

Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission Held In Its Offices and Available Via Microsoft Teams Video Conferencing on July 16, 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: Caitlin Mucci
Blair Renfro
Matt Helms
Lisa Felice
Al Freeman
Jessica Duell
Justin Miller
Stephanie Fitzgerald
Andy Hannum
Charlie Tidwell
Jerry McClung
Ben Johnson
Joe Cole
Mike Byrne
Matt Helms

Public: Theresa Rich, City of Farmington Hills
Joe LaRussa, City of Farmington
Helena Thornton
Kelly Hall, Consumers Energy

Additional Staff & Public Attending Telephonically/Video Conferencing: 336 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 June 11, 2026, Commissioner Myers seconded.

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

The minutes were approved.

III. Consented Orders

A. Communications

1. U-16282 In the matter of the application of Lynx Network Group, LLC, for a license to provide basic local exchange service (request to voluntarily surrender license/final order)
2. U-18045 In the matter of the application of Everstream GLC Holding Company LLC for a temporary and permanent license to provide basic local exchange service in all the zone and exchange areas in Michigan presently served by Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan, Frontier North, Inc. and Frontier Midstates Inc. (request to voluntarily surrender license/final order)
3. U-22118 In the matter of the complaint of Eldon Clingaman against Frontier Communications of Michigan, Inc. (request to withdraw complaint/final order)
4. Minute Action Peninsula Fiber Network LLC (9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-3891 dated July 1, 2026)
5. Minute Action Peninsula Fiber Network Next Generation Services LLC (9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-1348 dated July 1, 2026)

B. Electric

1. U-22030 In the matter of the application of Upper Peninsula Power Company to commence a renewable energy cost reconciliation proceeding for the 12-month period ended December 31, 2025 (proposed settlement agreement)
2. U-22050 In the matter of the complaint of Randall Conway against DTE Electric Company (request to withdraw complaint/ final order)

C. Gas

1. U-22075 In the matter of Verde Energy USA, Inc., for a license as an alternative gas supplier
(request to withdraw application/ 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 6 orders and 2 minute actions were adopted.

IV. Other Orders

A. Communications

1. U-22045 In the matter of the application of i3 Broadband, LLC for a temporary and permanent license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the state of Michigan
(final order)

Case No. U-22045 involves an application, as amended, filed by i3 Broadband, LLC, for a permanent license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the state of Michigan. The order before you grants the permanent license. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 16, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

B. Electric

1. U-17473 In the matter of the application of Consumers Energy Company for a financing order approving the securitization of qualified costs
(proposed true-up adjustment to securitization charges)

Case No. U-17473 involves a request filed by Consumers Energy Company for approval of the company's 2026 annual true-up

adjustment to the current securitization charges in conformity with the December 6, 2013 order in this docket. The order before you approves the request and accepts Consumers Energy Company's 2026 annual true-up adjustment. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 16, 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 (updating extreme weather condition policies/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 adopts the Commission Staff's recommendations, as set forth in this order, and directs the utilities to file updated extreme weather condition policies. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 16, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Commissioner Peretick commented:

"This order reflects the Commission's recognition that extreme weather is no longer an occasional challenge. It is becoming a defining feature of our State. Michigan is experiencing more frequent severe storms, more extreme heat, more poor air quality, and more dangerous cold events than in the past. This extreme weather is already affecting customers across the state, and it means that our policies must evolve accordingly.

As regulators, we have a responsibility not simply to react to these changes, but to proactively adapt our regulatory framework to the realities of a changing climate. The risks facing customers today are different than they were even a decade ago, and our policies must continue evolving to ensure they provide meaningful protection when customers need it most.

That reality makes this order especially important. Electricity and natural gas service are not luxuries during extreme weather—they are essential to health and safety. For many customers, particularly seniors, families with young children, individuals with disabilities, and those with medical conditions, losing service during a heat wave or a period of extreme cold can quickly become life-threatening.

And it is not just temperature that threatens public health. Across Michigan today, many residents are experiencing hazardous air quality from wildfire smoke, with smoky skies and unhealthy conditions making it dangerous to spend extended time outdoors. During events like these, homes become a place of refuge. Customers rely on electricity to operate air conditioning, filtration systems, and other equipment that allows them to remain safely indoors. Protecting service during these events is important.

