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Minutes of the Special Commission Meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission Held In Its Offices and Available Via Microsoft Teams Video Conferencing on October 29, 2026.

Commission Chair Daniel C. Scripps called the meeting to order at 1:02 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: Kate Halloran
Matt Helms
Lisa Felice
Blair Renfro
Ryan Wilson
Ben Johnson
Jerry McClung
Charlie Tidwell
Andy Hannum
Alena Clark
Reka Holley-Voelker

Additional Staff & Public Attending Telephonically/Video Conferencing: 181 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. Other Orders

A. Gas

1. U-21981 In the matter of the application of Consumers Energy Company for authority to increase its rates for the distribution of natural gas and for other relief
(proposed tariffs and attachments)

Case No. U-21981 involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company for authority to increase its rates for the distribution of natural gas and for other relief. The order before you approves Attachment A (a summary of revenue by rate class) and Attachment B (tariff sheets) as consistent with the authorizations and decisions made in the October 15, 2026 order in this case. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its October 29, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Chair Scripps commented:
"I would like to clarify what we are doing here. It is a Special Meeting. It is for the limited purpose of accepting the tariff sheets, as Ms. Halloran described. The final order in this case was actually issued 2 weeks ago, on October 15th. That included all of the applicable decisions and the rationales behind them. These are simply the tariff sheets that are attached to that order."

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

The order was adopted.

III. Public comments

Caleb Cooley does not support ITC's transmission line in Ingham County.

John Bunge does not support ITC's transmission line in Ingham County.

Charlene Hyde, Mason, does not approve of data centers, new transmission lines, battery plants, and solar farms. She thanked the Commission for requiring additional time and community input for ITC to make its determination.

Emerson Hyde, Mason, indicated that the proposed data center in Mason is within one mile of his farm and ITC's proposed transmission line. He is opposed to the data center and is also concerned about stray voltage.

Geoge Heartwell lives on the Muskegon River. He does not support the sale of the dams to Confluence Hydro.

Marjorie Steele, resident of Mecosta County, and founder and Executive Director of the Economic Development Responsibility Alliance of Michigan. She is concerned about the proposed ITC transmission lines potentially going adjacent to her property. She is concerned about the economic potential and property values, and loss of habitat and wilderness. She is also concerned about stray voltage.

Diane Bloom has an alpaca from near ITC's proposed transmission lines, specifically the Copperton Line. She does not support this project.

Thomas Crandall, Mecosta Township, is concerned about the effects of the ITC Copperton line.

David Langford, Coleman, opposes the ITC Copperton project.

A recording of the proceedings of the October 29, 2026 meeting is archived at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lU_F6zFnftA .

Chair Scripps announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission adjourn, Commissioner Myers seconded.

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

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Lisa Felice

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Executive Secretary