

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter, on the Commission's own motion,	)	
to implement the provisions of Section 10r(6) of	)	Case No. U-16196
2008 PA 286.	)	
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At the February 8, 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 AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT**

On October 6, 2008, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm signed into law 2008 PA 286 (Act 286), which amended 2000 PA 141. Section 10r(6) of Act 286, MCL 460.10r(6), provides:

(6) Within 2 years of the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection, the commission shall conduct a study and report to the governor and the house and senate standing committees with oversight of public utilities issues on the advisability of separating electric distribution and generation within electric utilities, taking into account the costs, benefits, efficiencies to be gained or lost, effects on customers, effects on reliability or quality of service, and other factors which the commission determines are appropriate. The report shall include, but is not limited to, the advisability of locating within separate departments of the utility the personnel responsible for the day-to-day management of electric distribution and generation and maintaining separate books and records for electric distribution and generation.

The Commission finds that all interested parties should have an opportunity to comment on issues relating to the advisability of separating electric distribution and generation within electric utilities. All recommendations for the report should be consistent with the provisions of Act 286.

Any person may submit written or electronic comments. The comments must be filed with the Commission and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 8, 2010. Written comments should be sent to: Executive Secretary, Michigan Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 30221, Lansing, MI 48909. Electronic comments may be e-mailed to [mpscedockets@michigan.gov](mailto:mpscedockets@michigan.gov). All comments should reference Case No. U-16196. All information submitted to the Commission in this matter will become public information available on the Commission's website and subject to disclosure.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that interested parties may file written or electronic comments on issues related to the advisability of separating electric distribution and generation within electric utilities. The comments must be filed with the Commission and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 8, 2010.

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

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Orjiakor N. Isiogu, Chairman

By its action of February 8, 2010.

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Monica Martinez, Commissioner

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Mary Jo Kunkle, Executive Secretary

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Greg R. White, Commissioner