



# CONSUMER ALERT

## Telephone, Natural Gas and Electric Industries Are Changing – Find Out What This Means For You!



The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC)

invites you to attend a consumer forum to learn about changes occurring in the electric, natural gas and telephone industries. At the forum, you will be able to get the latest information on electric and natural gas rates for the winter, what opportunities you have to select an alternative electric or natural gas provider, and the status of local and long distance telephone service. A focus of this year's forums will be a discussion on the increase of wholesale natural gas prices and how the increase will impact monthly bills.

One of the Commission's three Commissioners – Chairman J. Peter Lark, Commissioner Laura Chappelle, or Commissioner Monica Martinez will be available to discuss these changes, explain how the Commission makes decisions, and listen to your questions and comments regarding utility service.

“We are concerned about the impact of energy price increases on Michigan citizens this coming winter,” said Commission Chairman J. Peter Lark. “My colleagues and I believe it is important for utility customers to have time to prepare for winter energy bills and make informed decisions about available options. We welcome the opportunity to meet utility customers and hear their comments and concerns on these and other important utility issues.”

### The 2005 Consumer Forums are scheduled for:

#### **Detroit**

Thursday, September 8th, 6:00pm  
Greater Grace Temple  
23500 W. Seven Mile Rd.

#### **Escanaba**

Tuesday, September 13th, 6:00pm  
City Hall – Council Chambers  
410 Ludington Street

#### **Alpena**

Wednesday, September 14th, 6:00pm  
George N. Fletcher Public Library  
Conference Room  
211 North First Avenue

#### **Bad Axe**

Tuesday, September 20th, 6:00pm  
City Hall – Council Chambers  
300 East Huron Avenue

#### **Jackson**

Thursday, September 22nd, 6:00pm  
City Hall – Council Chambers  
161 West Michigan Avenue

#### **Traverse City**

Tuesday, September 27th, 6:30pm  
Traverse Area District Library  
Meeting Room  
610 Woodmere Avenue

#### **Detroit**

Thursday, September 29th, 6:00pm  
Wayne County Community College  
District, Eastern Campus  
Community Center – Cooper Room  
5901 Conner Street