

May 31, 2024

Ms. Lisa Felice
Executive Secretary
Michigan Public Service Commission
7109 West Saginaw Highway
Post Office Box 30221
Lansing, MI 48909

Re: Case No. U-21585 – 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.

Dear Ms. Felice:

Enclosed for electronic filing in the above-captioned case, please find **Consumers Energy Company's Application, Proposed Notice of Hearing, Proposed Protective Order, and the Testimony and Exhibits of Consumers Energy Company's Witnesses**. Also included is a Proof of Service showing service upon the parties in Consumers Energy Company's last two electric rate cases (Case Nos. U-21224 and U-21389). This is a paperless filing and is therefore being filed only in PDF.

Confidential materials of Company witnesses Pamela L. Bolden, Thomas P. Clark, Laura M. Connolly, Kendra K. Grob, Shivaji Kandan, and Adam J. Monroe are being filed under seal with the Michigan Public Service Commission.

In accordance with filing procedures adopted by the Michigan Public Service Commission in Case No. U-18238: (i) exhibits that were prepared in Microsoft Excel format are being filed in Excel with formulas intact in addition to PDF; (ii) tariff changes are being filed in Microsoft Word in addition to PDF with changes shown in redline format; and (iii) workpapers and economic models used to support the rate increase request will be provided to parties in Microsoft Excel with formulas intact. Also provided to the Michigan Public Service Commission is Consumers Energy Company's Part II – Financial Information materials in the above docket via a secure link.

Digital copies of the public rate case filing, including native and PDF testimony, exhibits, workpapers, and models of Consumers Energy Company's witnesses, and Consumers Energy Company's Part II – Financial Information and Part III – Supplemental Data materials are being provided to the MPSC Staff and parties to Case Nos. U-21224 and U-21389 concurrently with this filing via a secure link and this link will be made available to any parties to Case No. U-21585 who were not previously served.

Sincerely,

Gary A. Gensch Jr.

Phone: 517-788-0698

Email: gary.genschjr@cmsenergy.com

cc: Mike Byrne, Executive Director, MPSC Staff
Gary Kitts, MPSC Staff
Bill Stosik, MPSC Staff
Paul Proudfoot, MPSC Staff
Bob Nichols, MPSC Staff
Patricia Poli, MPSC Staff
Parties to Case Nos. U-21224 and U-21389

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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.)
_____)

Case No. U-21585

APPLICATION

Consumers Energy Company (“Consumers Energy” or the “Company”) respectfully requests that the Michigan Public Service Commission (“MPSC” or the “Commission”) authorize Consumers Energy to increase its rates for the sale of electricity and grant it additional relief as set forth herein. In support of this Application, Consumers Energy states as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Consumers Energy is, among other things, engaged as a public utility in the business of generating, purchasing, distributing, and selling electric energy to approximately 1.9 million retail customers in the state of Michigan. The retail electric system of Consumers Energy is operated as a single utility system, within which it charges uniform rates.

2. Consumers Energy’s retail electric business is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission pursuant to various provisions of 1909 PA 106, as amended, MCL 460.551 *et seq.*, 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.54 *et seq.*, and 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1, *et seq.* Pursuant to these statutory provisions, the Commission has the power and jurisdiction to regulate Consumers Energy’s retail electric rates.

3. The Commission approved Consumers Energy’s current retail electric base rates in its March 1, 2024 Order in Case No. U-21389. In addition, the Commission has authorized,

through various orders, the recovery of certain additional costs as set forth in the Company's tariffs on file with the Commission, including Power Supply Cost Recovery factors, Renewable Energy Plan surcharges, Energy Waste Reduction surcharges, and securitization bond charges.

II. REQUESTED RATE RELIEF

4. For purposes of this case, Consumers Energy has undertaken a complete examination of relevant items of investment, expense, and revenues for the determination of just and reasonable retail electric rates, using a projected test year for the 12-month period ending February 28, 2026. Using a projected test year for the 12-month period ending February 28, 2026 will allow the rates established in this case to more closely reflect investments made and expenses incurred during the time rates established in this case are in effect.

5. Consumers Energy has calculated that, without rate relief, it will experience an annual jurisdictional electric revenue deficiency of approximately \$303 million for the 12-month period ending February 28, 2026. The Company is also requesting recovery of an additional \$22 million for the distribution deferral through a 12-month surcharge. An increase in Consumers Energy's electric rates is required to afford the Company a reasonable opportunity to recover its reasonable costs of providing electric service, including a reasonable return on common equity, as more fully described in the accompanying testimony and exhibits. Without rate relief, Consumers Energy's retail electric rates will be so low as to deprive Consumers Energy of a reasonable return on the Company's property, and amount to confiscation and deprivation of the Company's property, contrary to the Company's rights under the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Michigan.

6. The Company has determined revenue requirements using a fully projected sales forecast for the projected test year.

7. In determining its revenue requirements for this filing, Consumers Energy has used the depreciation rates authorized by the Commission in Case No. U-20849 for its electric and common plant, excluding the Ludington Pumped Storage plant. For the Company's Ludington Pumped Storage plant, the calculated depreciation expense and associated accumulated depreciation presented used depreciation rates approved in Case No. U-20844.

8. Consumers Energy proposes that rates established in this case include an authorized rate of return on common equity of 10.25%, and reflect an overall rate of return on total rate base of 6.21%. The Company submits that the requested returns reasonably balance interests of customers and investors. The Company is requesting a 50.75% common equity ratio in this case.

III. RELIABILITY ROADMAP

9. The electric service Consumers Energy provides is necessary to customers' lives and livelihoods. Customers depend on it to be there – on demand – to power the appliances and devices we rely on for our entire way of life. But the reliability and resiliency of the electric distribution system is challenged by increasingly severe weather and ongoing deterioration of the system. In the face of these challenges, and in response to the calls of the Commission and other stakeholders for improved reliability, the Company filed an updated version of its Electric Distribution Infrastructure and Investment Plan on September 27, 2023 in Case No. U-20147, which the Company has identified as the Reliability Roadmap. The Reliability Roadmap presents an aggressive and appropriate strategy for improving reliability through four key categories of work: (i) forestry line clearing; (ii) hardening the system to address infrastructure at risk from severe weather impact and in poor health; (iii) inspections to identify and fix failures, and (iv) digital automation that includes technological solutions to increase efficiency of distribution planning, service restoration, and line clearing.

10. Consumers Energy is committed to working with the Commission to improve the reliability and resiliency of the distribution system. Like the Commission and other stakeholders, the Company's goal is fewer and shorter power outages for customers. The primary driver of the Company's requested rate relief is the investments needed to support the key objectives of the Reliability Roadmap – delivery of safe, reliable and resilient, clean and equitable, and competitive energy to Consumers Energy's customers. Without these investments, the desired improvements in reliability cannot occur.

