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The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer
Governor, State of Michigan
George W. Romney Building
111 South Capitol Avenue
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Dear Governor Whitmer,

On September 11, 2019, the MI Public Service Commission submitted to you the Commission's final Statewide Energy Assessment (SEA), following through on your February 4, 2019, request that the Commission undertake a comprehensive analysis of the energy infrastructure and operations in Michigan following the January 2019 Polar Vortex. While the SEA concluded that Michigan has sufficient and unique assets that help to ensure reliable supply and delivery of energy, the SEA also identified inherent risks and vulnerabilities and identified several recommendations and observations in the areas of electricity, natural gas, propane, cyber and physical security, and emergency management to improve the reliability and resilience of Michigan's energy systems.

MPSC Staff worked hard to prepare the final SEA and to ensure a transparent, collaborative process in formulating the recommendations. In the two years since, this hard work and dedication has continued with expansive efforts to implement the recommendations and observations identified by the report. A detailed summary of implementation to-date is attached. Notably, many of the recommendations identified in the SEA are also being addressed in the MI Power Grid initiative which has included involvement from dozens of stakeholders.

While the COVID 19 pandemic hit Michigan six months after the release of the SEA and complicated some implementation efforts, the pandemic has also emphasized the importance of the planning process and robust response strategies that are a fundamental part of the SEA. The MPSC has continued to work throughout the pandemic to address the SEA's recommendations to improve the resiliency of Michigan's energy systems and infrastructure.

Two years after the release of the final SEA, highlights of our implementation efforts include:

- 18 recommendations have been fully implemented;
- 22 recommendations have work in progress but are not yet complete;
- 2 recommendations need action and work will begin on these items before the end of 2021; and

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- 17 recommendations are ongoing as they provide opportunities for continuous evaluation and improvement with no completion point envisioned.

While the work that has been accomplished in the last two years has undoubtedly resulted in reducing risks and increasing the security and reliability of Michigan's energy systems, we know this work will never truly be complete. We are committed to continuing implementation of the recommendations and observations identified in the SEA and appreciate the support we have received from you and your administration as we work to ensure the security, reliability, and resiliency of Michigan's energy systems and infrastructure.

Thank you for your continued leadership in improving the performance of Michigan infrastructure systems and in shining a spotlight on the importance of this work given the realities of climate change and increasingly frequent and severe extreme weather events. We look forward to continuing to partner with you and other members of your administration on this work.

Respectfully,

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