

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter, on the Commission’s own	)	
motion, to investigate opportunities for improving	)	
the process by which it reviews applications	)	Case No. U-21637
filed under MCL 460.6a.	)	
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At the July 2, 2024 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Daniel C. Scripps, Chair
Hon. Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner
Hon. Alessandra R. Carreon, Commissioner

ORDER

On November 28, 2023, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Public Act 231 of 2023 (Act 231), which became effective on February 13, 2024. Section 6aa(3) of Act 231, MCL 460.6aa(3), provides that “[n]ot later than June 1, 2024, the commission shall open a proceeding to investigate opportunities for improving the process by which it reviews applications filed under section 6a.” “Section 6a” refers to MCL 460.6a, which governs the rate case process. The Commission opened the instant docket for the purpose of conducting this investigation into improving the rate case process.

On May 23, 2024, the Commission issued an order in this docket (May 23 order) inviting comment on nine enumerated issues (and other relevant matters), and setting initial and reply comment dates of July 23, 2024, and August 23, 2024, respectively. On June 26, 2024, the

Michigan Department of Attorney General, the Citizens Utility Board of Michigan, the Michigan Environmental Council, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Sierra Club, and the Association of Businesses Advocating Tariff Equity (collectively, the Requestors) filed a joint request to extend the comment period deadlines. The Requestors ask that the comment deadlines in the instant case be extended to match the comment deadlines set in the May 23, 2024 order in Case No. U-21638, which set initial and reply comment dates of September 27, 2024, and October 25, 2024, respectively, for comments addressing MCL 460.6aa(2). Noting that the Commission posed similar questions regarding the need for public participation and transparency in both dockets, the Requestors state that the two dockets should coincide in order to “allow greater public participation and allow interested persons and entities additional time to consider the important questions raised in Docket No. U-21637.” Requestors’ application, p. 2.

The Commission has considered the request for an extension and finds it reasonable. Accordingly, the deadlines for initial and reply comments in this docket are extended to September 27, 2024, and October 25, 2024, respectively. While the two dockets have some shared issues, the Commission reminds commenters that MCL 460.6aa(2) and (3) address different topics. MCL 460.6aa(2) deals with all opportunities for public engagement before the Commission, and MCL 460.6aa(3) specifically focuses on rate cases. Thus, the Commission encourages commenters to address the topics described in the May 23, 2024 orders in Case Nos. U-21637 and U-21638, and not simply repeat their comments in both dockets. Finally, all other aspects of the May 23 order remain in place.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that any person may file written comments on rate case process improvements as described in the May 23, 2024 order in this docket. To be considered, initial comments must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time) on September 27, 2024, and

reply comments must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time) on October 25, 2024, and all comments should be paginated and should reference Case No. U-21637.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Daniel C. Scripps, Chair

Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner

Alessandra R. Carreon, Commissioner

By its action of July 2, 2024.

Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary

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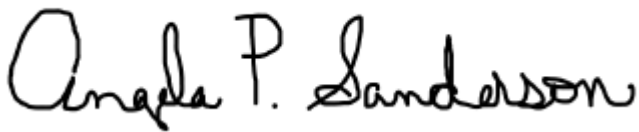
Case No. U-21637

County of Ingham)

Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that on July 2, 2024 A.D. she electronically notified the attached list of this **Commission Order via e-mail transmission**, to the persons as shown on the attached service list (Listserv Distribution List).


Brianna Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 2nd day of July 2024.



Angela P. Sanderson
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As acting in Eaton County
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