



April 28, 2025

Ms. Lisa Felice
Michigan Public Service Commission
7109 W. Saginaw Hwy.
Lansing, MI 48909

Via E-File

RE: MPSC Case No. U-21806

Dear Ms. Felice:

Attached please find the enclosed documents for filing:

- Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice of Nihal Shrinath on behalf of Sierra Club;
- Affidavit in Support of Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice;
- Certificate of Good Standing by the State Bar of California;
- Receipt of Payment to the State Bar of Michigan
- Notification; and
- Proof of Service.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Bzdok
chris@tropospherelegal.com

CC: Parties to Case No. U-21806

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) Case No. U-21806
distribution of natural gas and for)
other relief)

**MOTION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE*
OF NIHAL SHRINATH AS CO-COUNSEL OF
RECORD ON BEHALF OF SIERRA CLUB**

Christopher M. Bzdok of the law firm Troposphere Legal, PLC is counsel of record in the State of Michigan, Michigan Public Utilities Commission Case No. U-21806 for Sierra Club (“SC”) and moves that Nihal Shrinath be granted permission to participate in this case as co-counsel of record for Sierra Club. In support of this Motion, the movant states as follows:

1. Rule 15, Section 2 of the rules concerning the State Bar of Michigan states:

Any person who is duly licensed to practice law in another state or territory, or in the District of Columbia, of the United States of America, or in any foreign country, may be temporarily admitted under MCR 8.126.

2. The movant is an active member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan, and an attorney of record in this matter.
3. Nihal Shrinath is a Staff Attorney for the Environmental Law Program of Sierra Club in this matter. Sierra Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing climate solutions and ensuring everyone has access to clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment. Mr. Shrinath’s office is located at:

2101 Webster St., Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612
(415) 977-5500

4. Mr. Shrinath is duly licensed and admitted to practice law in the State of California;


is a member in good standing with the California Bar; and has paid the required fee to the State Bar of Michigan for temporary admission. (See attached Affidavit, Certificate of Good Standing from the California Bar, and letter from the State Bar of Michigan.)

5. The undersigned states the following:
 - a. I have read the affidavit of Nihal Shrinath and supporting documentation.
 - b. I have made a reasonable inquiry concerning the averments made in the attached affidavit and believe the out-of-state attorney's representations to be true.
 - c. I agree to ensure that the procedures of Michigan Court Rule 8.126 are followed.
 - d. I agree to forward a copy of this Motion and the attachments to the Attorney Grievance Commission of the State of Michigan in compliance with Rule 8.126.
6. I respectfully request that Nihal Shrinath be admitted as co-counsel of record for Sierra Club in Case Number U-21806.

TROPOSPHERE LEGAL, PLC
Counsel for Sierra Club

Date: April 1, 2025

By: _____


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Christopher M. Bzdok
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Traverse City, MI 49686
Phone: 231-709-4000

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_____)

Case No. U-21806

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE***

Nihal Shrinath, being sworn, states the following:

1. I am an Associate Attorney for Sierra Club. I am a member of the Sierra Club Environmental Law Program located in Oakland, California.

2. I have been licensed to practice law in the state of California since 2019 (CA Bar #327921).

3. I completed my undergraduate degree at Amherst College and am a graduate of Stanford Law School.

4. I have represented Sierra Club and other organizations in various administrative and regulatory proceedings, as well as in state and federal court.

5. I have not been disbarred, suspended, or denied admission in any jurisdiction.

6. I have not been denied *pro hac vice* status in Michigan, nor has such status been revoked in Michigan.

7. I am not the subject of any pending disciplinary action.

8. Attached are the following letters in support of my admission *pro hac vice* in Michigan:

a. Certificate of Standing from the California Bar Association, confirming that I am currently in good standing, dated April 1, 2025.

b. Receipt of required fee to seek temporary admission before the State Bar of Michigan.

9. I am familiar with the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct, Michigan Court Rules, and Michigan Rules of Evidence, and consent to the jurisdiction of the Michigan attorney disciplinary system.

The above is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.