This order takes meaningful steps to strengthen protections for those customers. By adopting a uniform, dual-trigger framework tied to clear temperature thresholds and recognized weather advisories, the Commission is providing greater consistency and predictability across all utilities. Customers should not face different levels of protection depending on where they live, and utilities benefit from clear, administrable standards that support compliance and accountability.

Importantly, this order also acknowledges that our work is not finished. By directing periodic review of these policies and requiring utilities to update their plans, the Commission is ensuring that these protections remain responsive as weather patterns continue to change. Extreme weather is evolving, and our regulatory approach must evolve with it.

Ultimately, this is about recognizing that reliability and customer protection go hand in hand. We ask customers to depend on these systems every day, and during the most dangerous weather events, that dependence becomes even greater. It is our responsibility as regulators to ensure that the protections we have in place reflect that reality, and it is the responsibility of our utilities to implement those protections with care, compassion, and sound judgment.”

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

The order was adopted.

3. U-21428 In the matter of the application of Indiana Michigan Power Company for reconciliation of its power supply cost recovery plan for the 12 months ended December 31, 2024
(final order)

Case No. U-21428 involves an application filed by Indiana Michigan Power Company for reconciliation of its power supply cost recovery costs and revenues for the 12-month period ended December 31, 2024. The order before you approves the application, as modified by this order. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 16, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

4. U-21845 In the matter of the application of DTE Electric Company for reconciliation of its electric investment recovery mechanism for the 13 months ended December 31, 2024
(final order)

Case No. U-21845 involves an application filed by DTE Electric Company for authority to reconcile its electric investment recovery mechanism for the 13-month period ended December 31, 2024. The order before you approves the application and directs DTE Electric Company to return its net over-recovery of \$120,000 to its customers through the recording of a regulatory liability to be amortized in a future general rate case for the company filed after the conclusion of this case. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 16, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

5. U-21860 In the matter of the application of DTE Electric Company for authority to increase its rates, amend its rate schedules and rules governing the distribution and supply of electric energy, and for miscellaneous accounting authority
(petition for rehearing)

Case No. U-21860 involves an application filed by DTE Electric Company for, among other things, authority to increase its retail rates. The order before you denies a petition for rehearing filed by Michigan Environmental Council seeking rehearing on the Commission's February 19, 2026 order issued in this docket for the reasons stated in the order. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 16, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

6. U-21907 In the matter, on the Commission's own motion, to open a docket for load serving entities in Michigan to file their capacity demonstrations for

the 2029/2030 planning year as required by MCL 460.6w (final order)

U-22142 In the matter, on the Commission's own motion, to open a docket for load serving entities in Michigan to file their capacity demonstrations for the 2030/2031 planning year as required by MCL 460.6w (opening docket)

Case Nos. U-21907 *et al.* involve a matter, on the Commission's own motion, to open a docket for load serving entities in Michigan to file their capacity demonstrations as required by MCL 460.6w. The order before you accepts the Commission Staff's May 12, 2026 Capacity Demonstration Results Report and the 2026 Statewide Energy Storage Target Calculation, closes the docket in Case No. U-21907, opens the docket in Case No. U-22142 for the purpose of receiving capacity demonstrations for the 2030/2031 planning year and annual update using the Statewide Energy Storage Target Calculation, and directs the Commission Staff to convene a workgroup to address the topics described in this order. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 16, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Chair Scripps commented:

"Michigan's capacity demonstration process that's at issue in the order before us was established in 2016 and requires all electric providers, including investor-owned utilities, municipal electric utilities, cooperative electric utilities, and alternative electric suppliers to demonstrate that they have sufficient resources to serve their customers four years into the future. Together with the integrated resource planning process, also established in the 2016 energy laws, these planning processes help ensure Michigan electric providers are able to maintain resource adequacy for their customers, even as the electric grid continues to evolve.

