

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter, on the Commission’s own motion,)
to require **ALPENA POWER COMPANY,**)
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, EDISON)
SAULT ELECTRIC COMPANY, INDIANA)
MICHIGAN POWER COMPANY, NORTHERN)
STATES POWER COMPANY – WISCONSIN,)
UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY,)
WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION,)
WISCONSIN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY,)
CLOVERLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE,)
GREAT LAKES ENERGY COOPERATIVE,)
MIDWEST ENERGY COOPERATIVE,)
ONTONAGON COUNTY RURAL)
ELECTRIFICATION ASSOCIATION, PRESQUE)
ISLE ELECTRIC AND GAS CO-OP, THUMB)
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, and TRI-COUNTY)
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE to file applications)
seeking *ex parte* approval of tariffs governing the)
provision of both metered and unmetered street)
lighting, area lighting, and traffic signal services)
based on emerging light-emitting diode technologies.)
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Case No. U-16186

At the January 11, 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

The use of light-emitting diode (LED) technologies for the provision of both metered and unmetered street lighting, area lighting, and traffic signal services has increased in recent years.

Unfortunately, it appears that this state's electric utilities are lagging behind in their efforts to update their tariffs to ensure that municipalities opting for the more energy efficient and lower maintenance cost LED technologies are not deprived of the benefits of the use of such technologies in their communities.

The Commission is aware that some Michigan communities have already installed LED street lighting technologies in their central business districts. Many other communities in Michigan have received or are seeking grants based on federal funding to convert their street lighting systems to a LED technology. Accordingly, the Commission finds that swift action is necessary to ensure that each public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction has appropriate tariff provisions for the provision of unmetered street lighting, area lighting, and traffic signal services based on emerging LED technologies.

In a separate order issued today in Case No. U-15768 for The Detroit Edison Company (Detroit Edison), the Commission directed Detroit Edison to revise its tariffs to accommodate customers having or seeking to use LED technologies for unmetered street lighting, area lighting, and traffic signal services. The Commission finds that all of the above-captioned public utilities should also, within 30 days, file applications for *ex parte* approval of tariffs governing the provision of unmetered street lighting, area lighting, and traffic signal services based on LED technologies.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that by February 10, 2010, Alpena Power Company, Consumers Energy Company, Edison Sault Electric Company, Indiana Michigan Power Company, Northern States Power Company – Wisconsin, Upper Peninsula Power Company, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, Wisconsin Electric Power Company, Cloverland Electric Cooperative, Great Lakes Energy Cooperative, Midwest Energy Cooperative, Ontonagon County Rural

Electrification Association, Presque Isle Electric and Gas Co-op, Thumb Electric Cooperative, and Tri-County Electric Cooperative shall file applications in new dockets seeking *ex parte* approval of tariffs governing the provision of unmetered street lighting, area lighting, and traffic signal services based on emerging light-emitting diode technologies.

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

Greg R. White, Commissioner

By its action of January 11, 2010.

Mary Jo Kunkle, Executive Secretary