

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter, on the Commission's own motion,)
to solicit utility participation in a Michigan) Case No. U-15633
Saves working group and pilot programs.)
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At the August 11, 2009 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Orjiakor N. Isiogu, Chairman
Hon. Monica Martinez, Commissioner
Hon. Steven A. Transeth, Commissioner

ORDER

In an order dated August 26, 2008, the Commission laid out a program for developing a statewide infrastructure to support a system called Michigan Saves. The program called for the implementation of up to four pilot programs. The order provided for the creation of a Michigan Saves work group and directed the Commission Staff (Staff) to file bimonthly reports on the status of the Michigan Saves work group in this docket.

On October 6, 2008, Governor Granholm signed the Clean, Renewable, and Efficient Energy Act, 2008 PA 295, MCL 460.1001 et seq. (Act 295). Subpart B of Act 295, MCL 460.1071-460.1097, contains extensive new requirements for achieving energy optimization. With these requirements in mind, the Commission, in the April 22, 2009 order in Case No. U-13129, awarded a grant totaling \$8,102,943 to Public Sector Consultants for the period of May 6, 2009 to September 30, 2011, to develop and implement a Michigan Saves system for installation of energy efficiency measures and renewable distributed generation. The Michigan Saves program that is

being developed under the auspices of the grant will integrate seamlessly with the energy optimization plans that are required to be filed by utilities under Subpart B of Act 295.

In the coming months, Michigan Saves will be engaging stakeholders and technical experts to establish the parameters of the program, including the selection of pilot projects, program design, and management and use of funds. The first meeting of the Michigan Saves advisory group will be August 26, 2009, at 1:30 p.m., in Hearing Room A, at the Commission's offices at 6545 Mercantile Way, Lansing, MI 48911. This meeting is open to the public. The Commission encourages active participation from utilities, financial institutions, vendors and contractors, local government, and others, to provide input on the design of this program. Additional details, including the meeting agenda and teleconference information, as well as other updates, will be forthcoming and available on the Michigan Saves website at www.MichiganSaves.org. Specific questions can be addressed to Amy Rittenhouse at Public Sector Consultants, at arittenhouse@pscinc.com.

Because the provisions of Act 295 and the April 22 order have preempted the pilot programs envisioned by the August 26, 2008 order, the formation of a Michigan Saves work group and filing of bimonthly reports called for in that order are no longer necessary. The Commission finds that this docket should be closed.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that this docket is closed.

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, under MCL 462.26.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Orjiakor N. Isiogu, Chairman

Monica Martinez, Commissioner

Steven A. Transeth, Commissioner

By its action of August 11, 2009.

Mary Jo Kunkle, Executive Secretary