

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter, on the Commission’s own motion,)
to promulgate rules governing the interconnection)
of independent power projects with electric utilities.)
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Case No. U-13745

At the November 25, 2003 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. J. Peter Lark, Chair
Hon. Robert B. Nelson, Commissioner
Hon. Laura Chappelle, Commissioner

ORDER EXTENDING FILING DEADLINE

On September 23, 2003, the Commission’s rules governing electric interconnection standards, R 460.481 et seq., became effective. 2003 MR 18, at 7. Rule 2(1), R 460.482(1), requires electric utilities to file proposed interconnection standards within 90 days of the effective date. On October 24, 2003, the Michigan Electric and Gas Association, the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association, Consumers Energy Company, and The Detroit Edison Company jointly filed a request to extend the deadline by three months in order to accommodate their efforts to develop a uniform set of interconnection standards that would apply to most or all regulated electric utilities in Michigan. Rule 9, R 460.489, allows the Commission to grant a waiver of any of the provisions in the rules. On October 30, 2003, Art Toy, who commented during the rulemaking proceeding, filed a response supporting the extension.

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.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1999 AC, R 460.17101 et seq.
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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

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/s/ J. Peter Lark
Chair

By its action of November 25, 2003.

/s/ Robert B. Nelson
Commissioner

/s/ Robert W. Kehres
Its Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Laura Chappelle
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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated November 25, 2003 extending the deadline for filing applications for approval of proposed interconnection procedures until March 22, 2004, as set forth in the order.”