11. While continuing to invest in the distribution system at the levels established in Case No. U-21389 results in gradual reliability improvement, the Company's System Average Interruption Duration Index ("SAIDI") is still expected to be in the middle of the third quartile at the end of the decade. But the activities and investments included in the Reliability Roadmap are expected to improve SAIDI to 116 minutes by 2032, which is in the second quartile. The accelerated improvement in reliability through implementation of the Reliability Roadmap follows through on the Company's commitment to delivering reliable electric service to customers and responds to the Commission's and stakeholders' expectation for significantly improved reliability. That significant improvement will not be delivered at currently-approved investment levels, but can be achieved at the investment levels outlined in the Reliability Roadmap.

12. The distribution system improvements presented in the Reliability Roadmap, and supported by the funding requested in this case, include (but are not limited to) the following activities vital to achieving the Company's important reliability and safety objectives:

- Fusing to isolate faults to smaller sections of line, minimizing the number of customers affected per interruption;
- Replacing equipment at the end of its expected life;
- Installing upgraded poles and conductor;

- Converting open-wire secondary, which is brittle and not easily repaired, to multiplex secondary;
- Line Sensors to remotely detect sustained, momentary, and potential faults to improve the capability to respond quickly and reduce customer outages;
- Automatic Transfer Recloser Loops, which automatically restore power to impacted customers when power loss is detected;
- New substations with new line circuits that reduce the number of customers affected by an outage and minimize outage duration;
- Fractionalization to segment circuits into smaller sections with fewer customers to reduce the number of customers impacted by outages;
- Converting certain sections of overhead line to underground to avoid outages on those lines caused by falling trees;
- Line clearing to minimize tree-caused outages;
- Performing inspections to identify, and then fix, failures on the system; and
- Mitigating the risk of wildfires through situational awareness, operational procedures, system hardening, and vegetation management.

13. Another important aspect of the Reliability Roadmap is the Company's Service Restoration Program, which prepares for and executes work related to public emergencies and storm restoration activities, including addressing hazards such as broken poles, wire downs, and emergency orders. Consumers Energy is requesting approval of a Service Restoration Cost Sharing Mechanism that would be triggered if the net service restoration spend is below or above a five-year average amount requested to be included in base rates. This mechanism provides incentive for the Company to both contain service restoration costs and improve efficiencies. Pursuant to the proposed mechanism, customers will receive a 50% refund of service restoration expense below five-year average base rate levels, and 50% of any expense above base rate levels will be eligible for deferred recovery. The mechanism disincentivizes the Company to overspend by reducing the possible recovery by 50%, and incentivizes the Company to continue improving efficiencies and to spend less than the base funding level in order to recognize a 50%

sharing of saved restoration dollars. The five-year average for determining base rate storm restoration expense, coupled with the requested Service Restoration Cost Sharing Mechanism, will ensure an adequate level of funding for storm restoration activities and also appropriately incentivize efficient and cost-effective operations. These cost recovery mechanisms are essential to improving storm restoration service for the benefit of customers.

14. In its March 1, 2024 Order in Case No. U-21389, the Commission approved a distribution Investment Recovery Mechanism (“IRM”) for the LVD Lines Reliability, Resiliency, and System Protection program areas to cover a two-year period. Customers benefit from the certainty of investments in the capital programs included in the IRM that are critical to improved reliability. As part of the IRM, the Company remains committed to transparent planning and a reconciliation process that discourages the Company from shifting dollars away from these critical system investments and provides refunds to customers in the event of underspending in these areas. The second year of the approved IRM covers the same period as the test year in this case. The Company is not requesting to extend the duration of the approved IRM in this case, but requests the Commission to update the spending included in the three programs approved in the IRM to incorporate the additional amounts reflected for those programs in this case and in the Reliability Roadmap. In order to achieve the maximum customer benefits of the approved IRM, the increased spending levels to implement the Reliability Roadmap should be included in the IRM. The Company is also proposing a corresponding update to the IRM surcharge.

15. Consumers Energy recognizes the importance of keeping customer bills affordable while pursuing the investments necessary to achieve the reliability and resiliency improvements outlined in the Reliability Roadmap. To that end, Consumers Energy continues to seek to improve productivity and reduce costs, and is projecting certain reductions in test year Operations and

Maintenance (“O&M”) expenses in areas such as Generation, Corporate, Benefits, Information Technology, and Facilities. The Company also offers a range of assistance options, including the Consumers Affordable Resource for Energy Program, a Residential Income Assistance credit, and a Low-Income Assistance Credit for qualifying customers.

16. Investment in the Company’s electric distribution system as presented in the Reliability Roadmap will set the Company on a path to build a grid that will deliver on three reliability goals:

- Deliver reliability in the second quartile of nationwide utilities;
- Deliver a grid where no single outage event affects more than 100,000 customers; and
- Deliver a grid where no customer is without power for more than 24 hours following an outage event.

Consumers Energy requests that the Commission take the opportunity in this case to provide Consumers Energy with the support and tools needed to make the shared vision for a more reliable and resilient distribution grid in Michigan a reality.

IV. ADDITIONAL RATE RELIEF FACTORS

17. Additional factors contributing to Consumers Energy’s need for electric revenues above levels currently recovered in base rates include:

- (i.) Investments in electric utility generation assets to provide safe, reliable, and economic energy and capacity for customers, consistent with the Settlement Agreements approved by the Commission in the Company’s IRP in Case Nos. U-20165 and U-21090;
- (ii.) Investments in assets to comply with safety and legal requirements;
- (iii.) Technology investments as outlined in the Digital Plan to implement new technical capabilities needed to deliver on the goals of the Reliability Roadmap and the IRP, including technology to provide customers with tools needed to manage their energy consumption;
- (iv.) Investments in the Company’s fleet and facilities;

- (v.) O&M expenses necessary to, among other things, support long-term investments; and
- (vi.) Increased financing costs to attract capital for the Company's necessary investments.

18. Consumers Energy is including costs associated with its Demand Response ("DR") programs, which provide the Company a flexible portfolio of resources upon which it can call during peak times of the system to reduce overall electricity demand and reduce power supply costs for all of the Company's generation customers. The Company requests approval to recover the performance incentive of \$6,225,453 included in the 2022 DR reconciliation Case No. U-21410, currently before the Commission. Along with recovery of the performance incentive, the Company is recommending the refund of a regulatory liability of \$113,136 (plus interest) which is subtracted from the revenue requirement.

19. Consumers Energy is also supporting funding for the Company's approved Transportation Electrification Programs, which are centered on optimizing the load from electric vehicles to the benefit of all customers. These programs include PowerMIDrive Residential, PowerMIDrive Public, and PowerMIFleet. The Company is maintaining these programs as approved in previous Commission cases, and proposing certain enhancements to the programs in this case.

V. RATE DESIGN, TARIFF, AND OTHER PROPOSALS

20. Pursuant to the requirements of MCL 460.11(1), the Company proposes to establish rates equal to the cost of providing service to each customer class. In order to comply with that requirement, among other things, the Company is sponsoring a Cost-of-Service Study ("COSS") that incorporates a number of items that were approved in Case No. U-21389.

21. Consumers Energy proposes to allocate the required electric revenue increase among rate classes as set forth in Attachment A to this Application. A comparison of typical residential bills under present and proposed rates is shown on Attachment B to this Application.

