

Dear Commissioners:

I'm writing in support of Michigan's biomass power industry, which is part of the Commission's avoided cost docket U-18090. We support the positions of the Independent Power Producers Coalition of Michigan in that docket, and think you should too.

Hillman Power Co. is one of the plants involved. Biomass power is not like ordinary power from coal or natural gas. These small power plants provide support for the grid, and a market for waste wood and scrap tires that would otherwise pile up or go to a landfill.

Without fair avoided costs Hillman Power and other plants like it will likely close and jobs will be lost in Hillman and around Northern Michigan.

Hillman Power is a major job provider and taxpayer. Using waste wood from the forest aids forest health and the forest products industry by paying for their wood wastes. Using scrap tires as fuel with the wood fuel eliminates them from the landscape and reduces the risk of tire fires and mosquitos that carry diseases.

The loss of Northern Michigan's small biomass power plants is not a good thing for the State of Michigan or its electricity customers.

I'm asking that the Commission to keep these important benefits of biomass power in mind when making its decision.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Black 4/24/17

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Manager

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Executive Director

Dear Commissioners:

I'm writing to express our support for Michigan's small biomass power generators, who are part of the Commission's avoided cost docket U-18090. I ask that you support the positions of the Independent Power Producers Coalition of Michigan in that docket.

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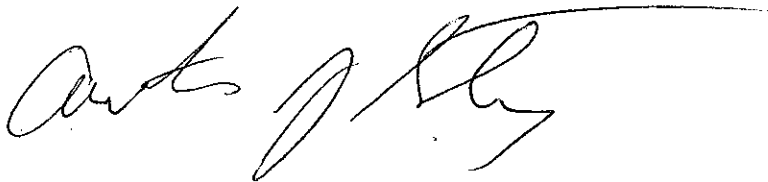
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Without biomass power, all these problems return and people lose their jobs.

All these things make biomass plants more valuable than ordinary power plants and I'm asking the Commission to keep that in mind when making your decision.

These plants are important to our forests, industry, the state, and our community. Please support the biomass plants.

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Anthony Strzelecki
Northeastern Trucking LLC

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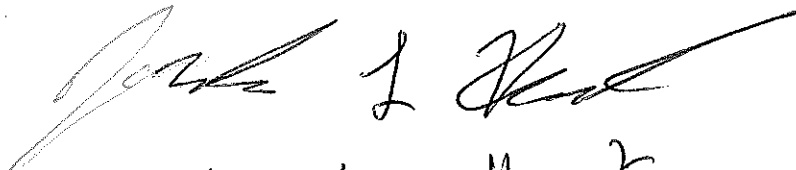
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Executive Secretary

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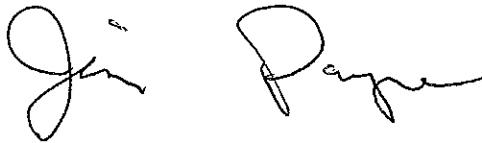
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Executive Director

April 24, 2017

Michigan Public Service Commission
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Dear commissioners,

I am writing to express my support for Michigan's small biomass power generators that are part of the commission's avoided cost docket U-18090 and asking you to adopt the position of the Independent Power Producers Coalition of Michigan.

Viking Energy of McBain and Viking Energy of Lincoln are two of the plants involved. Without fair avoided costs, these and many other small power producers will be forced to close. These Biomass facilities provide our business with a **CRITICAL** outlet for scrap tires generated from a legally operated facility located in the state of Michigan.

I have been in the tire recycling business for 13 years and working with MDEQ STAC program trying to develop sustainable end markets and to date there has been no other sustainable market to emerge. The fact is TDF is currently the only reliable and stable end market for scrap tires in Michigan.

Michigan has very limited options for scrap tires. TDF is the largest end product for tire processors in the state of Michigan. My company alone sends 90% of our scrap tires to power houses for use at their facilities. **C M Rubber technologies, Inc. would be forced to close our doors if this option was no longer available.**

Land filling scrap tires is very costly and would increase the fees that we would need to charge our customers; this will in turn lead to more illegal haulers disposing of their tires by illegal dumping. Michigan is finally at a point in our state where these tire piles are a thing of the past. By not supporting the position of the Independent Power Producers Coalition of Michigan we will be going backwards in our efforts to keep Michigan beautiful.

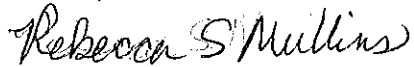
Without these two facilities providing an outlet of over 2.8 million scrap tires annually, we will be back to the days of abandoned tires piles on state and vacant land. They will again be piled up in old abandoned buildings in cities that seem to readily catch fire. We also need to look at the environmental impact of toxins seeping into our ground water from scrap tire fires and let's not forget the impact of West Nile Virus that these abandoned tires incubate along with the possibility of the Zika Virus migration.

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These are all very real and valid concerns, which is why these **biomass plants are more important and valuable** to our industry, state and community than regular power plants. Therefore, I am asking the commission to please keep these concerns in mind when making your decision on docket U-18090.

These Plants provide such a valuable, permanent and viable solution for scrap tire disposal. As a small business that will be greatly impacted by your decision, it literally is the difference of keeping our doors open or closing down. I am asking you to please support these biomass plants in your decision.

Sincerely,



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