

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES ON AUGUST 13, 2013

Commission Chairman John D. Quackenbush called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.
Executive Secretary Mary Jo Kunkle called the roll and declared there was a quorum.

PRESENT

Commission: John D. Quackenbush, Chairman
Greg R. White, Commissioner
Sally A. Talberg, Commissioner

Staff: Jana Bachman
Mary Jo Kunkle
Joanna Klein
Sharron Allen
Lisa Felice
Paul Proudfoot
Patrick Hudson

Public: Donald Hazzard
Arloa Kaiser
Suzy Westmoreland, MEGA
Kwafo Adarkwa, ITC Holdings
David Piasecki, AT&T Michigan
Bev Roberts, Consumers Energy
Lisa Delacy, Consumers Energy
Jim Padgett, DTE
Jim Bloch, DTE
Tim Hoffman, Consumers Energy

I. Commissioner White moved to approve today's agenda, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The agenda was approved.

II. Commissioner White moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of July 29, 2013, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The minutes were approved.

III. ORDERS

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. U-16183 COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION
(petition to correct disbursement)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 13, 2013 which is a proceeding commenced on the Commission’s own motion to provide guidance and direction to telecommunications providers regarding the implementation of 2009 PA 182. The order before you corrects the monthly disbursement amount for Ace Telephone Company of Michigan, Inc., as the successor to Peninsula Telephone Company, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. U-17106 JANICE BATES v COMCAST PHONE

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 13, 2013 which involves a complaint by Janice Bates against Comcast Phone of Michigan d/b/a Comcast Digital Phone. The order before you dismisses the complaint with prejudice, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

3. U-17262 ACE TELEPHONE COMPANY OF MICHIGAN, INC.
(license expansion)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 13, 2013 which involves an application to

expand the geographic scope of a license to provide basic local exchange service. The order before you grants the license expansion, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

4. U-17430 O1 COMMUNICATIONS CENTRAL, LLC, AND AT&T MICHIGAN (interconnection agreement)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 13, 2013 which requests Commission approval of an interconnection agreement. The order before you approves the request, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

5. U-17431 MEI TELECOM, INC. (temporary license)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 13, 2013 which involves an application for a temporary license to provide basic local exchange service. The order before you grants the temporary license, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

B. ELECTRIC

1. U-16589 ALGER DELTA COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION (renewable energy plan biennial review)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 13, 2013 which involves an application by Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association requesting biennial review and approval of its renewable energy plan as required by 2008 PA

295. The order before you approves the plan, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. U-16591 CHERRYLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
(renewable energy plan biennial review)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 13, 2013 which involves an application by Cherryland Electric Cooperative requesting biennial review and approval of its renewable energy plan to comply with the requirements of 2008 PA 295. The order before you approves the plan, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

3. U-16593 GREAT LAKES ENERGY COOPERATIVE
(biennial renewable energy plan)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 13, 2013 which involves an application by Great Lakes Energy Cooperative requesting biennial review and approval of its renewable energy plan as required by 2008 PA 295. The order before you approves the plan, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

4. U-16596 PRESQUE ISLE ELECTRIC & GAS CO-OP
(renewable energy plan biennial review)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 13, 2013 which involves an application by Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op requesting biennial review and approval of its renewable energy plan in accordance with the requirements of 2008 PA 295. The order before you approves the plan, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

5. U-16598 TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
(biennial renewable energy plan)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 13, 2013 which involves an application by Tri-County Electric Cooperative requesting biennial review and approval of its renewable energy plan as required by 2008 PA 295. The order before you approves the plan, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

6. U-16652 UP POWER MARKETING, LLC
(biennial renewable energy plan)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 13, 2013 which involves an application by UP Power Marketing LLC for biennial review and approval of its renewable energy plan as required by 2008 PA 295. The order before you approves the company's renewable energy plan, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

7. U-16990 UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY
('11 RDM reconciliation)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 13, 2013 which involves an application filed by Upper Peninsula Power Company to reconcile its revenue decoupling mechanism for 2011. The order before you denies Michigan Technological University's motion for summary disposition and approves the application, as amended by this order, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

8. U-17171 CURTIS SJOHOLM v UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 13, 2013 which involves a complaint by Curtis Sjöholm against Upper Peninsula Power Company. The order before you dismisses the complaint with prejudice, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

9. U-17248 JAMES GARTNER v CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 13, 2013 which involves a complaint filed by James Gartner against Consumers Energy Company. The order before you dismisses the complaint without prejudice, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

10. U-17269 ENERGY.ME MIDWEST, LLC, d/b/a ENERGY.ME
(AES license)
U-17455 ENERGY.ME MIDWEST, LLC, d/b/a ENERGY.ME
(Public Act 295)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 13, 2013 which involves an application filed by energy.me Midwest LLC, d/b/a energy.me, for a license as an alternative electric supplier. Case No. U-17455 is a docket opened by the Commission for the alternative electric supplier to comply with Act 295. The order before you grants the requested license and requires compliance with Act 295, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg

Nays – None

The order was adopted.

11. U-17280 ALPENA POWER COMPANY
(’12 energy optimization reconciliation)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 13, 2013 which involves an application by Alpena Power Company requesting authority to reconcile its energy optimization plan revenues and costs for the 12-month period ended December 31, 2012 and to revise its energy optimization surcharges. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

12. U-17287 WISCONSIN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY
(’12 energy optimization reconciliation)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 13, 2013 which involves a request by Wisconsin Electric Power Company for authority to reconcile its energy optimization costs and revenues for the 12-month period ended December 31, 2012. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

13. U-17305 UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY
(biennial renewable energy plan)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 13, 2013 which involves an application by Upper Peninsula Power Company requesting approval of its biennial renewable energy plan. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

14. U-17306 WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION
(biennial renewable energy plan)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 13, 2013 which involves an application by Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for biennial review and approval of its renewable energy plan. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

15. U-17347 ALPENA POWER COMPANY
(special contract)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 13, 2013 which involves an application by Alpena Power Company for *ex parte* approval of a revised special contract with Lafarge Midwest, Inc. The order before you approves the special contract, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

C. GAS

1. U-17130 MICHIGAN GAS UTILITIES CORPORATION
(’14 gas recovery plan)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 13, 2013 which involves an application by Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation requesting approval of a gas cost recovery plan and factors for the 12-month period ending March 2014. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. U-17132 SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY
('13-'14 GCR plan)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 13, 2013 which involves an application filed by SEMCO Energy Gas Company for authority to implement a gas cost recovery plan and factor for the 2013-2014 plan year. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

3. U-17238 DTE GAS COMPANY
(self-implementation refund)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 13, 2013 which involves an application filed by DTE Gas Company seeking approval of a refund related to self-implementation of general service rates from November 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Donald Hazzard, Ypsilanti, expressed his concerns about the Smart Meter Opt Out Program from DTE and their alleged failure to respond to questions when he contacted DTE.

Ms. Arloa Kaiser, Ypsilanti, indicated that she was disappointed with DTE's advertising regarding the Smart Meter Opt Out Program, the Light Bulb Program, and the direction of its low-income assistance funds.

Chairman Quackenbush announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 29, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adjourn, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Quackenbush, White, Talberg
Nays – None

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Mary Jo Kunkle
Executive Secretary