22. In addition to requesting authority to increase the level of rates and charges, Consumers Energy is proposing various revisions to its electric rules, regulations, and tariffs. Consumers Energy's testimony and exhibits provide additional details on the requested relief. Among other revisions and clarifications, Consumers Energy is proposing to: (i) reduce the Rate EIP DR credit to 75% of the Cost of New Entry and align the peak hours for Rate GPTU with Rate EIP, consistent with the order in Case No. U-21389; (ii) offer a new coincident peak energy provision for Rate GPD; (iii) include a facilities allowance in Rate LEDR; (iv) change the existing Power Factor credit and penalty structure; (v) align the DR event season with the new Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. seasonal construct; (vi) require contracts for customers participating in the General Service Secondary Interruptible Provision; (vii) change the interruptible load definition in the Reduce-To option for the Interruptible Service Provision on Rate GPTU; (viii) clarify the location of the meter for measuring transformer losses for purposes of the 1% billing deduction; and (ix) add an option to apply bill credits as a form of a payment for Land Leases.

23. The Company is proposing an all-encompassing DR surcharge to separate DR-related costs from the overall base rate revenue requirement. Recovering DR costs through a dedicated surcharge will streamline and simplify the reconciliation process, eliminating potentially long lags for the recognition of over-recoveries and under-recoveries in rates, and allow for timely and accurate recovery of the performance incentive. The Company proposes that the DR surcharge

would be adjusted during the Company's annual DR Reconciliation proceedings to account for changing costs, over/under-recoveries, and recovery of the performance incentive.

24. The proposed Service Restoration Cost Sharing Mechanism would result in a deferred asset or deferred liability until the deferred service restoration costs are fully collected or refunded. The Company requests approval to recognize regulatory assets or liabilities as needed to record these deferred amounts.

25. In Case No. U-21389, the Commission approved the continued use of deferred accounting associated with 2023 actual capital spending in the event the Commission's final order set capital spending levels for recovery in rates at amounts below the amount requested in the following distribution programs: New Business, Demand Failures, and Asset Relocation, and to continue such deferral until actual amounts are included in rates. In 2023, Consumers Energy had capital spending in these programs above the amounts approved in Case Nos. U-21224 and U-21389. The Company is proposing a 12-month surcharge to collect the \$21.8 million of additional revenue requirement that would have been built into rates if the additional capital spending had been included. The Company also requests to continue the deferral mechanism approved in Case No. U-21389 for the capital spending in the test year of this case, the 12 months ending on February 28, 2026, and to use straight-line amortization of the associated regulatory balance.

26. The Company's testimony and exhibits in support of this Application also request recovery of associated amortization expense for the D. E. Karn Units 1 and 2 and J. H. Campbell ("Campbell") Units 1, 2, and 3 retention, decommissioning, and ash disposal costs; deferred costs and amortization expense for the PowerMIDrive and PowerMIFleet programs; amortization expense for the Pension/OPEB Volatility Mechanism; and approval of a 25-year amortization

period for the acquisition adjustment included in the purchase price of the Covert Plant. In addition, as previously approved by the Commission, the remaining net book value of Campbell Units 1, 2, and 3 has been placed in a regulatory asset and the associated amortization of the regulatory asset is included in this case.

VI. TESTIMONY, EXHIBITS, AND RESERVATION OF RIGHT TO AMEND

27. Consumers Energy is, concurrently with this Application, filing written testimony and exhibits in support of rate relief and other relief that the Company is seeking in this case. Reference to this material will provide additional details on the relief being sought. The relief described in the testimony and exhibits should be considered as if specifically requested in this Application. Consumers Energy expressly reserves the right to revise, amend, or otherwise change the relief it is requesting in any way appropriate depending upon the duration and progress of hearings in this proceeding, the issuance of orders that have an impact upon this case, or the occurrence of other material events.

28. In addition to the issues described above, other pending or to-be-filed proceedings or other events may impact the rate adjustments requested at this time. These impacts will be evaluated for materiality and may need to be considered in the results of this proceeding.

VII. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Consumers Energy Company requests that the Michigan Public Service Commission:

A. Authorize Consumers Energy to adjust its retail electric rates so as to provide additional revenue of approximately \$303 million annually above levels established in Case No. U-21389 based on a projected 12-month test year ending February 28, 2026, plus an additional \$22 million for the distribution deferral;

- B. Authorize Consumers Energy to adjust its existing retail electric rates so as to produce a rate of return on common equity of not less than 10.25%;
- C. Approve the proposed DR, Distribution Deferral, and IRM surcharges;
- D. Approve modifications to the rates, rules, regulations, and programs as are described in the testimony and exhibits that accompany this Application;
- E. Approve the Company's accounting requests and use of regulatory assets or regulatory liabilities, as needed, including (i) the continued deferral of certain distribution capital spending until actual amounts are included in rates, and (ii) the Service Restoration Cost Sharing Mechanism proposal; and
- F. Grant Consumers Energy such other and further relief as is just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

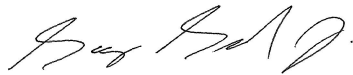
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY



Dated: May 31, 2024

By:

Kelly M. Hall
Deputy General Counsel and Vice President,
Rates and Regulatory
Consumers Energy Company



Gary A. Gensch (P66912)
Bret A. Totoraitis (P72654)
Anne M. Uitvlugt (P71641)
Spencer A. Sattler (P70524)
Evan B. Keimach (P83418)
One Energy Plaza
Jackson, Michigan 49201
Attorneys for Consumers Energy Company
(517) 788-0698

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


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.)
_____)

Case No. U-21585

VERIFICATION

Kelly M. Hall, states that she is Deputy General Counsel and Vice President, Rates and Regulatory, of Consumers Energy Company; that she has executed the foregoing Application for and on behalf of Consumers Energy Company; that she has read the foregoing Application and is familiar with the contents thereof; that the facts contained therein are true, to the best of her knowledge and belief; and that she is duly authorized to execute such Application on behalf of Consumers Energy Company.

Dated: May 31, 2024

By: 

Kelly M. Hall
Deputy General Counsel and Vice President,
Rates and Regulatory
Consumers Energy Company

