

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter, on the Commission's own motion, )	
to establish MI Power Grid. )	Case No. U-20645
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At the May 19, 2020 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,  
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Sally A. Talberg, Chairman  
Hon. Daniel C. Scripps, Commissioner  
Hon. Tremaine L. Phillips, Commissioner

**ORDER**

On October 17, 2019, the Commission issued an order (October 17 order) opening this docket for the purpose of providing the impetus, vision, objectives, process, and next steps for the MI Power Grid initiative established by the Commission in partnership with Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

MI Power Grid is a focused, multi-year stakeholder initiative to maximize the benefits of the transition to clean, distributed energy resources for Michigan residents and businesses. MI Power Grid seeks to engage utility customers and other stakeholders to help integrate new clean energy technologies and optimize grid investments for reliable, affordable electricity service. The initiative includes outreach and education as well as changes to utility regulation designed to advance Michigan's clean energy future.

In continuing efforts to assist in Michigan's transition to a modern, clean, customer-focused energy system and to maximize the benefits of the transition to clean, distributed energy resources

for Michigan residents and businesses, MI Power Grid will better integrate ongoing and future discussions and decision making in three core areas of emphasis: (1) customer engagement, (2) integrating emerging technologies, and (3) optimizing grid investments and performance.

Because of the importance of integrating these activities and evaluating progress of the overall initiative and individual components relative to the goals, the October 17 order directed the Commission Staff (Staff) to file a status report on or before June 30, 2020, in this docket, summarizing efforts to date, providing recommendations for objective criteria to apply when evaluating proposed utility pilot projects, and identifying potential areas for additional proposals. The October 17 order also directed the Staff to file in this docket no later than September 30, 2020, a MI Power Grid status report, detailing actions taken to date, the status of the work areas, and any recommendations for Commission consideration.

Since the October 17 order was issued, life in Michigan and across the globe has altered. On March 10, 2020, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, in response to the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19), issued Executive Order 2020-4 declaring a state of emergency across the state of Michigan, and on March 24, 2020, issued Executive Order 2020-21 to temporarily suspend all activities within the state that are not required to sustain or protect life. In response to the Governor's executive orders, the Commission aggressively instituted remote work and meeting requirements for the Staff and other stakeholders involved in Commission matters, which continue to this date.

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and related responses, the Commission finds that the dates for filing the status reports pursuant to the October 17 order should be extended.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. No later than September 30, 2020, the Commission Staff shall file in this docket a status report on utility pilot projects, summarizing efforts to date, providing recommendations for objective criteria to apply when evaluating proposed utility pilot projects, and identifying potential areas for additional pilot proposals.

B. No later than October 15, 2020, the Commission Staff shall file in this docket a status report on MI Power Grid, detailing actions taken to date, the status of the work areas associated with MI Power Grid, and recommendations for Commission consideration.

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

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Sally A. Talberg, Chairman

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By its action of May 19, 2020.

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Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary

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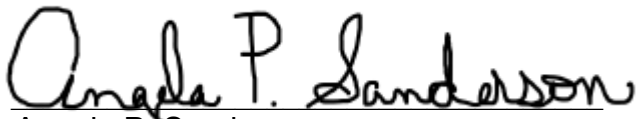
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County of Ingham )

Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that on May 19, 2020 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).

  
Brianna Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.



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