

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter, on the Commission's own motion)
to approve procedures and forms for use with) Case No. U-15919
the interconnection and net metering programs.)
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At the January 25, 2010 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Orjiakor N. Isiogu, Chairman
Hon. Monica Martinez, Commissioner
Hon. Greg R. White, Commissioner

ORDER

On July 21, 2009, Direct Energy Business, LLC (Direct Energy), filed an application pursuant to 1999 AC, R 460.612, of the Commission's Electric Interconnection and Net Metering Standards (Rules). In its application, Direct Energy requests a waiver from Part 3 of the Rules related to net metering. Direct Energy also requested that the Commission update the company's contact information on the Commission's service list.

The Commission's March 18, 2009 order in Case No. U-15803 required that alternative energy suppliers (AES) file net metering program plans by May 4, 2009. Rule 460.612 allows an AES to apply for a waiver from 1 or more provisions of the Rules. The Commission may grant a waiver upon a showing of good cause and a finding that the waiver is in the public interest.

Direct Energy states in its application that it is currently serving approximately 200 commercial and industrial customers within The Detroit Edison Company's and Consumers

Energy Company's service territories and that no customer has requested net metering service.

Direct Energy states that good cause has been shown based upon its current and expected customer mix, combined with the program limitations of 2008 PA 295, the implementation docket, and the proposed rules, thus making a waiver appropriate under the Rules.

The Commission has reviewed the application and concludes that Direct Energy has shown good cause, that the waiver is in the public interest, and that the application should be approved. In addition, the Commission directs the Executive Secretary to update the contact information for Direct Energy in the Commission's service list.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Direct Energy Business, LLC's, application for a waiver from Part 3 of the Commission's Electric Interconnection and Net Metering Standards is approved.

B. Within 90 days, Direct Energy Business, LLC, shall notify its customers through a bill insert or bill statement that they may request net metering service. Upon customer request of net metering service, Direct Energy Business, LLC, shall file a net metering program plan with the Commission within 14 days.

C. The Executive Secretary shall update the contact information for Direct Energy Business, LLC, in the Commission's service list.

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

Orjiakor N. Isiogu, Chairman

Monica Martinez, Commissioner

Greg R. White, Commissioner

By its action of January 25, 2010.

Mary Jo Kunkle, Executive Secretary