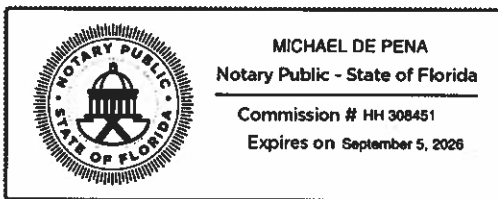
04/14/2025 MDP
Date: ~~April 14, 2025~~



Nihal Shrinath

Florida MDP
~~STATE OF CALIFORNIA~~
COUNTY OF ~~ALAMEDA~~ Broward MDP

Signed and sworn to before me on April 14, 2025 by Nihal Shrinath.



Michael De Pena, Notary
Public State of ~~California~~ Florida MDP
County of ~~Alameda~~ Broward MDP

Commission Expires: 09/05/2026

Notarized remotely online using communication technology via Proof.



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Supreme Court of California

JORGE E. NAVARRETE
Clerk and Executive Officer of the Supreme Court

**CERTIFICATE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT
OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

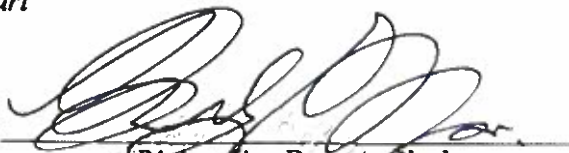
NIHAL SHRINATH

I, JORGE E. NAVARRETE, Clerk and Executive Officer of the Supreme Court of the State of California, do hereby certify that NIHAL SHRINATH, # 327921, was on the 4th day of December 2019, duly admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor at law in all the courts of this state, and is now listed on the Roll of Attorneys as a member of the bar of this state in good standing.

*Witness my hand and the seal of the court
on the 1st day of April 2025.*

JORGE E. NAVARRETE
*Clerk and Executive Officer of the Supreme
Court*

By: _____


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State Bar of Michigan
 306 Townsend St
 Lansing, MI 48933
 (517) 346-6377

Pro Hac Vice Application Receipt

Nihal Shrinath
 2101 Webster Street Suite 1300
 Oakland, CA 94612
 United States
 nihal.shrinath@sierraclub.org

Your Pro Hac Vice application has been successfully submitted. Please note: This confirmation does NOT constitute your temporary admission to the State Bar of Michigan.

Only the court, administrative tribunal, or arbitrator may enter an order allowing temporary admission. Once the order is entered, it is the foreign attorney's responsibility to file a copy of the order of admission within **seven (7) days** of entry to ProHacVice@michbar.org (mailto:ProHacVice@michbar.org), as required by MCR 8.126.

Credit card: *****1452

Payment Date: 04/14/2025

	Amount
Credit Card Transaction Fee	\$3.88
CPF-Pro Hac Vice	\$15.00
Pro Hac Vice	\$140.00
Total	\$158.88

This payment may be reversed if your bank or financial institution rejects the payment. If payment is rejected by your bank due to insufficient funds, you will be assessed a \$25 fee.

If you require additional assistance, contact ProHacVice@michbar.org (mailto:ProHacVice@michbar.org).

April 21, 2025

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
7109 W Saginaw Hwy
Lansing, MI 48917-1120

Re: *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*
Case No. U-21806

NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO MCR 8.126(C)(2)

Please be advised that:

1. Jurisdiction(s) in which Nihal Shrinath is currently licensed: California.
2. The Pro Hac Vice application fee has been paid to the State Bar of Michigan or waived pursuant to MCR 8.126(B)(4).
3. Nihal Shrinath has been temporarily admitted 1 time(s) within the past 365 days and is subject to the case limitation described in MCR 8.126(B)(2).

In accordance with MCR 8.126(C)(4), by copy of this notice, Nihal Shrinath is reminded of the obligation to provide the State Bar of Michigan via email at prohacvice@michbar.org with a copy of the order granting or denying the Pro Hac Vice motion within **seven (7) days** of entry.

cc: Nihal Shrinath, nihal.shrinath@sierraclub.org
Christopher M. Bzdok, chris@tropospherelegal.com

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PROOF OF SERVICE

On the date below, an electronic copy of **Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice of Nihal Shrinath on behalf of Sierra Club, Affidavit in Support of Motion, Certificate of Good Standing, Receipt of Payment, and Notification** was served on the following:

Name/Party	E-mail Address
ALJ Hon. James M. Varchetti	varchettij@michigan.gov
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The statements above are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

TROPOSPHERE LEGAL, PLC
 Counsel for SC

Date: April 28, 2025

By: _____
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