This is particularly important given increasingly efficient reserve margins in MISO and other regional transmission organizations. According to MISO's Annual Value Proposition Report, MISO's large geographic footprint allows members to lower planning reserve margins by reducing the required installed capacity. Much of the value MISO creates comes from sharing capacity by setting requirements for a system peak instead of each balancing authority, keeping reserves for their region. Savings are generated because MISO members do not need as much capacity for the same level of reliability. As a result, MISO estimates that the efficiencies in reserve margins achieved as a result of resource capacity sharing saved customers across the MISO footprint an estimated \$3.4 billion in 2024 and accounted for the majority of the value that MISO provides. A key element in keeping energy costs in check. At the same time, these efficiencies also require closer attention to grid planning and operations, particularly relevant during tight conditions – like those we're experiencing this week.

Michigan's 'belt and suspenders' approach to planning, using both the long-term integrated resource planning process and the annual capacity demonstrations reviewed as part of this order,

give us important tools to make sure we have a full picture of the ability of utilities and alternative electric suppliers to meet the needs of their customers and to take action when needed.

I appreciate the dedication and leadership of our Resource Adequacy and Forecasting Section here at the Commission and the cooperation of the load-serving entities and others making sure we continue to keep a close eye on grid scale reliability and ensuring our utilities continue to have adequate generation and other resources to serve their customers.”

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

The order was adopted.

7. U-22039 In the matter of the application of DTE Electric Company seeking approval of updates to its interruptible tariffs to clarify testing requirements
(*ex parte*/final order)
- U-22068 In the matter of the application of Consumers Energy Company for *ex parte* approval of revisions to demand response tariff provisions (final order)

Case Nos. U-22039 *et al.* involve applications filed by DTE Electric Company and Consumers Energy Company for approval of revisions to certain commercial and industrial tariffs related to demand response testing requirements. The order before you approves the applications and requires the two utilities to meet with Commission Staff to discuss the development of strategies to mitigate potential negative enrollment impacts caused by impending changes to the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.’s testing requirements. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 16, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

8. U-22060 In the matter of the application of DTE Electric Company for approval of tolling agreements along with related relief
(*ex parte*/KCE MI 2 Energy Storage/final order)

Case No. . U-22060 involves an application filed by DTE Electric Company requesting *ex parte* approval of energy storage system tolling agreements. The order before you approves the application

and denies the Michigan Department of Attorney General’s notice of intervention and request for a contested proceeding, as described in this order. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 16, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

9. U-22110 In the matter of the *ex parte* application of Alpena Power Company for accounting authority to defer expenses for the March 2026 extraordinary ice storm event (final order)

Case No. U-22110 involves an application filed by Alpena Power Company requesting *ex parte* approval for accounting authority to use a regulatory asset to defer operations and maintenance expense associated with the March 2026 storm event in its service territory. The order before you approves the application limited to the company’s accounting request, as described in the order. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 16, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

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

The order was adopted.

10. U-22141 In the matter of the *ex parte* application of Alpena Power Company for approval of a power purchase contract with Alpena Community College under PURPA (final order)

Case No. U-22141 involves an application filed by Alpena Power Company seeking *ex parte* approval of a power purchase agreement with Alpena Community College. The order before you approves the application. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 16, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Commissioner Peretick commented:

“This order approves the power purchase agreement between Alpena Power Company and Alpena Community College for the output of the college's new 1.5-megawatt solar array.

A few years ago, I had the opportunity to visit Alpena Community College and tour its outstanding utility workforce training programs. I was impressed by the hands-on education they were providing for future line workers and utility forestry professionals—careers that are absolutely essential to maintaining and strengthening our electric grid.

Today, it's exciting to see the college build on that success by expanding into another critical area of our energy future. Thanks in part to a \$4.62 million Renewable Energy and Electrification Infrastructure Grant administered by the Commission, Alpena Community College has created not only a solar facility, but a Solar Learning Laboratory that allows students to gain real-world experience assembling, integrating, and operating utility-scale solar resources.

That is exactly the kind of investment we should be making. It doesn't simply add clean energy to the grid, it develops the skilled workforce that will be responsible for building, operating, and maintaining Michigan's energy infrastructure for decades to come.

I also appreciate that this project creates multiple layers of value for Michigan. The college gains a state-of-the-art educational resource. Alpena Power receives locally generated energy through a PURPA contract based on approved avoided costs. And students graduate with experience that employers increasingly need as our electric system continues to evolve.

