



July 14, 2023

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

RE: 2023 Quarterly Update #2 (“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 previous correspondence 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, as well as coordination and agreement with METC.

As part of an Addendum added to MISO’s MTEP21 Appendix A, with data dated 6/21/2022, MISO provided estimated facility costs associated with the Projects. MISO estimates the new 345kV transmission lines to be built in Michigan will cost \$5.1M per mile totaling \$588M. Additionally a substation estimated by MISO to cost \$35.8M will be required. MPPA is aware that METC is working to provide the MPSC with additional details to the Projects’ cost estimates. MPPA remains committed to working with METC but as previously communicated to the Commission, there continues to be challenges in coordinating the design, development, and cost estimation for the Projects with METC. 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,

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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