

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES ON OCTOBER 17, 2013

Commission Chairman John D. Quackenbush called the meeting to order at 1:03 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: Alissa Day
Judy Palnau
Mary Jo Kunkle
Sharron Allen
Patrick Hudson
Lauren Fromm
Derrell Slaughter
Joanna Klein
Lisa Felice

Public: Lisa Delacy, Consumers Energy
Suzy Westmoreland, MEGA
Bev Roberts, Consumers Energy
Tim Hoffman, Consumers Energy
Ronan Patterson, WEPCO
Bert Garvin, WEPCO

- 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 October 4, 2013, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

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

The minutes were approved.

III. ORDERS

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. U-16778 PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK, LLC, AND AT&T MICHIGAN
(interconnection agreement and amendment)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated October 17, 2013 which requests Commission approval of an interconnection agreement amendment. The order before you approves the request, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

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

The order was adopted.

2. U-17450 METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF MICHIGAN, INC.
(permanent license)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated October 17, 2013 which involves an application by Metropolitan Telecommunications of Michigan, Inc., to expand its license to provide basic local exchange service. The order before you approves the license expansion, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

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

The order was adopted.

B. ELECTRIC

1. U-15645 CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
(AMI remand)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated October 17, 2013 which involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company to increase its rates to recover costs including the costs of its Advanced Metering Infrastructure program. The order before you reopens the proceeding consistent with the Court of Appeal's instructions in its October 30, 2012 remand order, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

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

The order was adopted.

2. U-15768 THE DETROIT EDISON COMPANY
(AMI pilot program – on remand)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated October 17, 2013 which involves a remand by the Court of Appeals directing the Commission to conduct a full hearing regarding the benefits, usefulness, and potential burdens of the Detroit Edison Company's advanced metering infrastructure program and to determine, based on the fully-developed record, whether to approve recovery of the advanced metering infrastructure program costs. The order before you approves the cost recovery based on the record developed on remand, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

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

The order was adopted.

3. U-16599 et al COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION
(extensions of time)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated October 17, 2013 which involves motions by the Village of Baraga, City of Crystal Falls, City of Dowagiac, City of Hart Hydro, City of Norway, City of Sturgis, and City of Wakefield to extend the deadline for public comments on each applicant's

renewable energy plan to October 25, 2013. The order before you grants those motions, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

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

The order was adopted.

4. U-17102 COMMISSION’S OWN MOTION
(data privacy tariffs)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated October 17, 2013 which involves customer privacy with respect to information collected, used, and disclosed by DTE Electric Company, DTE Gas Company, and Consumers Energy Company. The order before you approves tariffs governing customer information privacy, as set forth in the order, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

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

The order was adopted.

5. U-17260 GAIL D. BRYDSON v CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated October 17, 2013 which involves a complaint filed by Gail D. Brydson against Consumers Energy Company. The order before you dismisses the complaint with prejudice at the request of the complainant, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

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

The order was adopted.

6. U-17300 ALPENA POWER COMPANY
(renewable energy plan)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated October 17, 2013 which involves an application by Alpena Power Company requesting Commission review and approval of a renewable energy plan. The order before you approves an amended settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

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

The order was adopted.

7. U-17309 MIDWEST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
(renewable energy plan)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated October 17, 2013 which involves an application by Midwest 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.

8. U-17310 THUMB ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
(renewable energy plan)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated October 17, 2013 which involves an application by Thumb 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.

9. U-17354 NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
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(energy optimization plan)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated October 17, 2013 which involves applications filed by Northern States Power Company requesting approval of its energy optimization plans for 2014 and 2015 for gas and electric service. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the proceedings, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

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

The order was adopted.

10. U-17429 CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
(appeals)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated October 17, 2013 which involves an application by Consumers Energy Company for a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to Section 6s of 2008 PA 286, MCL 460.6s. The order before you grants applications for leave to appeal filed by the Michigan Department of the Attorney General and the Association of Businesses Advocating Tariff Equity and denies the relief requested, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

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

The order was adopted.

11. U-17432 MPI ACQUISITION, LLC, v CLOVERLAND ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated October 17, 2013 which involves a complaint filed by MPI Acquisition, LLC, against Cloverland Electric Cooperative. The order before you grants approval for the purchase of a block of power from an alternative electric supplier, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

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

The order was adopted.

12. U-17470 VERSO PAPER CORP. v WISCONSIN ELECTRIC POWER
COMPANY

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated October 17, 2013 which involves a complaint by Verso Paper Corp. alleging that Wisconsin Electric Power Company unreasonably delayed Verso's request to migrate to retail access service. The order before you approves a settlement agreement

resolving all issues in the case and dismisses the complaint with prejudice, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

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

The order was adopted.

13. U-17475 ONTONAGON COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ASSOCIATION (tariff revision)

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated October 17, 2013 which involves an application by Ontonagon County Rural Electrification Association requesting *ex parte* approval of revisions to Ontonagon’s Retail Access Service Tariff, Large Power Service Rate-Choice, Schedule LP-1-C, and Large Power Service Rate-Choice, Schedule LP-C. The order before you approves the application and denies UP Power Marketing LLC’s petition to intervene, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

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

The order was adopted.

C. GAS

1. U-17464 UMEME HOYE v DTE GAS COMPANY

Commissioner White moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated October 17, 2013 which involves a complaint filed by Umeme Hoye against DTE Gas Company. The order before you dismisses the complaint without prejudice, Commissioner Talberg seconded.

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

The order was adopted.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Chairman Quackenbush announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on November 14, 2013 at 1:30 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 1:15 p.m.

Mary Jo Kunkle
Executive Secretary