As we navigate a rapidly changing energy landscape, workforce development cannot be an afterthought. Whether we're investing in transmission, distribution, renewable generation, or advanced grid technologies, none of those investments succeed without talented people who know how to build and operate them safely and effectively.

This order represents a thoughtful partnership between education and the electric industry, and it demonstrates how targeted public investment can create lasting benefits that extend well beyond a single project. I appreciate the work of Alpena Community College, Alpena Power, and Commission Staff in bringing this project forward.”

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

The order was adopted.

11. U-22156 In the matter, on the Commission’s own motion, to investigate the responses of Consumers Energy Company, DTE Electric Company and Indiana Michigan Power Company to the recent July 3rd storm damage in their service territories
(order opening docket)

Case No. U-22156 involves a matter, on the Commission’s own motion, to investigate the responses of Consumers Energy Company, DTE Electric Company, and Indiana Michigan Power Company to the recent Independence Day weekend storm damage in their service territories. The order before you requires each utility to

file a report detailing its storm preparedness and response to the storm damage by August 27, 2026. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its July 16, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Commissioner Myers commented:

“The severe storms that impacted Michigan over the July 4th holiday left hundreds of thousands of customers without electric service, in many cases for extended periods. I want to recognize the difficult work performed by utility crews, contractors, first responders, and local emergency personnel who worked under challenging conditions to restore power as safely and quickly as possible.

Storms producing widespread outages are no longer rare or extraordinary events. Increasingly, they represent the conditions that our electric system must be prepared to withstand and what may once have been characterized as "extreme" weather is becoming a more typical operating environment for our utilities.

As the Commission continues its work to promote safe and reliable electric service, it is important that we examine these events carefully. Specifically, this event raises important questions that warrant further examination by the Commission regarding utility response, challenges encountered, and customer communication during the storm and outage event.

A thorough understanding of these events begins with a complete record and conducting this type of review is one of the Commission's core responsibilities, ensuring that utilities are appropriately prepared for the conditions they are increasingly likely to face. With that said, I look forward to better understanding what occurred and using that information to help strengthen our state's electric system for the future.”

Commissioner Peretick commented:

“Today we are opening an investigation into the utility response to the severe storms that struck Michigan over the Fourth of July weekend.

First and foremost, I want to acknowledge the hundreds of thousands of Michiganders whose holiday weekend was instead spent without electricity during dangerous heat and humidity. Losing power is more than an inconvenience. It means families without air conditioning during extreme temperatures, spoiled food, interrupted businesses, and uncertainty about when life can return to normal. For many customers, those outages simply lasted too long.

One of the Commission's most important responsibilities is oversight of our state's electric utilities. We approve investments in the electric grid, we establish service quality standards, and we hold utilities accountable for the service they provide.

Michigan experiences severe weather. While we cannot prevent storms, we can and should expect our utilities to prepare for them, to respond effectively when they occur, and to communicate clearly and accurately with the customers who depend on them. Reliability and service quality is not measured only by how often the lights stay on—it is also measured by how quickly power is

restored when outages inevitably occur and how well utilities serve customers throughout that process.

The volume of complaints received by Staff following these storms raises serious concerns. Customers described prolonged outages, inaccurate restoration estimates, and communication that often failed to provide the information they needed. Those concerns deserve a thorough review. That is the purpose of today's order.

We are directing Consumers Energy, DTE Electric, and Indiana Michigan Power to provide a comprehensive assessment of their preparedness, their operational response, their communications with customers, and, importantly, where their response fell short. We are asking them not only to explain what happened, but also to identify the changes they will make to improve future performance.

This investigation is about accountability, but it is also about continuous improvement. If there are operational practices that need to change, if communications need to improve, or if investments are not producing the level of service customers deserve, we expect those issues to be identified and addressed.

Michigan customers pay for a reliable electric system. They have every right to expect utilities to meet the service quality standards this Commission has established. We intend to carefully review the utilities' responses to these storms and expect to see meaningful improvements that reduce outage durations, improve restoration efforts, and provide customers with the level of service they deserve.

I look forward to reviewing the reports filed in this docket and continuing the Commission's work to strengthen reliability and accountability for Michigan customers.”

