

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of)
BELDEN & BLAKE CORPORATION, d/b/a)
WARD ENERGY, for authority to operate) Case No. U-15564
certain natural gas wells under a vacuum in)
Montmorency County, Michigan.)
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In the matter of the application of)
BELDEN & BLAKE CORPORATION, d/b/a)
WARD ENERGY, for authority to operate) Case No. U-15565
certain natural gas wells under a vacuum in)
Montmorency County, Michigan.)
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In the matter of the application of)
BELDEN & BLAKE CORPORATION, d/b/a)
WARD ENERGY, for authority to operate) Case No. U-15566
certain natural gas wells under a vacuum in)
Montmorency County, Michigan.)
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At the January 13, 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

On April 29, 2008, Belden & Blake Corporation, d/b/a Ward Energy (Ward), filed applications pursuant to the provisions of 1929 PA 9, MCL 483.101 *et seq.* and 1999 AC, R 460.867 requesting authority to operate certain natural gas wells under a vacuum in Montmorency County.

On October 15, 2008, Ward filed requests to withdraw these applications.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the applications filed by Belden & Blake Corporation, d/b/a Ward Energy, are dismissed.

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 January 13, 2009.

Mary Jo Kunkle, Executive Secretary