

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE GAS CUSTOMERS OF
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
CASE NO. U-21086**

- Consumers Energy Company requests Michigan Public Service Commission's approval of revisions to its natural gas curtailment tariff provisions.
- 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, 517-788-0550 for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the documents at the offices of Consumers Energy Company.
- A pre-hearing will be held:

DATE/TIME: Monday, August 23, 2021 at 10:00 AM

BEFORE: Administrative Law Judge Sharon Feldman

LOCATION: Video/Teleconferencing

PARTICIPATION: Any interested person may participate. Persons needing any assistance to participate should contact the Commission's Executive Secretary at (517) 284-8090, or by email at mpscdockets@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) May 13, 2021, application requesting the Commission to approve proposed changes to its tariffs governing its natural gas curtailment procedures including the following: 1) to allow for Operational Flow Orders (OFO) outside the context of a potential or actual curtailment situation within the meaning of the curtailment tariff; 2) to add additional flexibility for Consumers Energy in carrying out its pre-curtailment activities during emergency situations by expressly permitting Consumers Energy to forgo one or more of the pre-curtailment activities when Consumers Energy determines that it will not prevent the need to implement or continue curtailment of gas service to one or more customers; 3) to expand the notice requirement to inform the Commission and affected parties whenever Consumers Energy undertakes any of the pre-curtailment activities under the tariff; 4) a simplified and more current method of determining the "base period" gas consumption of Consumers Energy's commercial and industrial customers, which is then used to determine which priority level each customer belongs in for purposes of curtailment; 5) two modifications as proposed to the five curtailment priority levels defined in the existing tariff; 6) the adding of a new provision that gives it up to six months after a curtailment event to assess adjustments to customer bills related to the event; and 7) several minor updates made necessary by the passage of time and other minor revisions meant to provide improved clarity and certainty on the correct application of the tariff or to provide additional flexibility for applying certain

provisions requiring information about customer circumstances where that information may not be available. The approval of the proposed relief requested by Consumers Energy will not increase rates or charges for any customer.

All documents filed in this case shall be submitted electronically through the Commission's E-Dockets website at: michigan.gov/mpscedockets. Requirements and instructions for filing can be found in the User Manual on the E-Dockets help page. Documents may also be submitted, in Word or PDF format, as an attachment to an email sent to: mpscedockets@michigan.gov. If you require assistance prior to e-filing, contact Commission staff at (517) 284-8090 or by email at: mpscedockets@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 August 16, 2021. (Interested persons may elect to file using the traditional paper format.) The proof of service shall indicate service upon Consumers Energy Company's Legal Department – Regulatory Group, One Energy Plaza, 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 to participate in the hearing.

Any person wishing to participate without intervention under Mich Admin Code, R 792.10413 (Rule 413), or 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-21086. Statements may be emailed to: mpscedockets@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 Commission 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.

A copy of Consumers Energy Company's application may be reviewed on the Commission's website at: michigan.gov/mpscedockets, and at the office of Consumers Energy Company. For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Commission at the above address or by telephone at (517) 284-8090.

Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1909 PA 300, as amended, MCL 462.2 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.