

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter, on the Commission's own motion, )  
regarding the regulatory reviews, revisions, )  
determination and/or approvals necessary for ) Case No. U-18349  
regulated electric providers to comply with )  
Section 61 of 2016 PA 342. )  
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In the matter, on the Commission's own motion, )  
regarding the regulatory reviews, revisions, )  
determination and/or approvals necessary for ) Case No. U-18350  
**ALPENA POWER COMPANY** to comply with )  
Section 61 of 2016 PA 342. )  
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In the matter, on the Commission's own motion, )  
regarding the regulatory reviews, revisions, )  
determination and/or approvals necessary for ) Case No. U-18351  
**CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY** to comply )  
with Section 61 of 2016 PA 342. )  
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In the matter, on the Commission's own motion, )  
regarding the regulatory reviews, revisions, )  
determination and/or approvals necessary for ) Case No. U-18352  
**DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY** to comply )  
with Section 61 of 2016 PA 342. )  
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In the matter, on the Commission's own motion, )  
regarding the regulatory reviews, revisions, )  
determination and/or approvals necessary for ) Case No. U-18353  
**INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY** )  
to comply with Section 61 of 2016 PA 342. )  
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In the matter, on the Commission's own motion, )  
regarding the regulatory reviews, revisions, )  
determination and/or approvals necessary for )  
**NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY -** )  
**WISCONSIN** to comply with Section 61 of 2016 )  
PA 342. )  
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Case No. U-18354

In the matter, on the Commission's own motion, )  
regarding the regulatory reviews, revisions, )  
determination and/or approvals necessary for )  
**UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY** to comply )  
with Section 61 of 2016 PA 342. )  
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Case No. U-18355

In the matter, on the Commission's own motion, )  
regarding the regulatory reviews, revisions, )  
determination and/or approvals necessary for )  
**UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES** )  
**CORPORATION** to comply with Section 61 )  
of 2016 PA 342. )  
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Case No. U-18356

In the matter, on the Commission's own motion, )  
regarding the regulatory reviews, revisions, )  
determination and/or approvals necessary for )  
**WISCONSIN ELECTRIC POWER** )  
**COMPANY** to comply with Section 61 )  
of 2016 PA 342. )  
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Case No. U-18357

At the March 28, 2017 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing, Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Sally A. Talberg, Chairman  
Hon. Norman J. Saari, Commissioner  
Hon. Rachael A. Eubanks, Commissioner

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT**

On December 21, 2016, Governor Rick Snyder signed Public Act 342 of 2016 (Act 342) into law. Among other things, Act 342 amends 2008 PA 295, MCL 460.1001 *et seq.*, by adding Section 61, MCL 460.1061, which requires electric providers to offer a voluntary green pricing program. Section 61 states:

An electric provider shall offer to its customers the opportunity to participate in a voluntary green pricing program under which the customer may specify, from the options made available by the electric provider, the amount of electricity attributable to the customer that will be renewable energy. If the electric provider's rates are regulated by the commission, the program, including the rates paid for renewable energy, must be approved by the commission. The customer is responsible for any additional costs incurred and shall accrue any additional savings realized by the electric provider as a result of the customer's participation in the program. If an electric provider has not yet fully recovered the incremental costs of compliance, both of the following apply:

(a) A customer that receives at least 50% of the customer's average monthly electricity consumption through the program is exempt from paying surcharges for incremental costs of compliance.

(b) Before entering into an agreement to participate in a commission-approved voluntary green pricing program with a customer that will not receive at least 50% of the customer's average monthly electricity consumption through the program, the electric provider shall notify the customer that the customer will be responsible for the full applicable charges for the incremental costs of compliance and for participation in the voluntary renewable energy program as provided under this section.

**Discussion**

The Commission recognizes that the description of the voluntary green pricing program in Act 342 does not provide any detail concerning the elements these green pricing programs should

include or how the Commission should evaluate green pricing proposals. Therefore, the Commission directs the above-captioned electric providers to provide comments on what voluntary green pricing programs and tariffs should contain, including what discrete options (if any) should be made available to different customer classes, how program costs will be recovered, and the associated accounting of these costs. In addition, the Commission requires comments by these electric providers on the following:

- What the minimum requirements of the green pricing programs offered by electric providers should comprise;
- How rates for the green pricing program(s) should be calculated;
- Factors that should be considered in evaluating the merits of the proposed programs;
- How often the green pricing programs and rates should be updated;
- Whether previously-approved green pricing programs are in compliance with Section 61 of Act 342. (*See, e.g.*, April 3, 2007 order in Case No. U-14569, May 3, 2016 order in Case No. U-18047, and October 11, 2016 order in Case No. U-18076.)

Additionally, any interested person may submit written or electronic comments regarding the voluntary green pricing program under MCL 460.1061. All comments, including those submitted by the captioned utilities, must be filed with the Commission no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 28, 2017. Reply comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 2017. Written comments should be sent to: Executive Secretary, Michigan Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 30221, Lansing, MI 48909. Electronic comments may be e-mailed to [mpscedockets@michigan.gov](mailto:mpscedockets@michigan.gov). All comments should reference Case No. U-18349. If you require assistance prior to filing, contact the Commission Staff at (517) 284-8090 or by e-mail at [mpscedockets@michigan.gov](mailto:mpscedockets@michigan.gov). All information submitted to the Commission in this matter will become public information available on the Commission's website and subject to disclosure.

In addition to the requested comments, as set forth in Attachment A, the Commission has assigned docket numbers and filing dates for providers to file their respective green pricing programs and tariffs.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Each of the electric providers listed in the captions of this order is directed to file its voluntary green pricing program in the docket numbers listed on Attachment A.

B. Each of the electric providers listed in the captions of this order is directed to file comments answering the questions raised by the Commission within this order.

C. Interested persons are invited to file comments on the questions raised by the Commission within this order no later than April 28, 2017. Persons wishing to file responsive comments may do so no later than May 30, 2017.

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

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Sally A. Talberg, Chairman

By its action of March 28, 2017.

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Norman J. Saari, Commissioner

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Kavita Kale, Executive Secretary

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Rachael A. Eubanks, Commissioner

**Attachment A**  
**Voluntary Green Pricing Program**

<b>Company</b>	<b>Program Due Date</b>	<b>Program Case Number</b>
Alpena Power Company	October 2, 2017	U- 18350
Consumers Energy Company	October 2, 2017	U- 18351
DTE Electric	October 2, 2017	U- 18352
Indiana Michigan Power Company	October 2, 2017	U- 18353
Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin	October 2, 2017	U- 18354
Upper Peninsula Power Company	October 2, 2017	U- 18355
Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation	October 2, 2017	U- 18356
Wisconsin Electric Power Company	October 2, 2017	U- 18357

# PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN )

Case No. U-18349 et al

County of Ingham )

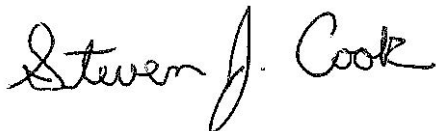
Lisa Felice being duly sworn, deposes and says that on March 28, 2017 A.D. she electronically notified the attached list of this **Commission Order via e-mail transmission**, to the persons as shown on the attached service list (Listserv Distribution List).



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Lisa Felice

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 28 day of March 2017



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Steven J. Cook  
Notary Public, Ingham County, Michigan  
As acting in Eaton County  
My Commission Expires: April 30, 2018

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