ATTACHMENT A

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTACHMENT A

Consumers Energy Company

Summary of Present and Proposed Pro Forma Revenues by Rate Schedule

U-21585

Line No.	(a) Description	(b) Revenue		(c) Net Increase / (Decrease)	
		Present \$000	Proposed \$000	Revenue \$000	Percent %
FULL SERVICE					
<u>Residential Class</u>					
1	Summer On-peak RSP	\$ 2,289,207	\$ 2,478,350	\$ 189,143	8.3
2	Smart Hours RSH	26,262	28,396	2,134	8.1
3	Night Time Savers RPM	17,028	18,409	1,381	8.1
4	Non-Transmitting Meters RSM	23,805	25,466	1,662	7.0
5	Total Residential Class	\$ 2,356,302	\$ 2,550,622	\$ 194,319	8.2
<u>Secondary Class</u>					
6	Energy-only GS	\$ 692,508	\$ 744,168	\$ 51,660	7.5
7	Time-of-Use GSTU	10,289	11,079	790	7.7
8	Demand GSD	429,440	466,071	36,631	8.5
9	Total Secondary	\$ 1,132,237	\$ 1,221,318	\$ 89,081	7.9
<u>Primary Class</u>					
10	Energy-only GP	\$ 86,737	\$ 90,803	\$ 4,065	4.7
11	Demand GPD	471,735	473,183	1,448	0.3
12	Time-of-Use GPTU	460,388	473,072	12,684	2.8
13	Energy Intensive EIP	32,387	29,376	(3,010)	(9.3)
14	Total Primary	\$ 1,051,247	\$ 1,066,434	\$ 15,187	1.4
<u>Lighting & Unmetered Class</u>					
15	Metered Lighting GML	\$ 1,744	\$ 1,721	\$ (23)	(1.3)
16	Universal Unmetered Lighting UUL	37,790	34,265	(3,526)	(9.3)
17	Unmetered GU	10,935	11,023	88	0.8
18	Total Lighting & Unmetered	\$ 50,469	\$ 47,009	\$ (3,460)	(6.9)
<u>Self-generation Class</u>					
19	Small Self-generation GSG-1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	NA
20	Large Self-generation GSG-2	13,783	14,081	298	2.2
21	Total Self-generation	\$ 13,783	\$ 14,081	\$ 298	2.2
22	Total Full Service	\$ 4,604,038	\$ 4,899,463	\$ 295,425	6.4
ROA SERVICE					
<u>Secondary Class</u>					
23	Energy-only GS	\$ 1,201	\$ 1,385	\$ 184	15.3
24	Demand GSD	7,971	9,314	1,343	16.8
25	Total Secondary	\$ 9,172	\$ 10,700	\$ 1,527	16.7
<u>Primary Class</u>					
26	Energy-only GP	\$ 1,547	\$ 1,919	\$ 373	24.1
27	Demand GPD	24,470	29,714	5,244	21.4
28	Total Primary	\$ 26,016	\$ 31,633	\$ 5,617	21.6
29	Total ROA Service	\$ 35,189	\$ 42,333	\$ 7,144	20.3
30	Total Jurisdictional Service	\$ 4,639,227	\$ 4,941,796	\$ 302,569	6.5
31	Plus: Rounding	-	608	608	
32	Total Jurisdictional Revenues	\$ 4,639,227	\$ 4,942,403	\$ 303,177	6.5

ATTACHMENT B

Consumers Energy Company

Comparison of Present and Proposed Monthly Bills

Residential Summer On-peak RSP

U-21585

Line No.	(a) Monthly Use kWh	(b) - (e) Summer (June - Sept.)				(f) Proposed Unit Cost ¢/kWh	(g) - (j) Winter (Oct. - May)				(k) Proposed Unit Cost ¢/kWh
		(b) Monthly Bills		(c) Difference			(g) Monthly Bills		(h) Difference		
		(d) Present	(e) Proposed	(f) Amount	(g) Percent		(h) Present	(i) Proposed	(j) Amount	(k) Percent	
		\$	\$	\$	%		\$	\$	\$	%	
1	5	8.88	8.99	0.11	1.3%	179.9	8.81	8.87	0.06	0.7%	177.4
2	50	16.80	17.95	1.14	6.8%	35.9	16.12	16.72	0.60	3.7%	33.4
3	100	25.61	27.89	2.28	8.9%	27.9	24.24	25.43	1.19	4.9%	25.4
4	150	34.41	37.84	3.42	9.9%	25.2	32.36	34.15	1.79	5.5%	22.8
5	200	43.22	47.78	4.56	10.6%	23.9	40.48	42.86	2.38	5.9%	21.4
6	250	52.02	57.73	5.70	11.0%	23.1	48.60	51.58	2.98	6.1%	20.6
7	300	60.83	67.67	6.84	11.3%	22.6	56.72	60.29	3.57	6.3%	20.1
8	350	69.63	77.62	7.98	11.5%	22.2	64.84	69.01	4.17	6.4%	19.7
9	400	78.44	87.56	9.12	11.6%	21.9	72.96	77.72	4.76	6.5%	19.4
10	450	87.24	97.51	10.27	11.8%	21.7	81.08	86.44	5.36	6.6%	19.2
11	500	96.05	107.45	11.41	11.9%	21.5	89.20	95.15	5.95	6.7%	19.0
12	550	104.85	117.40	12.55	12.0%	21.3	97.32	103.87	6.55	6.7%	18.9
13	600	113.66	127.34	13.69	12.0%	21.2	105.44	112.58	7.14	6.8%	18.8
14	650	122.46	137.29	14.83	12.1%	21.1	113.56	121.30	7.74	6.8%	18.7
15	700	131.27	147.23	15.97	12.2%	21.0	121.68	130.01	8.33	6.8%	18.6
16	750	140.07	157.18	17.11	12.2%	21.0	129.80	138.73	8.93	6.9%	18.5
17	800	148.88	167.13	18.25	12.3%	20.9	137.92	147.44	9.52	6.9%	18.4
18	850	157.68	177.07	19.39	12.3%	20.8	146.04	156.16	10.12	6.9%	18.4
19	900	166.49	187.02	20.53	12.3%	20.8	154.16	164.88	10.71	7.0%	18.3
20	950	175.29	196.96	21.67	12.4%	20.7	162.28	173.59	11.31	7.0%	18.3
21	1,000	184.09	206.91	22.81	12.4%	20.7	170.40	182.31	11.91	7.0%	18.2
22	1,500	272.14	306.36	34.22	12.6%	20.4	251.60	269.46	17.86	7.1%	18.0
23	2,000	360.19	405.81	45.62	12.7%	20.3	332.80	356.61	23.81	7.2%	17.8
24	2,500	448.24	505.27	57.03	12.7%	20.2	414.00	443.77	29.76	7.2%	17.8
25	3,000	536.28	604.72	68.44	12.8%	20.2	495.20	530.92	35.72	7.2%	17.7
26	3,500	624.33	704.17	79.84	12.8%	20.1	576.40	618.07	41.67	7.2%	17.7
27	4,000	712.38	803.63	91.25	12.8%	20.1	657.60	705.22	47.62	7.2%	17.6
28	4,500	800.43	903.08	102.66	12.8%	20.1	738.80	792.38	53.57	7.3%	17.6
29	5,000	888.47	1,002.54	114.06	12.8%	20.1	820.00	879.53	59.53	7.3%	17.6

**Proposed Notice of Hearing
MPSC Case No. U-21585**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS OF
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
CASE NO. U-21585**

- Consumers Energy Company requests the Michigan Public Service Commission for authority to increase its rates for the generation and distribution of electricity and for other relief.
- The information below describes how a person may participate in this case.
- You may call or write Consumers Energy Company, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, Michigan 49201, (800) 477-5050 for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the application at the offices of Consumers Energy Company or on the Commission's website at: michigan.gov/mpscdockets.
- A pre-hearing will be held:

