, but it reflects the Commission's longstanding commitment to energy security, affordability, and ensuring that Michiganders can access the utility services they need without sacrificing other basic necessities."

Commissioner Myers commented:
"First, I would like to thank all those who participated in this case and the time and effort to get to this point. The Commission recognizes the significant effort to address the longstanding challenge of energy burden across Michigan. The work reflected in this proceeding represents another milestone towards closing the affordability gap and advancing the shared goal of achieving an energy burden for households not more than 6%. Reaching that goal is the Commission's north star. We understand that it will require continued coordination and thoughtful policy development. However, the process made to date demonstrates a clear commitment for all parties involved to move the work forward in an impactful way.

This progress did not get achieved overnight- it reflects years of collaboration, engagement, data analysis, and policy discussions aimed at ensuring energy is accessible and affordable for the communities that need relief the most. The measures outlined in this order build upon that foundation and signal continued momentum toward more equitable energy outcomes.

At the same time, the Commission recognizes that substantial work remains ahead. The challenges associated with energy affordability are complex and evolving, and continued effort will be necessary to fully realize the long-term objectives identified in this proceeding. As outlined in the order, additional action, evaluation, and refinement will be required to ensure programs and policies effectively meet the needs of customers experiencing high energy burden.

Nevertheless, it's important to celebrate the progress that has been made thus far and reinforce the Commissions commitment to advancing towards the goals. The Commission appreciates the dedication demonstrated throughout this process and looks forward to building upon the efforts outlined in the order."

Chair Scripps commented:
"This is a big deal. There has been, as described by Ms. Braunschweig and my colleagues, a huge amount of work over a number of years to get to the point where we are today. As Ms. Braunschweig noted in her comments, this started in response to the COVID pandemic and in those early first weeks, we knew that we needed to make sure that we had a safety net in place because we really had no idea what the total impact was going to be. That really required us to sharpen our pencils when it came to the assistance programs, how they're coordinated, and how they're focused right from the spring of 2020. We initiated the Energy Affordability and Accessibility collaborative a year later in 2021. That's really been at the hare of the work that has led to the order that is in front of us today. That has included both utilities, advocates, researchers, some of the folks that often participate in our proceedings, but also importantly those with lived experience who have navigated the assistance, framework, and seen firsthand the difficulties of making ends meet even with the dollars that are available today.

Commissioner Peretick talked about the impossible choices that families face when there's simply not enough to go around and energy affordability remains a goal but not a reality. That was, I think, given some data behind it by the 2024 Residential Energy Consumption survey that was released earlier this year and that talked about before from the U.S. Energy Information Administration that highlighted that 33% of U.S. households are experiencing energy insecurity. That's up from 27% in 2020. Nearly one in four households reported reducing, or even foregoing, food or medicine to pay their energy bills. With every region in the country seeing an increase in energy insecurity between 2020 and 2024.

That is really what this order is about. Shifting from crisis to security and ultimately to self-sufficiency. The first question is what is a sustainable energy birth? The research that we studied and looked at from folks like the Citizens Utility Board and the Energy Equity Project highlighted that 6% is the standard beyond which it really becomes unsustainable to try and manage energy burdens. That research-driven, and I think human-driven, experience driven goal is the goal that we're adopting today – reducing the number of Michigan households with unsustainable energy bills and making sure that we're driving to a 6% energy burden for all Michiganders. Candidly, we're not there. The Energy Equity Project noted in comments that they submitted to us that in

Michigan, 25% of households spend more than 6% of their income. That is higher than the national average of 20%.

We also know that one size does not fit all. When you think about what energy affordability means it includes a number of factors, including obviously, energy costs. There is a lot of challenges with energy costs, inflations, tightening energy and capacity markets, federal tax, tariff, and energy policies, and a system that needs investment in order to turn around some of the poor reliability performance that we've seen in recent years.

Energy costs are not the only part that drives energy affordability. There's obviously, as you would imagine, a pretty close tie with income. The Citizens Utility Board of Michigan provided us with data from the U.S. Department of Energy that showed that Michigan households at or below 30% area median income spend an astonishing 18% of their take-home pay (of their income) on electricity and heat. That's compared to 13% nationally. When you get to 30-60% of area median income, that number drops to 7%. Closer to the 6% target, but still unsustainable once you get above 60-80%, ultimately drop below that for the average household spending about 5% of income. That 6% ties directly into how we think about affordability and lining up the 60% of area median income or state median income also is the point at which you still remain eligible for assistance under the expanded Michigan Energy Assistance Program under the reforms that were enacted in 2024.

