

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of )  
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY for )  
authority to construct and operate the )  
Holly Lateral Pipeline in Oakland County. )  
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Case No. U-14452

At the May 17, 2005 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,  
Michigan.

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

**ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION**

On March 11, 2005, Consumers Energy Company (Consumers) filed an application,  
pursuant to the provisions of 1929 PA 9, as amended, MCL 483.101 *et seq.*, requesting authority  
to construct and operate the Holly Lateral Pipeline. The proposed 8-inch, 400 foot long steel  
pipeline, will commence at Consumers' Grange Hall Road Valve Site, and extend westerly to the  
Holly City Gate, all located in Section 28, T5N, R7E, Holly Township, Oakland County.

Attached to the application are engineering specifications covering the construction, testing,  
and operation of the pipeline to demonstrate compliance with the Michigan Gas Safety  
Standards, a map showing the location of the pipeline, and an environmental assessment. The  
maximum allowable operating pressure of the pipeline is 750 pounds per square inch gauge and

the cost of the pipeline is approximately \$255,000. After reviewing the application, the Commission finds that the pipeline will serve the public convenience and necessity, and that *ex parte* approval is appropriate.

The Commission FINDS that:

a. Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1929 PA 9, as amended, MCL 483.101 *et seq.*; as amended, MCL 460.51 *et seq.*; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 *et seq.*; 1969 PA 165, MCL 483.151 *et seq.*; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 *et seq.*; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 1999 AC, R 460.17101 *et seq.*

b. The map, route, and type of construction of the Holly Lateral should be approved.

c. The Holly Lateral is practicable in that it provides an economic means of delivering natural gas to market.

d. The Holly Lateral will meet the requirements of the Michigan Gas Safety Standards if constructed, tested, and operated as proposed.

e. The Holly Lateral will serve the public convenience and necessity.

f. The public interest will be adequately protected without the time and expense of a public hearing.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Consumers Energy Company is authorized to construct and operate the Holly Lateral in Oakland County, as proposed in its application filed on March 11, 2005, and subject to the requirements of 1929 PA 9, as amended, MCL 483.101 *et seq.*

B. The map, route, and type of construction of the Holly Lateral Pipeline are approved.

C. Within 60 days after construction, Consumers Energy Company shall file a completion report including pressure test data and a map of the Holly Lateral as constructed.

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

/s/ J. Peter Lark

Chairman

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/s/ Robert B. Nelson

Commissioner

/s/ Laura Chappelle

Commissioner

By its action of May 17, 2005.

/s/ Mary Jo Kunkle

Its Executive Secretary

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