

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the application of)
GREAT LAKES ENERGY COOPERATIVE)
for a certificate of public convenience and)
necessity relative to Wayland Township,)
Allegan County.)
_____)

Case No. U-12333

At the June 19, 2000 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. John G. Strand, Chairman
Hon. David A. Svanda, Commissioner
Hon. Robert B. Nelson, Commissioner

ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On February 29, 2000, Great Lakes Energy Cooperative (Great Lakes) filed an application, pursuant to the provisions of 1929 PA 69, as amended, MCL 460.501 et seq.; MSA 22.141 et seq., requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to extend its facilities and to provide gas service in Wayland Township, Allegan County.

Pursuant to due notice, a prehearing conference was held on April 11, 2000 before Administrative Law Judge James N. Rigas. Great Lakes, the Commission Staff, and Consumers Energy Company participated in the proceedings.

Subsequently, the parties submitted a settlement agreement resolving all issues in this case.

According to the terms of the settlement agreement, attached as Exhibit A, the parties agree that (1) Great Lakes has obtained the requisite franchises to provide gas service in Wayland Township, (2) Great Lakes has demonstrated its ability to obtain adequate gas supplies to meet the current and projected demand of its customers, (3) allowing Great Lakes to provide gas service in Wayland Township will benefit the public interest, and (4) a certificate of public convenience and necessity should be granted to Great Lakes to provide that service.

The Commission FINDS that:

- a. Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1929 PA 69, as amended, MCL 460.501 et seq.; MSA 22.141 et seq.; 1909 PA 300, as amended, MCL 462.2 et seq.; MSA 22.21 et seq.; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.51 et seq.; MSA 22.1 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; MSA 22.13(1) et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; MSA 3.560(101) et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1992 AACCS, R 460.17101 et seq.
- b. The settlement agreement is reasonable and in the public interest, and should be approved.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

- A. The settlement agreement, attached as Exhibit A, is approved.
- B. Great Lakes Energy Cooperative is granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct facilities and provide gas service in Wayland Township, Allegan County, subject to the terms of the settlement agreement.

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; MSA 22.45.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

/s/ John G. Strand
Chairman

(S E A L)

/s/ David A. Svanda
Commissioner

/s/ Robert B. Nelson
Commissioner

By its action of June 19, 2000.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman
Its Executive Secretary

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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated June 19, 2000 approving the settlement agreement and granting Great Lakes Energy Cooperative a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide gas service in Wayland Township, Allegan County, as set forth in the order.”