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Dear Tax Tribunal Practitioner,

The Tribunal conducted the last of its three “utility multiplier” status conferences in *Consumers Energy Co, et al, v City of Madison Heights* on February 3, 2005. Based on the information provided by the parties, the Michigan State Tax Commission, and others, it appears that a global settlement is currently unlikely as to all petitioners in the utility personal property cases pending before the Tribunal.

As a result, the Tribunal has selected 100 Detroit Edison Company (“DTE”) and Michigan Consolidated Gas Company (“MichCon”) utility personal property cases for the scheduling of hearings commencing in May, June, and July of 2006. All other DTE and MichCon cases will not be scheduled for hearing until the selected cases are resolved. Upon resolution, another group of cases will be selected and scheduled for hearing, continuing until all cases have been settled or heard.

Cases involving Consumers Energy, American Electric Power, Cloverland Electric Cooperative, Great Lakes Energy, Homeworks Tri-County Electric Cooperative, International Transmission Company, and Semco Energy Company as petitioner are adjourned and will not be scheduled for hearing until the Tribunal is advised in writing that a global settlement is unlikely or the Tribunal determines that a global settlement is unlikely.

Given the substantial logistics involved in the processing of these cases for hearing, the Tribunal has issued the attached Order scheduling the selected cases for hearing and establishing conditions governing the conducting of discovery and hearing preparation. If you are involved in the litigation of a utility personal property case, check the list attached to the Order to see if your case has been selected for scheduling. Cases have been selected for scheduling in the following counties: Clare, Delta, Dickinson, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Huron, Ingham, Iosco, Isabella, Kent, Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Mason, Mecosta, Oakland, St. Clair, Tuscola, Washtenaw, and Wayne.

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