DATE/TIME: _____, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

BEFORE: Administrative Law Judge _____

LOCATION: Video/Teleconferencing

PARTICIPATION: Any interested person may participate. Persons needing any assistance to participate should contact the Commission's Executive Secretary at (517) 284-8096, or by email at mpscdockets@michigan.gov in advance of the hearing.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a public hearing to consider Consumers Energy Company's (Consumers Energy) May 31, 2024 application requesting the Commission to: 1) authorize Consumers Energy to adjust its retail electric rates so as to provide additional revenue of approximately \$303 million annually above levels established in Case No. U-21389 based on a projected 12-month test year ending February 28, 2026, plus an additional \$22 million for the distribution deferral; 2) authorize Consumers Energy to adjust its existing retail electric rates so as to produce a rate of return on common equity of not less than 10.25%; 3) approve the Demand Response, Distribution Deferral, and Investment Recovery Mechanism surcharges as proposed by Consumers Energy; 4) approve modifications to the rates, rules, regulations, and programs as described and proposed by Consumers Energy; 5) approve Consumers Energy's proposed accounting requests and use of regulatory assets or regulatory liabilities, as needed, including (i) the continued deferral of certain distribution capital spending until actual amounts are included in rates, and (ii) the Service Restoration Cost Sharing

Mechanism proposal; and 6) grant Consumers Energy other and further relief as is just and reasonable.

All documents filed in this case shall be submitted electronically through the Commission's E-Dockets Website at: michigan.gov/mpscedockets. Requirements and instructions for filing can be found in the User Manual on the E-Dockets help page. Documents may also be submitted, in Word or PDF format, as an attachment to an email sent to mpscedockets@michigan.gov. If you require assistance prior to e-filing, contact Commission staff at (517) 284-8090 or by e-mail at mpscedockets@michigan.gov.

Any person wishing to intervene and become a party to the case shall electronically file a petition to intervene with this Commission by _____, 2024. (Interested persons may elect to file using the traditional paper format.) The proof of service shall indicate service upon Consumers Energy Company Legal Department - MPSC Regulatory, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, Michigan 49201.

The prehearing is scheduled to be held remotely by video conference or teleconference. Persons filing a petition to intervene will be advised of the process to participate in the hearing.

Any person wishing to participate without intervention under Mich Admin Code, R 792.10413 (Rule 413), or file a public comment, may do so by filing a written statement in this docket. The written statement may be mailed or emailed and should reference Case No. U-21585. Statements may be emailed to: mpscedockets@michigan.gov. Statements may be mailed to: Executive Secretary, Michigan Public Service Commission, 7109 West Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917. All information submitted to the Commission in this matter becomes public information, thus available on the Michigan Public Service Commission's Web site, and subject to disclosure. Please do not include information you wish to remain private. For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Commission at the above address or by telephone at (517) 284-8090.

Requests for adjournment must be made pursuant to Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules R 792.10422 and R 792.10432. Requests for further information on adjournment should be directed to (517) 284-8130.

For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Commission at the above address or by telephone at (517) 284-8090.

The Utility Consumer Representation Fund has been created for the purpose of aiding in the representation of residential utility customers in various Commission proceedings. Contact the Chairperson, Utility Consumer Participation Board, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, P.O. Box 30004, Lansing, Michigan 48909, for more information.

Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1909 PA 106, as amended, MCL 460.551 et seq.; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.54 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; and Parts 1 & 4 of the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules, Mich. Admin Code, R 792.10106 and R 792.10401 through R 792.10448.

[CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY HAS REQUESTED THE INCREASES AND OTHER PROPOSALS DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE. THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MAY GRANT OR DENY THE REQUESTED INCREASES AND OTHER PROPOSALS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND MAY GRANT LESSER OR GREATER INCREASES THAN THOSE REQUESTED AND MAY AUTHORIZE A LESSER OR GREATER RATE FOR ANY CLASS OF SERVICE THAN THAT REQUESTED.]

_____, 2024

Proposed Protective Order
MPSC Case No. U-21585

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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.)
_____)

Case No. U-21585

PROTECTIVE ORDER

This Protective Order governs the use and disposition of Protected Material that any Party discloses to another Party during the course of this proceeding. This Protective Order protects non-public, confidential information and materials so designated by the Disclosing Party as Protected Material, as defined herein. Accordingly, it is ordered:

I. “Protected Material” and Other Definitions

A. “Protected Material” consists of trade secrets or confidential, proprietary, or commercially sensitive information provided in Disclosing Party’s application, exhibits, discovery or audit responses, any witness’ related exhibits and testimony, motions, objections, briefing, responses to an order issued by the presiding hearing officer or the Michigan Public Service Commission (“MPSC” or the “Commission), and any arguments of counsel describing or relying upon the Protected Material. Subject to challenge under Paragraph IV.A, Protected Material shall also consist of non-public confidential information and materials including, but not limited to, the following information disclosed during the course of this case if it is marked as required by this Protective Order:

1. To the extent permitted, information obtained under license from a third-party licensor, to which the Disclosing Party or witnesses engaged by the Disclosing Party is a licensee, that is subject to any confidentiality or non-transferability clause. This information includes reports; analyses; models (including related inputs and outputs); trade secrets; and confidential, proprietary, or commercially sensitive information that the Disclosing Party or one of its witnesses receives as a licensee and is authorized by the third-party licensor to disclose consistent with the terms and conditions of this Protective Order; and
2. Information that is protected as confidential in another jurisdiction that the Applicant provides utility service, and the source of the other jurisdiction's protective designation is made known to the Receiving Party.

B. The information subject to this Protective Order does not include:

1. Information that is or has become available to the public through no fault of the Receiving Party or Reviewing Representative and no breach of this Protective Order, or information that is otherwise lawfully known by the Receiving Party without any obligation to hold it in confidence;
2. Information received from a third party free to disclose the information without restriction;
3. Information that is approved for release by written authorization of the Disclosing Party, but only to the extent of the authorization; and
4. Information that is required by law or regulation to be disclosed, but only to the extent of the required disclosure; or Information that is disclosed in response to a valid, non-appealable order of a court of competent jurisdiction or governmental body, but only to the extent the order requires.

C. "Applicant" refers to the filing party in this proceeding.

D. "Disclosing Party" means a Party producing Protected Material in this proceeding.

E. "Party" refers to the Applicant, MPSC Staff ("Staff"), Michigan Attorney General, or any other person, company, organization, or association that is granted intervention in this case under the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Mich Admin Code, R 792.10401 et al.

F. "Receiving Party" means any Party to this proceeding who requests or receives access to Protected Material. A Receiving Party is responsible for assuring that persons,

representatives, or agents under its control or supervision comply with this Protective Order.

G. “Reviewing Representative” means a representative of the Receiving Party who is:

1. An attorney who has entered an appearance in this proceeding for a Receiving Party;
2. An attorney, paralegal, or other employee associated, for the purpose of this case, with an attorney described in Paragraph I.G.1; and
3. An expert or employee of an expert retained by a Receiving Party to advise, prepare for, or testify in this proceeding; or an employee or other representative of a Receiving Party with significant responsibility in this case.

