

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the proposal of the	)	
CHOICE ADVISORY COUNCIL for a	)	
statewide customer education program	)	Case No. U-12133
and other related matters.	)	
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At the June 19, 2000 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. John G. Strand, Chairman
Hon. David A. Svanda, Commissioner
Hon. Robert B. Nelson, Commissioner

OPINION AND ORDER

On September 14, 1999, the Commission commenced this proceeding to consider the proposal of the CHOICE Advisory Council for a statewide customer education program about retail open access. On June 5, 2000, Public Act 141 of 2000 took effect. Subsection 10r(2) provides:

Before January 1, 2002, the commission shall establish a funding mechanism for electric utilities and alternative electric suppliers to carry out an educational program for customers to do all of the following:

- (a) Inform customers of the changes in the provision of electric service, including, but not limited to, the availability of alternative electric suppliers.
- (b) Inform customers of the requirements relating to disclosures, explanations, or sales information for alternative electric suppliers.
- (c) Provide assistance to customers in understanding and using the information to make reasonably informed choices about which service to purchase and from whom to purchase it.

MCL 460.10r(2); MSA 22.13(10r)(2).

The parties have filed briefs and reply briefs, and the Administrative Law Judge is preparing a proposal for decision. The Commission concludes, in light of Public Act 141, that this proceeding must be reopened to provide the opportunity for the parties to address the effect of the act, particularly the funding for the education program. If individuals or groups who did not participate in the CHOICE Advisory Council want to address the funding issue, they should promptly seek to intervene.

The Commission has selected this case for participation in its Electronic Filings program. All documents filed in this case must be submitted in both paper and electronic versions. An original and four paper copies and an electronic copy in the portable document format (PDF) should be filed with the Commission. Specifications for filing electronic documents can be found in the Commission's Electronic Filings Users Manual at:

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The Commission FINDS that:

- a. Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1909 PA 106, as amended, MCL 460.551 et seq.; MSA 22.151 et seq.; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.51 et seq.; MSA 22.1 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; MSA 22.13(1) et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; MSA 3.560(101) et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1992 AACS, R 460.17101 et seq.
- b. This proceeding should be reopened.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that this proceeding is reopened to address the effects of Public Act 141 on the CHOICE Advisory Council's statewide customer education program proposal.

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

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

/s/ John G. Strand
Chairman

(S E A L)

/s/ David A. Svanda
Commissioner

/s/ Robert B. Nelson
Commissioner

By its action of June 19, 2000.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman
Its Executive Secretary

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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated June 19, 2000 reopening this proceeding to address the effects of 2000 PA 141 on the CHOICE Advisory Council’s statewide customer education program proposal, as set forth in the order.”