

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of)	
THUMB ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE)	
for authority to reconcile renewable energy plan)	
costs associated with the plan approved in)	Case No. U-17330
Case No. U-16597, for the period ended)	
December 31, 2012.)	
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At the December 19, 2013 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing, Michigan.

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

ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On July 31, 2013, Thumb Electric Cooperative (Thumb) filed its application for authority to reconcile its renewable energy plan (REP) revenues and expenses for the period ended December 31, 2012.

On October 10, 2013, a prehearing conference was held before Administrative Law Judge Mark E. Cummins. The Commission Staff and Thumb participated in the proceedings. Subsequently, the parties submitted a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case.

According to the terms of the settlement agreement, the parties agree that Thumb was not authorized to charge, nor did it collect, a renewable energy surcharge, therefore there are no revenues or expenditures to reconcile. The parties further agree that Thumb met the 2012 renewable energy credit portfolio requirements.

The Commission finds the settlement agreement reasonable and in the public interest, and that it should therefore be approved.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the settlement agreement, attached as Exhibit A, is approved.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so in the appropriate court within 30 days after issuance and notice of this order, pursuant to MCL 462.26.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

John D. Quackenbush, Chairman

Greg R. White, Commissioner

Sally A. Talberg, Commissioner

By its action of December 19, 2013.

Mary Jo Kunkle, Executive Secretary

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In the matter of the application of THUMB)
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE for authority to)
reconcile renewable energy plan costs associated) Case No. U-17330
with the plan approved in Case No. U-16597,)
for the period ended December 31, 2012.)

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT APPROVING
RENEWABLE ENERGY PLAN

On July 31, 2013, Thumb Electric Cooperative (“Applicant” or “Thumb”) filed its application for authority to reconcile its Renewable Energy Plan (“REP”) for the period ended December 31, 2012.

On February 22, 2011, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) opened a docket in Case No. U-16597 for the first biennial review of Thumb’s REP, originally approved by the Commission on May 12, 2009 in Case No. U-15821. On July 12, 2011, the Commission approved Thumb’s REP Settlement Agreement in Case No. U-16597.

On September 11, 2013, the Commission issued its Notice of Hearing for Applicant’s REP in this docket. On October 10, 2013, the prehearing conference was held pursuant to the Commission’s Notice of Hearing. The Commission Staff (“Staff”) and Applicant participated in the proceedings. At the prehearing conference, Applicant presented proof of service of the Notice of Hearing on all cities, incorporated villages, townships and counties in Applicant’s service area and also presented an affidavit evidencing the requisite publication of notice. The prehearing conference was

conducted as a contested case matter pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 *et seq.*

The parties have agreed to enter into this Settlement Agreement recommending approval of Applicant's 2012 REP reconciliation. In view of the foregoing, and pursuant to Section 78 of the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, as amended (1969 PA 306, §78; MCL 24.278), Applicant and Staff hereby agree as follows:

A. While a reconciliation filing is required by statute and Commission Order, Thumb's REP included no request for a renewable energy surcharge, no surcharge was approved, and none was charged to Thumb's customers in 2012.

B. Thumb and Staff agree that Thumb meets the 2012 renewable energy credit portfolio requirements.

C. No rate increase or increase in any member consumer's cost of service will result from this application.

D. No party will appeal, challenge or contest the 2012 REP reconciliation approved by the Commission in this case if it is the result of a Commission order accepting and approving this Settlement Agreement without modification. If the Commission does not accept this Settlement Agreement without modification, this Settlement Agreement shall be withdrawn and shall not constitute any part of the record in this proceeding or be used for any other purpose whatsoever.

E. Section 81 of the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969 is waived.

Dated: December 12, 2013

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