H. “Nondisclosure Certificate” refers to Attachment 1 to this Protective Order. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Reviewing Party and Reviewing Representatives will be required to sign Nondisclosure Certificates. However, Nondisclosure Certificates will not be required from administrative law judges, members of the Commission and its support staff, Staff (excluding consultants, third-party experts, agents or other similar persons), and Staff counsel, for whom by virtue of their employment are presumed to be bound by the terms of this Protective Order.

II. Access to and Use of Protected Material

A. This Protective Order governs the use of all provided Protected Material. This Protective Order protects: (i) the Protected Material; (ii) any copy or reproduction of the Protected Material made by any person; and (iii) any memorandum, handwritten notes, or any other form of information that copies, contains, or discloses Protected Material. All Protected Material in the possession of a Receiving Party and a Reviewing Representative shall be maintained in a secure place. Access to Protected Material shall be limited to the Receiving Party and the Reviewing Representative, after each has executed the Nondisclosure Agreement and provided a copy of the

Nondisclosure Agreement to the Disclosing Party, subject to the limited exception in Paragraph I.H.

B. Protected Material must be used and disclosed by the Receiving Party solely in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Protective Order. A Receiving Party and Reviewing Representative may analyze the Protected Material; make or respond to discovery; present evidence; prepare testimony, argument, briefs, or other filings; prepare for cross-examination; consider strategy; and evaluate settlement. A Reviewing Representative shall not release or disclose the content of Protected Material to any other person or use the information for any other purpose.

C. The Disclosing Party may request the Receiving Party withhold certain information from a Reviewing Representative and retains the right to object to any designated Reviewing Representative if the Disclosing Party has reason to believe that there is an unacceptable risk of misuse of confidential information. If a Disclosing Party objects to a Reviewing Representative, then the Disclosing Party shall submit the dispute to the presiding hearing officer simultaneously upon objection. If the Disclosing Party notifies a Receiving Party of an objection to a Reviewing Representative, then the Protected Material shall not be provided to that Reviewing Representative until the objection is resolved by agreement or by the presiding hearing officer.

D. If a Receiving Party seeks access to Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (“CEII”) as defined in 16 U.S.C § 824o-1(a)(3) and FERC rules, specifically 18 CFR § 388.113(c), the Receiving Party and Reviewing Representative shall also sign the CEII Nondisclosure Certificate (Attachment 2 to this Protective Order) and provide a copy of the executed CEII Nondisclosure Certificates to the Disclosing Party.

E. The obligations under this Protective Order do not expire by entry of a final order in this case and are enforceable by the MPSC or a court of competent jurisdiction. To the extent Protected Material is not returned to a Disclosing Party, it remains subject to this Protective Order. Members of the Commission, Commission staff assigned to assist the Commission with its deliberations, and the presiding hearing officer shall have access to all Protected Material that is submitted to the Commission under seal.

F. A Party retains the right to seek further restrictions on the dissemination of Protected Material to persons who have or may subsequently seek to intervene in this MPSC proceeding.

G. Nothing in this Protective Order precludes a Party from asserting a timely evidentiary objection to the proposed admission of Protected Material into the evidentiary record for this case.

III. Procedures

A. The Disclosing Party shall identify what portion(s) of any document designated confidential it considers confidential. This can be done through highlights or other clear identifier. The Disclosing Party must mark any information that it considers confidential as “CONFIDENTIAL: SUBJECT TO THE PROTECTIVE ORDER ISSUED IN CASE NO. U-21585.” Software executable files containing Protected Material may not be capable of being marked with the foregoing required protective language. The inability to mark software executable files containing Protected Material with such protective language shall not diminish the requirements of this Protective Order. It shall be sufficient if the medium used to deliver software executable files containing Protected Material is marked with the required protective language. However, any output from the software executable files containing Protected Material

that is generated only as a reproducible document, whether electronic or non-electronic, that is capable of being marked with the required protective language, shall be marked by the party who generated the output with such protective language and subject to the requirements of this Protective Order. If the Receiving Party or a Reviewing Representative makes copies of any Protected Material, they shall conspicuously mark the copies as Protected Material. Notes of Protected Material shall also be conspicuously marked as Protected Material by the person making the notes.

B. If a Receiving Party wants to quote, refer to, or otherwise use Protected Material in pleadings, pre-filed testimony, exhibits, cross-examination, briefs, oral argument, comments, or in some other form in this proceeding (including administrative or judicial appeals), the Receiving Party shall do so consistent with procedures that will maintain the confidentiality of the Protected Material. For purposes of this Protective Order, the following procedures apply:

1. Written submissions using Protected Material shall be filed in a sealed record to be maintained by the MPSC's Docket Section, or by a court of competent jurisdiction, in envelopes clearly marked on the outside, "CONFIDENTIAL – SUBJECT TO THE PROTECTIVE ORDER ISSUED IN CASE NO. U-21585." Simultaneously, identical documents and materials, with the Protected Material redacted, shall be filed and disclosed the same way that evidence or briefs are usually filed;
2. Oral testimony, examination of witnesses, or argument about Protected Material shall be conducted on a separate record to be maintained by the MPSC's Docket Section or by a court of competent jurisdiction. These separate record proceedings shall be closed to all persons except those furnishing the Protected Material and persons otherwise subject to this Protective Order. The Receiving Party presenting the Protected Material during the course of the proceeding shall give the presiding officer or court sufficient notice to allow the presiding officer or court an opportunity to take measures to protect the confidentiality of the Protected Material; and
3. Copies of the documents filed with the MPSC which contain Protected Material, including the portions of the exhibits, transcripts, or briefs that refer to Protected Material, shall be marked or identified as, "CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN CASE NO.

U-21585” and shall be maintained in a separate portion of the record under seal, segregated in the files of the Commission, and withheld from inspection by any person not bound by the terms of this Order.

C. The Protected Material subject to this Order shall be shielded from disclosure to the extent permitted by law. If any person files a request under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) with the MPSC or the Michigan Attorney General seeking access to documents subject to this Protective Order, the MPSC’s Executive Secretary, Staff, or the Attorney General shall promptly notify the Disclosing Party, and the Disclosing Party may take whatever legal actions it deems appropriate to protect the Protected Material from disclosure. In light of Section 5 of the Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.235, the notice must be given at least five (5) business days before the MPSC, Staff, and/or the Michigan Attorney General grant the request in full or in part.

IV. Termination of Protected Status

A. A Receiving Party reserves the right to challenge by motion whether a document or information is Protected Material and whether this information can be withheld under this Protective Order. The Receiving Party challenging the protected status of the document must explicitly state its reason for challenging the confidential designation. In response to a motion, the Commission or the presiding hearing officer in this case may revoke a document’s protected status after notice and hearing. If the presiding hearing officer revokes a document’s protected status, then the document loses its protected status after 14 days unless a Party files an application for leave to appeal the ruling and a request for a stay to the Commission pursuant to R 792.10433. If the application for leave is timely, the document’s protected status will continue during the Commission appeal process. Any Party opposing the application for leave to appeal and the stay shall file an answer with the Commission no more than 14 days after the filing and service of the

appeal. Continued protected status post order, will be determined by the Commission in its order addressing the application for leave and the request for stay. Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit the Disclosing Party from seeking a stay on appeal of the Commission's decision regarding the revocation of any document's protected status.

