

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the investigation, on the	)	
Commission's own motion, into the electric	)	
supply reliability plans of Michigan's	)	Case No. U-14414
electric utilities for the year 2005.	)	
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At the January 25, 2005 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing, Michigan.

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

**OPINION AND ORDER**

For each of the last several years, the Commission has initiated investigations of the adequacy and reliability of the near-term electric generation capacity available to meet the needs of customers located in the service territories of Consumers Energy Company (Consumers), The Detroit Edison Company (Detroit Edison), and Indiana Michigan Power Company (I&M). The Commission has expanded the scope of the investigations to include, among other things, the availability of transmission capability, the effects of the companies' retail open access programs, affiliate dealings, the Customer Choice and Electricity Reliability Act, MCL 460.10 et seq., expected changes in the wholesale market for electricity in the Midwest, and the interconnection of merchant generating plants. In an order issued on April 5, 2004 in Case No. U-14087, the Commission expanded its 2004 investigation to include all Michigan regulated electric utilities.

The Commission finds that it should conduct a similar investigation for 2005. Accordingly, all Michigan regulated electric utilities<sup>1</sup> shall file by April 15, 2005 an assessment of the ability of the utility to meet customers' expected electric requirements in 2005. The assessment should include a discussion of all relevant factors that may affect the adequacy of supply and the quality and reliability of service in 2005. Furthermore, the assessments should classify resources between in-state and out-of-state generation and analyze how that is expected to affect service to customers.

Furthermore, the Commission directs alternative electric suppliers, including utilities' affiliates, and Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, Inc. (Wolverine), to file similar assessments as well. The Commission has selected this case for participation in its Electronic Filings Program. The Commission recognizes that all filers may not have the computer equipment or access to the Internet necessary to submit documents electronically. Therefore, filers may submit documents in the traditional paper format and mail them to the: Executive Secretary, Michigan Public Service Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, P.O. Box 30221, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Otherwise, all documents filed in this case must be submitted in both paper and electronic versions. An original and four paper copies and an electronic copy in the portable document format (PDF) should be filed with the Commission. Requirements and instructions for filing electronic documents can be found in the Electronic Filings Users Manual at:

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/usersmanual.pdf>. The application for account and letter of

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<sup>1</sup>The Commission identifies these electric utilities as Consumers, Detroit Edison, I&M, Alpena Power Company, Edison Sault Electric Company, Upper Peninsula Power Company, Wisconsin Electric Power Company, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy, and the following electric cooperatives: Alger Delta Co-operative Electric Association, Bayfield Electric Cooperative, Inc., Cherryland Electric Cooperative, Cloverland Electric Co-operative, Great Lakes Energy Cooperative, Midwest Energy Cooperative, The Ontonagon County Rural Electrification Association, Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op, Thumb Electric Cooperative of Michigan, Tri-County Electric Cooperative, and Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc.

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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.

b. All Michigan regulated electric utilities should be directed to file by April 15, 2005 an assessment of the ability of the utility to meet customers' expected electric requirements in 2005.

c. These electric utilities' affiliates, alternative electric suppliers, and Wolverine should be directed to file similar assessments.

d. Interested persons may file comments in response to the assessments by May 6, 2005.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. All Michigan regulated electric utilities shall file by April 15, 2005 an assessment of the ability of the utility to meet customers' expected electric requirements in 2005.

B. The Michigan regulated electric utilities' affiliates, alternative electric suppliers, and Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, Inc., shall file similar assessments by April 15, 2005.

C. Interested persons shall file comments in response to the assessments by May 6, 2005.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

/s/ J. Peter Lark

Chair

( S E A L )

/s/ Robert B. Nelson

Commissioner

/s/ Laura Chappelle

Commissioner

By its action of January 25, 2005.

/s/ Mary Jo Kunkle

Its Executive Secretary

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