

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of	)	
<b>PRESQUE ISLE ELECTRIC &amp; GAS CO-OP</b>	)	
for approval to change its method of testing	)	Case No. U-13654
self-contained, single-phase meters.	)	
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At the March 12, 2003 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing, Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Laura Chappelle, Chairman  
Hon. David A. Svanda, Commissioner  
Hon. Robert B. Nelson, Commissioner

**OPINION AND ORDER**

On December 10, 2002, Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op (Presque Isle) filed an application to change its method of testing self-contained, single-phase meters, as required by R 460.3613(2)(b).

Presque Isle states that it currently tests its self-contained meters pursuant to R 460.3613(2)(a). Presque Isle requests approval to change its method of meter testing to follow a quality control plan in accordance with R 460.3613(2)(b) and ANSI/ASQC Z1.9-1980. In following this quality control plan, Presque Isle will divide all self-contained, single-phase meters in service into homogeneous groups of not less than 301 and not more than 10,000, and will test annually the required randomly-selected sample size from each of these groups pursuant to R 460.3613(2)(b)(i)-(iv) and (ix). The test criteria and calculations will be made pursuant to R 460.3613(2)(b)(v) and (vi), and a lot shall be rejected and the entire lot shall be tested pursuant to R 460.3613(2)(b)(viii) if it fails

to meet the criteria specified in Rule 460.3613(2)(b)(vii). Presque Isle also may adopt a mixed variable-attributes sampling plan as outlined in Section A9 of ANSI/ASQC Z1.9-1980, pursuant to R 460.3613(2)(b)(x). Further, Presque Isle states that nothing in the application alters the rules under which customers may request special test of meters, as required by R 460.3613(2)(b)(xi). Finally, Presque Isle asserts that because customer rates will not increase as a result of the approval sought, ex parte approval of its application is appropriate.

The Commission FINDS that:

- a. Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1909 PA 106, as amended, MCL 460.551 et seq.; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.51 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; MSA 22.1 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1992 AACCS, R 460.17101 et seq.
- b. Presque Isle's application is reasonable, prudent, and in the public interest, and should be approved.
- c. Ex parte approval is appropriate.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Presque Isle shall adopt the above stated changes in its method of testing self-contained, single-phase meters.

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.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

/s/ Laura Chappelle  
Chairman

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/s/ David A. Svanda  
Commissioner

/s/ Robert B. Nelson  
Commissioner

By its action of March 12, 2003.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman  
Its Executive Secretary

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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated March 12, 2003 granting Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op approval to change its method of testing self-contained, single-phase meters, as set forth in the order.”