Finally, the third indicator is how much energy you ultimately use. Energy costs, income, and the amount of energy that you use. That led us, like Ms. Braunschweig noted, to identify the affordable payment plan as the primary and preferred vehicle to get to that 6% goal. The ability to offer a tiered credit based on income and use ultimately longer term to tie in with things like energy waste reduction and weatherization opportunities.

That is what's in front of us today. We have a goal of no more than 6% of household income being spent on heating and powering your home. A vehicle with an affordable payment plan is the preferred approach and an implementation work group to work through the immediate issues. Ultimately, while this isn't the first step, this is, as has been noted, been going on for six years, this redesigned effort, nor is it, as Commissioner Peretick noted, the last step. But it is an important step in providing greater security, opportunities for self-sufficiency, and ultimately dignity to those who are struggling with a range of bills and how to keep their head above water and avoid crisis. Ultimately, this gives them, I think, a clearer path to what this looks like, what we're aiming for, how we are aligning the resources that we have available around a stated goal and a path forward.

I appreciate the work of our staff, the advocates, the utilities, the researchers who have shared their good work with us. This order reflects, I think, a clear direction for how we improve energy security in Michigan. I'm pleased to support it."

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

The order was adopted.

2. U-21258 In the matter of the application of Consumer Energy Company for reconciliation of its power supply cost recovery plan (Case No. U-21257) for the 12 months ended December 31, 2023
(petition for rehearing)

Case No. U-21258 involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company for reconciliation of its power supply cost recovery plan for the 12 months ended December 31, 2023. The order before you denies Consumers Energy Company's petition for rehearing. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 11, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

3. U-21587 In the matter of the complaint of Dwight & Sharon Simmons against Consumers Energy Company
(final order)

Case No. U-21587 involves a complaint filed by Dwight and Sharon Simmons against Consumers Energy Company. The order before you dismisses the complaint with prejudice. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 11, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Chair Scripps commented:
"We are dismissing this complaint. Ultimately, finding that Mr. and Mrs. Simmons the burden of proof that is standard under Michigan law. That said, as we note in the order that is before us, there are significant concerns with the interactions, both before, and during the proceeding, including the discovery process, that I think fall far short of what you would expect in terms of interactions with your utility. I encourage Consumers Energy to do better even as we adopt an order dismissing the complaint."

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

The order was adopted.

4. U-21797 In the matter of the complaint of Vassar Acquisitions LLC against DTE Electric Company
(final order)

Case No. U-21797 involves a complaint filed by Vassar Acquisitions LLC against DTE Electric Company. The order before you dismisses the complaint with prejudice and directs DTE Electric Company to provide certain information in its next electric rate case application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 11, 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
(*ex parte*/Acceleration Solar, et al./power purchase agreements)

Case No. U-21816 involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company requesting *ex parte* approval of power purchase agreements between the company and Acceleration Solar, LLC; Portside Solar, LLC; Hawkeye Solar, LLC; and Hawkeye Solar II, LLC. The order before you approves the January 23, 2026 application in this case. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 11, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

6. 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*/Moonshine Solar Park/power purchase agreement)

Case No. U-21816 involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company requesting *ex parte* approval of power purchase agreements between the company and Moonshine Solar LLC. The order before you approves the March 6, 2026 application in this case. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 11, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

7. 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*/Hecate Energy Sunfish Solar/power purchase agreement)

Case No. U-21816 involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company requesting *ex parte* approval of a power purchase agreement between the company and Hecate Energy Sunfish Solar, LLC. The order before you approves the March 23, 2026 application in this case. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 11, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

8. U-21870 In the matter of the application of Consumers Energy Company for authority to increase its rates for the generation and distribution of electricity and for other relief
(petition for rehearing)

Case No. U-21870 involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company for authority to increase rates for the generation and distribution of electricity and for other relief. The order before you denies the petition for rehearing filed by Solar Technology LLC. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 11, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

9. U-21958 In the matter, on the Commission's own motion, to promulgate rules required by MCL 484.2202(1)(c)(iv)
(rulemaking/public hearing announcement)

Case No. U-21958 involves re-promulgation of rules governing the obligations of providers of basic local exchange service that cease to provide service. The order before you approves the schedule for a public hearing and the receipt of written comments on the proposed rules. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 11, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

10. U-21988 In the matter of the application of Northern States Power Company for *ex parte* approval of revised depreciation rates
(final order)

Case No. U-21988 involves an amended *ex parte* application filed by Northern States Power Company requesting that the Commission amend the December 18, 2025 order in this case and approve the depreciation rates recently corrected by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. The order before you approves the amended *ex parte* application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 11, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

