

STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of)	
Consumers Energy Company)	
for authority to increase its rates for)	Case No. U-21870
the generation and distribution of)	
electricity and for other relief.)	
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RULING ON MOTION FOR REDACTED TRANSCRIPT

On October 13, 2025, Customer A filed its Motion for Filing of a Redacted Transcript (“Redaction Motion”). The transcript at issue is of a hearing held on two prior filings by Customer A.

Previously, on September 18, 2025, a customer of Consumers Energy Company (“Consumers”), requesting to proceed under the pseudonym “Customer A”, filed its Pseudonymic Customer A’s Petition For Late Intervention for the Limited Purpose of Protecting Confidential Information from Disclosure (“Petition”). By the Petition, Customer A requested that it be allowed to intervene to object to the disclosure of certain information (per its motion, *infra*), and that it should be permitted to use the pseudonym Customer A in its intervention in order to avoid publicly linking its name to the information at issue.¹

Contemporaneously, Customer A filed its Motion by Customer A to Quash a Portion of a Discovery Request and Production to Prevent the Improper Disclosure of Its

Confidential Information (“Motion”). By its Motion, Customer A seeks to quash certain discovery requests and responses thereto which it asserts contain trade secrets and confidential and sensitive commercial information.²

On September 30, 2025, a combined hearing was held on the Petition and Motion. At the hearing, counsel for Customer A inadvertently mentioned the name of Customer A and made a reference to a certain industry. At the close of the hearing, Customer A’s counsel was informed of her inadvertent statements on the record. It was then suggested that the transcript be made available to her for review prior to its filing to verify that the references appeared in the transcript, and if so, that Customer A be afforded an opportunity to move for the references to be stricken from the transcript prior to its filing.

In that regard, on October 6, 2025, Customer A’s counsel sent an email to all parties and this ALJ stating that she had reviewed an expedited transcript copy she received from Consumers, and was able to confirm that she inadvertently stated her client name at one point in the transcript and made a reference to an industry at another point in the transcript. Her email included a request of whether any party would have an objection to the two redactions in the hearing transcript. Thereafter, Customer A’s counsel filed the Redaction Motion.

The Redaction Motion states that a) Customer A’s counsel inadvertently stated her client’s name at one point (found on p. 8, line 10 of the transcript) and referred to an industry at another point (found on p. 46, line 24 of the transcript), b) that all parties have

¹ The Petition was granted. See Ruling on Petition for Late Intervention, dated October 1, 2025.

² A ruling on the Motion hasn’t yet been issued.

stipulated to the filing of the transcript with those redactions, and c) requests that the Redaction Motion be granted on an expedited basis, without a hearing.

This Ruling finds that good cause exists for the requested identified words to be redacted from the hearing transcript prior to the filing of the transcript, and that no party has opposed the requested redactions.

Accordingly, the Redaction Motion is GRANTED, and the court reporter is ordered to redact a) the identified name found on p.8, line 10 of the transcript and b) the identified industry found on p. 46, line 24 of the transcript, and to file the hearing transcript as redacted in the docket for this case.

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October 14, 2025
Lansing, Michigan

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STATE OF MICHIGAN)	
) SS.	Case No. U-21870
County of Ingham)	
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PROOF OF SERVICE

Meaghan Dobie being duly sworn, deposes and says that on October 14, 2025, she served a copy of the attached Ruling on Motion for Redacted Transcript via email and/or first-class mail, to the persons as shown on the attached service list.



Meaghan Dobie

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
14th day of October 2025.



Brianna L. Brown
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