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**Re: Case No. U-13808, The Detroit Edison Company  
Case No. U-14031, Consumers Energy Company**

Dear Concerned Citizen:

This is in response to your recent letter(s) to the Commission wherein you expressed your interest regarding two cases before the Commission. You encouraged the Commission to order The Detroit Edison Company to invest in lower cost renewable energy in Case No. U-13808, and to order Consumers Energy to expand its "green power" program in Case No. U-14031.

I want to take this opportunity to update you on actions taken by the Michigan Public Service Commission relating to renewable energy. In a recent speech on renewable energy, MPSC Chair J. Peter Lark stated, "Renewable energy is an idea whose time has come. Right now, Michigan gets only about one or two percent of its energy needs from renewable resources. But things are about to change."

In recent months, the Commission has issued orders on renewable energy in Cases U-12915 and U-13843. As a result of those orders, Consumers Energy is planning a new Renewable Resources Program and the Detroit Edison Company has issued a request for proposals for a third-party to develop and implement a renewable energy program for Detroit Edison customers. The Commission's work to support increased production and use of renewable energy in Michigan continues under the Commission's Michigan Renewable Energy Program (MREP). You can learn more about that program on our Web site: [www.michigan.gov/mrep](http://www.michigan.gov/mrep).

Thank you for your comments. Please be assured that your letter(s) have been placed in our files for these cases and are available to the Commission for review.

Sincerely,

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