Chair Scripps commented:

“I also want to acknowledge the real frustration among the public in the wake of these storms, which followed a week on intense heat and came, as we all know, on the eve of a Pure Michigan summer holiday weekend where everyone was looking forward to celebrating Independence Day. It is also clear that the utilities in this instance were caught unprepared for both the severity of the storms and the number of outages. As my colleagues have mentioned, there was also a lack of communication, including restoration estimates, and the Commission received 1,500 complaints in the wake of this storm. Commissioner Peretick, you mentioned accountability and improvement, that’s incumbent upon us to take the hard lessons from this storm and the utilities response and use it as an opportunity to do better next time. Michigan utility customers deserve no less.”

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

The order was adopted.

C. Gas

1. U-22055 In the matter of the *ex parte* application of Consumers Energy Company for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate the Salem Mainline 2 replacement pipeline (final order)

Case No. U-22055 involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company for *ex parte* approval to construct and operate the Salem Mainline 2 replacement pipeline, which will replace and reroute the current Salem Mainline 2 natural gas pipeline in Allegan 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 July 16, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Scripps, Peretick, Myers

Nays – None

The order was adopted.

V. Public comments

Ron Davis, St. Johns, provided comments on Consumers Energy and its rate increases.

Theresa Rich, Farmington Hills Mayor, commented on numerous power outages and the concerns of her vulnerable residents.

Kimberly Bogan, Holt, commented on the accountability for rate increases and the reliability data of utilities provided to customers.

Joe LaRussa, Farmington Mayor, requested that the Commission take more action. Mr. LaRussa requested the Commission to consider some significant rule changes to underground construction, and DTE's restoration prioritization and penalties.

Helena Thornton, Wayne County, provided comments on the Cannoli Data Center project.

Victoria Camilla, Police Commissioner, Detroit District 7, provided comments on energy costs, reliability, and public safety during power outages.

William Davis, Former Commissioner, Detroit District 7, commented about DTE's efforts to put electric lines underground, reliability, and penalties.

Caitlin Hurley, Detroit, addressed her concerns about DTE's rate increases.

Justin Fenwick, Detroit, addressed his concerns regarding too many DTE's outages and inaccurate restoration estimates.

Chris Hutton provided the excessive number of outages in Michigan and recommended that the PSC suspend DTE rate increases.

Kess Valentine, Westside Detroit, addressed her concern about the number of DTE outages and inaccurate restoration information.

Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, 12th Congressional District, provided comments regarding extended DTE power outages, inaccurate power outage information, reimbursements to be considered, prudent rate increases, and underground wires.

Brian Lucy requested no further rate increases for DTE.

Jerome Goldberg addressed his concerns regarding the extensive number of power outages and requested that DTE be denied future rate increases.

Keith, Wayne County, addressed his concerns regarding DTE's sustained outages and DTE's rate increases.

Denzel McCampbell, Detroit City Council, addressed the needs of residents during power outages and DTE's rates.

Bobby Johnson, Detroit District 7, addressed his concerns regarding power outages and DTE's rates.

Cheryl Douglas, Dearborn, provided comments regarding extended outages, DTE rate increases, and data centers.

Keon, Detroit, provided comments relating to extended outages and the number of outages.

Ms. Jayce, Detroit District 1, provided comments regarding DTE's rate increases.

Andrew Ace Lanason, Retired Military, Dearborn provided comments relating to the number of DTE's extended power outages, DTE rate increases and infrastructure are not at the same pace.

Chair Scripps announced:

"I want to acknowledge that the Legislature has finalized the budget that will start on October 1st of next year. For the Commission, I want to express my appreciation for the support, both for damage prevention training programs, as well as the re-establishment of the Renewable Energy and

Electrification Infrastructure Grant program that Commissioner Peretick mentioned earlier that has previously provided support for things like the Alpena Community College solar project and providing funds for our grant making ability. I appreciate the Legislature's support for those two programs, in particular, and for the work of the Commission, more generally.

The Regular Commission Meeting scheduled for August 20th is being changed to Thursday, August 27th at 1:00 p.m. The Revised Commission Meeting Schedule will be posted to the Commission's website this afternoon."

A recording of the proceedings of the July 16, 2026 meeting is archived at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RFWgznlxwPg> .

Chair Scripps announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 6, 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 3:01 p.m.

Lisa Felice
Executive Secretary