

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS OF
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
CASE NO. U-22127**

- Consumers Energy Company requests Michigan Public Service Commission for approval of an Integrated Resource Plan and Certificates of Necessity under MCL 460.6s and 460.6t, certain accounting approvals, and for other relief.
- The information below describes how a person may participate in this case.
- You may call or write Consumers Energy Company, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, MI 49201, 800-477-5050, for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the documents at the offices of Consumers Energy Company or on the Commission's website at: <https://mi-psc.my.site.com/s/>.
- A pre-hearing will be held:

DATE/TIME: **Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 9:00 AM**

BEFORE: **Administrative Law Judge Heather M.S. Durian**

LOCATION: Video/Teleconference

PARTICIPATION: Any interested person may participate. Persons needing any assistance to participate or who are seeking access to the video/teleconference should contact the Administrative Law Judge's secretary at (517) 284-8130 or by email at LARA-MOAH-R-PSC@michigan.gov in advance of the hearing.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a pre-hearing to consider Consumers Energy Company's (Consumers Energy) September 3, 2026 application requesting the Commission to: 1) approve Consumers Energy's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), consistent with MCL 460.6t, by approving the Proposed Course of Action (PCA) that includes all of Consumers Energy's proposals, as the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting its energy and capacity needs; 2) approve Consumers Energy's Clean Energy Plan and find that its filing satisfies applicable clean energy, renewable energy, energy storage, Energy Waste Reduction (EWR), Demand Response (DR), electrification, affordability, emissions, and environmental justice requirements; 3) approve a Certificate of Necessity (CON) for the Karn Project, consistent with MCL 460.6s, including findings that the power to be supplied is needed; that the size, fuel type, and design characteristics represent the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting that need; and that the estimated capital costs and financing plan will be recoverable in rates; 4) approve a CON for the Thetford Project, consistent with MCL 460.6s, including findings that the power to be supplied is needed; that the size, fuel type, and design characteristics represent the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting that need; and that the estimated capital costs and financing plan will be recoverable in rates; 5) approve a CON for the Midland Cogeneration Venture Limited Partnership (MCV) Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), consistent with MCL 460.6s, including findings that the power to be supplied is needed, that the terms of the agreement represent the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting that need, and that the price specified in the agreement will be recoverable in rates; 6) approve a CON for the

[CONFIDENTIAL] consistent with MCL 460.6s, including findings that the power to be supplied is needed, that the terms of the agreement represent the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting that need, and that the price specified in the agreement will be recoverable in rates; 7) approve a financial incentive for the MCV PPA and [CONFIDENTIAL] based on Consumers Energy's weighted average cost of capital, for the duration of the agreements with updates based on Consumers Energy's most recently approved electric rate case; 8) approve Consumers Energy's proposed EWR, DR, and Conservation Voltage Reduction (CVR) costs as reasonable and prudent for cost recovery purposes under MCL 460.6t for costs to be commenced within three years after this IRP is approved; 9) approve Consumers Energy's request to include Construction Work In Progress in rate base during construction of the Karn and Thetford projects and to eliminate the corresponding Allowance for Funds Used During Construction offset in general rate case revenue requirements to the extent financing costs are recovered in rates during construction; 10) approve Consumers Energy's proposed accounting and ratemaking treatment for reasonably and prudently incurred costs associated with retaining Karn Units 3 and 4 through the approved retirement date, including its request to defer expenses related to the Karn retention and separation agreement by recording those amounts as a regulatory asset; 11) approve Consumers Energy's proposed competitive procurement process, including the use of two annual competitive solicitations to create more opportunities to identify cost-effective resources; 12) approve Consumers Energy's Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) avoided cost and implementation proposal, including continued use of competitive procurement to inform avoided cost values, prospective modifications to capacity-related avoided cost eligibility, an annual eligibility limit for fully bundled renewable Qualifying Facility resources receiving capacity-related avoided cost compensation, and annual avoided cost updates; 13) find that Consumers Energy's PURPA capacity position should be determined consistent with its approved PCA, competitive procurement process, and identified resource needs; 14) approve Consumers Energy's proposed ex-parte approval process for future battery storage projects selected through competitive solicitations or bilateral negotiations, subject to Commission review and the objective cost benchmark as proposed by Consumers Energy; 15) enter an appropriate protective order governing confidential information as proposed by Consumers Energy; 16) accept the Consumers Energy's Verification and Letter of Transmittal and find it has satisfied the applicable IRP filing requirements; and 17) grant Consumers Energy any other relief that is just and reasonable.

All documents filed in this case shall be submitted electronically through the Commission's E-Dockets website at: <https://mi-psc.my.site.com/s/>. Requirements and instructions for filing can be found in the User Manual on the E-Dockets help page. Documents may also be submitted, in PDF format, as an attachment to an email sent to: LARA-MPSC-edockets@michigan.gov. If you require assistance prior to e-filing, contact Commission staff at (517) 284-8090 or by email at: LARA-MPSC-edockets@michigan.gov.

Any person wishing to intervene and become a party to the case shall electronically file a petition to intervene with this Commission by September 24, 2026. (Interested persons may elect to file using the traditional paper format.) The proof of service shall indicate service upon Consumers Energy Company's attorney, Legal Dept - Regulatory, 1 Energy Plaza Dr., Jackson, MI 49201.

The prehearing is scheduled to be held remotely by video conference or teleconference. Persons filing a petition to intervene will be advised of the process for participating in the hearing.

Any person wishing to appear at the hearing to make a statement of position without becoming a party to the case may participate by filing an appearance. To file an appearance, the individual must attend the hearing and advise the presiding administrative law judge of their wish to make a statement of position. Mich Admin Code, R 792.10413 (Rule 413).

Any person wishing to file a public comment may do so by filing a written statement in this docket. The written statement may be mailed or emailed and should reference Case No. **U-22127**. Statements may be emailed to: LARA-MPSC-edockets@michigan.gov. Statements may be mailed to: Executive Secretary, Michigan Public Service Commission, 7109 West Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917.

All information submitted to the Commission in this matter becomes public information, thus available on the Michigan Public Service Commission's website, and subject to disclosure. Please do not include information you wish to remain private. For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Executive Secretary at the above address or by telephone at (517) 284-8090.

Requests for adjournment must be made pursuant to Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules R 792.10422 and R 792.10432. Requests for further information on adjournment should be directed to (517) 284-8130.

The Utility Consumer Representation Fund has been created for the purpose of aiding in the representation of residential utility customers in various Commission proceedings. Contact the Chairperson, Utility Consumer Participation Board, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, P.O. Box 30004, Lansing, Michigan 48909, for more information.

Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1909 PA 106, as amended, MCL 460.551 et seq.; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.54 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; and Parts 1 & 4 of the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules, Mich. Admin Code, R 792.10106 and R 792.10401 through R 792.10448.

**THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MAY APPROVE, REJECT,
OR AMEND PROPOSALS MADE BY CONSUMERS ENERGY.**

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