



January 20, 2023

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

RE: Report regarding Plan to Construct and Jointly Own the Hiple – 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 report 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 Projects in Michigan. For the Projects, 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.

Pursuant to the Act, MPPA requested a meeting with the Commission to discuss its plans to participate as a joint owner in the Projects with METC, as well as to answer questions and discuss issues related to coordinating and sharing development activities and costs. In response to that request, a meeting was conducted on January 18, 2023, among the Commission representatives and staff of MPPA.

As discussed in the January 18 meeting, there can only be one final design for the Projects. MPPA explained that considering METC’s interconnected ownership to and operational responsibility for the vast majority 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 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 all these reasons, MPPA’s current indicative project and cost information is necessarily that which is set forth in the report that MPPA understands METC recently filed with the Commission, even though METC has not provided MPPA with a copy of that report.



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

Please let us know if we can provide anything further in the meantime and thank you again to everyone that participated in the January 18 meeting on behalf of the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears 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