



April 14, 2023

Commissioner Dan Scripps, Chairman
Michigan Public Service Commission
7109 W. Saginaw Highway
Lansing, MI 48917

RE: **2023 Quarterly Update #1 (“Quarterly Update”)** – Duck Lake (renamed Helix) and Oneida – Nelson Road 345 kV MISO Long Range Transmission Planning Projects (“Projects”)

Dear Chairman Scripps:

Michigan Public Power Agency (“MPPA”) is submitting this Quarterly Update to the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) pursuant to MCL §460.593(3) (“Act”). By letter dated October 21, 2022, and in accordance with the requirements of the Act, MPPA provided notice to the Commission of MPPA’s intent to participate with the Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC (“METC”) in the construction and ownership of the captioned Projects in Michigan. MPPA stated that it plans to work with METC to coordinate planning, development, ownership, and compliance with the requirements of local, state, and federal governing bodies as well as regulatory authorities.

As discussed in the January 18 meeting with the Commission, there can only be one design for the Projects. MPPA explained that considering METC’s interconnected ownership to and operational responsibility for most of the transmission system in the lower peninsula of Michigan, MPPA has always expected that METC would take the lead on design and cost development, but also expected that METC would do so in coordination with MPPA. MPPA expects to fund its percentage of the costs consistent with MPPA’s ownership in the Projects. The percentage of MPPA’s ownership share in the Projects currently remains subject to evaluation by MPPA, and coordination and agreement with METC. However, as MPPA explained during the January 18 meeting, METC to date has not agreed to engage in any coordination with MPPA regarding the design, development, or cost estimation for the Projects. For these reasons, MPPA’s Quarterly Update information is that which is set forth in METC’s quarterly update supplied to the MPSC.

MPPA has and will continue to seek a resolution of the ownership participation issues so we can then jointly move forward together with METC with actions required under the Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick A. Bowland".

Patrick A. Bowland
CEO and General Manager, MPPA



CC: Michigan Public Service Commissioner, Tremaine Phillips
Michigan Public Service Commissioner, Katherine Peretick
ITC/METC, Mr. Simon S. Whitelocke