B. The Disclosing Party bears the burden of proving that the document should continue to be protected from disclosure.

V. Retention of Documents

Protected Material remains the property of the Disclosing Party and, except as required by applicable law and State retention schedules, only remains available to the Receiving Party until the time expires for petitions for rehearing of a final MPSC order, until the MPSC has ruled on all petitions for rehearing in this case (if any), or until judicial review is completed and the time to take further appeal has expired. If the Disclosing Party seeks to have the Receiving Party return all Protected Material in the Receiving Party's possession or in the possession of its Reviewing Representatives, or certify in writing that all Protected Material has been destroyed, it is the responsibility of the Disclosing Party to contact the Receiving Party and make its request no earlier than the expiration of time for filing petitions for rehearing of a final MPSC order, until the MPSC has ruled on all petitions for rehearing in this case (if any), or until judicial review is completed and the time to take further appeal has expired. Further, for a Receiving Party that is associated with the State, the request must be consistent with the expiration of the State retention requirement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, counsel for the Receiving Party may maintain a single confidential file of Protected Material subject to all other provisions in this Order. Should counsel seek to refer to the Protected Material in another Commission proceeding, the Disclosing Party

must be the Applicant in said proceeding and counsel must ensure there is a protective order in said proceeding which protects the Protected Material from public disclosure.

VI. Limitations and Disclosures

This Protective Order does not apply to a particular document, or portion of a document, described in Paragraph II.A if a Receiving Party can demonstrate that it has been previously disclosed by the Disclosing Party on a non-confidential basis or meets the criteria set forth in Paragraphs I.B.1 through I.B.4. A Receiving Party intending to disclose information taken directly from materials identified as Protected Material must-before actually disclosing the information-do one of the following: (i) contact the Disclosing Party's counsel of record and obtain written permission to disclose the information; or (ii) challenge the confidential nature of the Protected Material and obtain a ruling under Paragraph IV that the information is not confidential and may be disclosed in or on the public record.

VII. Remedies

If a Receiving Party violates this Protective Order by improperly disclosing or using Protected Material, the Receiving Party shall take all necessary steps to remedy the improper disclosure or use. This includes promptly notifying all Parties and the presiding hearing officer in writing. The written notice must identify the person known or reasonably suspected to have obtained the Protected Material. A Party or person that violates this Protective Order remains subject to this paragraph regardless of whether the Disclosing Party could have discovered the violation earlier than it was discovered. This paragraph applies to both inadvertent and intentional violations. Nothing in this Protective Order limits the Disclosing Party's rights and remedies, at law or in equity, against a Party or person using Protected Material in a manner not authorized by this Protective Order, including the right to obtain injunctive relief in a court of

competent jurisdiction to prevent violations of this Protective Order.

VIII. Modification

Formal Addendums to this agreement may be established by an ALJ upon motion by any party and after notice and hearing.

MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM

For the Michigan Public Service Commission

Administrative Law Judge

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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.)
_____)

Case No. U-21585

Attachment 1

NONDISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

By signing this Nondisclosure Certificate, I acknowledge that access to Protected Material is provided to me under the terms and restrictions of the Protective Order issued in Case No. U-21585, that I have read the Protective Order, and that I agree to be bound by the terms of the Protective Order.

Reviewing Representative:

Date: _____

Title: _____

Receiving Party: _____

Printed Name: _____

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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.)
_____)

Case No. U-21585

Attachment 2

NONDISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

FOR CRITICAL ELECTRIC INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION

I hereby agree and certify my understanding that access to Critical Electric Infrastructure Information (“CEII”) as defined at 16 USC Section 824o-1(a)(3) and 18 CFR Section 388.113(c) is provided to me pursuant to the terms and restriction of this CEII Nondisclosure Certificate and the Protective Order issued in Case No. U-21585, that I have been given a copy of and have read the Protective Order, and I agree to be bound by the terms of this CEII Nondisclosure Certificate and the Protective Order. I further agree that:

1. I will use CEII only for the purpose for which it was requested;
2. I will only discuss CEII with a Party and/or Reviewing Representative;
3. I will keep CEII in a secure place in a manner that prevents unauthorized access;
4. I will destroy CEII or return it to the disclosing party upon request;
5. I understand that CEII is not subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act;

6. I understand that I am obligated to protect CEII even after a designation as CEII has lapsed until a determination by the administrative law judge that the information should no longer be designated as CEII; and

7. I will report all unauthorized disclosures of CEII to the Disclosing Party.

Reviewing Representative:

Date: _____

Title: _____

Receiving Party: _____

Printed Name: _____

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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.)
_____)

Case No. U-21585

PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS
COUNTY OF JACKSON)

Crystal L. Chacon, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is employed in the Legal Department of Consumers Energy Company; that on May 31, 2024, she served an electronic copy of **Consumers Energy Company’s Application, Proposed Notice of Hearing, Proposed Protective Order, and the Testimony and Exhibits of Consumers Energy Company’s Witnesses** upon the persons listed in Attachment 1 hereto, at the e-mail addresses listed therein.

She further states that she provided the public versions of (i) Consumers Energy Company’s Application, a Proposed Notice of Hearing, a Proposed Protective Order, and the Testimony and Exhibits of Consumers Energy Company’s Witnesses in PDF format; (ii) exhibits in Excel format that were filed in Excel format; (iii) tariff changes in Word format that were filed in Word format; (iv) Workpapers in PDF format of Consumers Energy’s witnesses; and (v) Consumers Energy Company’s Part II and Part III Standard Filing requirements via secure filing sharing link at the email addresses listed in Attachment 1.

Crystal L. Chacon

Crystal L. Chacon

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of May, 2024.

Melissa K. Harris

Melissa K. Harris, Notary Public
State of Michigan, County of Jackson
My Commission Expires: 06/11/2027
Acting in the County of Hillsdale

ATTACHMENT 1 TO CASE NO. U-21585
(Parties to Case Nos. U-21224 and U-21389)