11. U-22069 In the matter of the application of Indiana Michigan Power Company for approval of its integrated resource plan pursuant to MCL 460.6t, and for other relief
(request for a waiver/interim order)

Case No. U-22069 involves the application of Indiana Michigan Power Company for approval of a waiver request from the Michigan Integrated Resource Planning Parameters relating to its future integrated resource plan. The order before you grants the request, as described in the order. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its June 11, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

B. Steam

1. U-21984 In the matter of the application of Detroit Thermal, LLC for authority to increase its rates for steam service and for other relief (proposed settlement agreement)

Case No. U-21984 involves an application filed by Detroit Thermal, LLC, requesting authority to increase its rates for the production and distribution of steam, amend its tariff sheets, and for additional related 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 June 11, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

V. Public comments

Kim Brogen addressed her concerns regarding high energy costs and making sure that ratepayers understand what they are paying for, the growing energy demands from projects like data centers.

Roy Davis, St. Johns, addressed his concerns about Consumer Energy's rate increases.

Nicole Biber addressed her concerns about Case No. U-21870 and Consumers Energy's rate increases.

Chair Scripps announced:
"First, just to note that we are in June. We at the Commission, folks across the state, and across the country in celebrating Pride Month. We have certainly benefited from the many, many contributions of our friends and colleagues who are members of the LGBTQ+ community, and certainly the contributions felt across the state as well. We join you in celebrating with you the annual celebration of Pride Month.

We also celebrate Juneteenth held each year on June 19th. It became a State holiday a couple of years ago, a national holiday as well, signaling the point in time during the conclusion of the Civil War where the news of Emancipation reached Galveston, Texas. That celebration has grown from a localized celebration in Galveston to something truly nationwide and celebrate all that Juneteenth represents next Friday on June 19th."

Commissioner Peretick announced:
"As the Chair announced at the beginning of the meeting that I don't think was picked up by anybody who was joining remotely, part of the reason that we're having technical difficulties today is that the person who was primarily responsible for transitioning all of our Commission meetings from in-person to this hybrid and virtual format, unfortunately passed away in a tragic accident a couple of weeks ago. I'd like to take a moment to recognize and remember her, Kate Daymon, who was our colleague.

This is our first Commission meeting since her passing, and I don't think it's possible to conclude today's proceedings without acknowledging the tremendous role she played in making meetings like this one possible, as we have seen very clearly over the course of the meeting today.

Many people know that Kate received a Staff Special Recognition award for her extraordinary work transitioning our public meetings to a hybrid format a few years ago. What fewer people may not realize is just how much effort, creativity, and dedication she put into making sure every meeting ran smoothly, often without anyone ever noticing the countless details she was managing behind the scenes.

Kate had a remarkable ability to step up whenever something needed to be done, regardless of whether it fell within her job description. She was talented, dependable, and generous with her time, and she made this organization better every single day. So many of us went to Kate whenever we needed anything and really thought of her as 'our person'.

As we conducted today's meeting, I suspect many of us found ourselves thinking about Kate and all the ways she contributed to the work of this Commission. We miss her deeply, and we are profoundly grateful for everything she gave to this agency and to the people who had the privilege of working with her.

Our thoughts remain with her family, friends, and loved ones.

Thank you, Kate."

Commissioner Myers announced:
"I just want to echo Commissioner Peretick's words. For many of us, Kate was our first point of contact when we joined the Commission as staff or as a commissioner. She made that process smoother – just like our meetings. There are a multitude of ways that we don't even recognize them. She is greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends and the entire the community that she touched."

Chair Scripps announced:
"I will echo both literally and figuratively both of your comments. A number of us had the chance to participate in the celebration of Kate's life last Friday. I will say that I never laughed so much at the memorial service. I think that was just reflective of who Kate was. Everybody with whom she interacted; who had the fortune, great fortune to interact and get to know Kate came away changed as a result. I think that in some ways is the legacy that she leaves, the positive way in which she enriched our lives. She made us better as people and she made us better as an organization. Words fail at times like these, but clearly, she's missed in ways large and small and will be for years to come. I also know that the way that we are left changed because of our interactions lives on and that spirit that she brought to literally everything professionally, personally, extra-curricular will live on as well."

A recording of the proceedings of the June 11, 2026 meeting is archived at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dzk9hdlrp1A .

Chair Scripps announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 16, 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 2:10 p.m.

Lisa Felice

Lisa Felice
Executive Secretary