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Greetings Natural Gas Operators and Stakeholders,

In an order dated September 11, 2019, the Michigan Public Service Commission opened docket U-20631 and directed the MPSC Staff (Staff) to establish a collaborative group. The purpose of this group is to review and discuss the development of mutual aid agreements for all natural gas distribution utilities, and how best to facilitate the development of gas transmission contingency planning. The Commission found that these topics should be divided into separate distribution and transmission phases. Additionally, the Commission directed the Staff to file a report in this docket of the results of the distribution collaborative no later than March 31, 2020, and a report of the results of the transmission collaborative no later than March 31, 2021.

You and your team are invited to participate in the preliminary workgroup meetings, hosted at the MPSC offices, to discuss distribution mutual aid and transmission contingency planning. These meetings will be held back-to-back with the Natural Gas Curtailment Procedures workgroup meetings (U-20632). Subsequent meetings regarding the transmission curtailment will be scheduled at a later date.

Please see below for the timeline of meetings scheduled thus far for the U-20631 and U-20632 workgroups. Meetings pertaining to the U-20631 distribution Mutual Aid Agreements workgroups are highlighted in yellow.

Docket	Meeting	Date	Time
U-20631	Mutual Aid Agreements	December 6, 2019	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
U-20632	Natural Gas Curtailment Procedures	December 6, 2019	1:30 to 4:30 PM
U-20631	Mutual Aid Agreements	January 10, 2020	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
U-20632	Natural Gas Curtailment Procedures	January 10, 2020	1:30 to 4:30 PM
U-20631	Transmission Contingency Planning	March 3, 2020	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Please provide any mutual aid agreements that are already in place, or any other information that may be deemed relevant to the discussion by November 29th to the Staff workgroup leads listed below. Should there be any concerns regarding confidentiality issues, please reach out to the Staff to discuss.

Staff will review the agreements and additional information prior to the December 6th meeting, and use our compiled comments as conversation starters. Feedback will be recorded during the first meeting, and the distribution Mutual Aid Agreements draft report will be started prior to the second meeting to be used as a discussion topic.

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To learn more or to sign up for email updates, please visit the [Mutual Aid Agreements and Transmission Contingency Planning workgroup](#) page on the MPSC website.

Thank you for your time and participation.

Sincerely,

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