Party	Mailing Address	Email Address
Counsel for Consumers Energy Company		
Gary A. Gensch, Jr., Esq. Bret A. Totoraitis, Esq. Anne M. Uitvlugt, Esq. Spencer A. Sattler, Esq. Evan B. Keimach, Esq.	One Energy Plaza Jackson, MI 49201	gary.genschjr@cmsenergy.com bret.totoraitis@cmsenergy.com anne.uitvlugt@cmsenergy.com spencer.sattler@cmsenergy.com evan.keimach@cmsenergy.com mpsc.filings@cmsenergy.com
Counsel for the Michigan Public Service Commission Staff		
Amit T. Singh, Esq. Nicholas Q. Taylor, Esq. Anna B. Stirling, Esq. Monica M. Stephens, Esq. Alena Clark, Esq. Daniel Sonneveldt, Esq. Michael Orris, Esq.	Assistant Attorneys General Public Service Division 7109 West Saginaw Highway Post Office Box 30221 Lansing, MI 48909	singha9@michigan.gov taylorn10@michigan.gov stirlinga1@michigan.gov stephensm11@michigan.gov clarkA55@michigan.gov sonneveltdt@michigan.gov orrism@michigan.gov
Michigan Public Service Commission Staff		
Mike Byrne Bill Stosik Paul Proudfoot Bob Nichols Lori Mayabb Julie Baldwin	7109 West Saginaw Highway Post Office Box 30221 Lansing, MI 48909	byrnem@michigan.gov stosikb@michigan.gov proudfootp@michigan.gov nicholsb1@michigan.gov mayabbl@michigan.gov baldwinj2@michigan.gov
Counsel for Attorney General Dana Nessel		
Celeste R. Gill, Esq.	ENRA Division 525 West Ottawa Street 6th Floor Williams Building Post Office Box 30755 Lansing, MI 48909	gillc1@michigan.gov AG-ENRA-Spec-Lit@michigan.gov
Counsel for the Michigan Cable Telecommunications Association (“MCTA”)		
Sean P. Gallagher, Esq.	Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap, P.C. 124 West Allegan Street Suite 1000 Lansing, MI 48933	sgallagher@fraserlawfirm.com
Counsel for the Michigan Environmental Council, Citizens Utility Board of Michigan, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Sierra Club (“MNSC”)		
Christopher M. Bzdok, Esq. Tracy Jane Andrews, Esq. Breanna Thomas	Troposphere Legal 420 East Front Street Traverse City, MI 49686	chris@tropospherelegal.com tjandrews@tropospherelegal.com breanna@tropospherelegal.com
Counsel for Sierra Club		
Michael C. Soules, Esq.	1001 G. Street NW Suite 1000 Washington, DC 20001	msoules@earthjustice.org
Counsel for The Kroger Co. (“Kroger”)		
Kurt J. Boehm, Esq. Jody Kyler Cohn, Esq. Michael L. Kurtz, Esq.	Boehm, Kurtz & Lowry 36 East Seventh Street, Ste. 1510 Cincinnati, OH 45202	kboehm@bkllawfirm.com jkylercohn@bkllawfirm.com mkurtz@bkllawfirm.com

ATTACHMENT 1 TO CASE NO. U-21585
(Parties to Case Nos. U-21224 and U-21389)

Counsel for Michigan Municipal Association for Utility Issues (“MAUI”)		
Valerie J.M. Brader, Esq. Valerie Jackson, Esq.	Rivenoak Law Group, P.C. 3331 W. Big Beaver Rd, Ste. 109 Troy, MI 48084	valerie@rivenoaklaw.com valeriejackson@rivenoaklaw.com ecf@rivenoaklaw.com
Rick Bunch	Executive Director and Chairman Michigan Municipal Association for Utility Businesses 4989 Earhart Road Ann Arbor, MI 48105	rick@mi-maui.org
Counsel for Energy Michigan, Foundry Association of Michigan, Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council (“Michigan EIBC”), Institute for Energy Innovation (“IEI”), Advanced Energy United (“United”), and ChargePoint		
Timothy J. Lundgren, Esq. Laura A. Chappelle, Esq. Justin K. Ooms, Esq. Summer Dukes	Potomac Law Group 120 N. Washington Square Suite 300 Lansing, MI 48933	tlundgren@potomaclaw.com lchappelle@potomaclaw.com jooms@potomaclaw.com sdukes@potomaclaw.com
Counsel for The Ecology Center, The Environmental Law & Policy Center (“ELPC”), Union of Concerned Scientists (“USC”), and Vote Solar		
Nicholas J. Schroek, Esq.	University of Detroit Mercy School of Law Environmental Law Clinic 651 E. Jefferson Detroit, MI 48226	schroenj@udmercy.edu
Daniel Abrams, Esq. Alondra Estrada Carolyn Boyce	Environmental Law & Policy Center 35 East Wacker Drive, Suite 1600 Chicago, IL 60601	dabrams@elpc.org aestrada@elpc.org cboyce@elpc.org mpscdockets@elpc.org
Counsel for Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC (“METC”)		
Richard J. Aaron, Esq. Olivia R.C.A. Flower, Esq. Hannah Buzolits, Esq. Courtney F. Kissel, Esq.	Dykema Gossett PLLC 201 Townsend Street, Suite 900 Lansing, MI 48933	raaron@dykema.com oflower@dykema.com HBuzolits@dykema.com ckissel@dykema.com mpscfilings@dykema.com
Lisa Agrimonti, Esq. Haley Waller Pitts, Esq.	Fredrikson & Byron 115 West Allegan, Ste 700 Lansing, MI 48933	lagrimonti@fredlaw.com hwallerpitts@fredlaw.com
Counsel for Urban Core Collective (“UCC”)		
Amanda Urban, Esq. Mark Templeton, Esq. Jacob R. Schuhardt, Esq. Madison Wilson	Univ of Chicago Law School – Abrams Env Law Clinic 6020 South University Avenue Chicago, IL 60637	t-9aurba@lawclinic.uchicago.edu templeton@uchicago.edu jschuhardt@uchicago.edu madisonswilson@uchicago.edu aelc_mpsc@lawclinic.uchicago.edu
Counsel for the Association of Businesses Advocating Tariff Equity (“ABATE”)		
Stephen A. Campbell, Esq. Michael J. Pattwell, Esq.	Clark Hill PLC 500 Woodward Avenue, Suite 3500 Detroit, MI 48226	scampbell@clarkhill.com mpattwell@clarkhill.com

ATTACHMENT 1 TO CASE NO. U-21585
(Parties to Case Nos. U-21224 and U-21389)

Counsel for Hemlock Semiconductor Operations LLC (“HSC”)		
Jennifer Utter Heston, Esq.	Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap, P.C. 124 West Allegan Street Suite 1000 Lansing, MI 48933	jheston@fraserlawfirm.com
Counsel for Walmart, Inc. (“Walmart”)		
Melissa M. Horne, Esq.	Higgins, Cavanagh & Cooney, LLP 10 Dorrance Street, Suite 400 Providence, RI 02903	mhorne@hcc-law.com
Counsel for Residential Customer Group (“RCG”) and Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association (“GLREA”)		
Don L. Keskey, Esq. Brian W. Coyer, Esq.	University Office Place 333 Albert Avenue, Suite 425 East Lansing, MI 48823	donkeskey@publiclawresourcecenter.com bwcoyer@publiclawresourcecenter.com
Counsel for the Michigan State Utility Workers Council, Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO		
Benjamin L. King, Esq. John R. Canzano, Esq.	McKnight, Canzano, Smith, Radtke & Brault, P.C. 423 North Main Street Suite 200 Royal Oak, MI 48067	bking@michworkerlaw.com jcanzano@michworkerlaw.com
Counsel for EVgo Services, LLC		
Brian R. Gallagher, Esq.	Moblo Fleming, P.C. 39555 Orchard Hill Place Suite 310 Novi, MI 48375	bgallagher@moblofleming.com