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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS OF
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
CASE NO. U-16855**

- Consumers Energy Company proposes to refund \$1,594,000, including interest pursuant to MCL 460.6a(1) to those natural gas customers who paid provisional rates implemented by the Company between March 1, 2012 and June 7, 2012.
- The information below describes how a person may participate in this case.
- You may call or write Consumers Energy Company, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, Michigan 49201, (800) 477-5050 for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the documents at the offices of Consumers Energy Company.
- A public hearing will be held:

DATE/TIME: November 15, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.
This hearing will be a prehearing conference to set future hearing dates and decide other procedural matters.

BEFORE: Administrative Law Judge Thomas E. Maier

LOCATION: Constitution Hall
525 West Allegan
Lansing, Michigan

PARTICIPATION: Any interested person may attend and participate. The hearing site is accessible, including handicapped parking. Persons needing any accommodation to participate should contact the Commission's Executive Secretary at (517) 241-6160 in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a public hearing to consider Consumers Energy Company's (Consumers Energy) September 5, 2012 application, which seeks Commission approval: 1) to refund \$1,594,000, including interest, to its natural gas customers as required pursuant to MCL 460.6a(1) with respect to the provisional rates implemented by Consumers Energy for the period March 1, 2012 through June 7, 2012; 2) for the negative surcharges and its proposed tariff sheet as provided in its filing; and 3) to find that no natural gas customer rates or charges will be increased if the Commission approves its request.

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) 241-6180 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 November 8, 2012. (Petitions to intervene may also be filed using the traditional paper format.) The proof of service shall indicate service upon Consumers Energy's Legal Department – Regulatory Group, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, Michigan 49201.

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 his/her wish to make a statement of position. All information submitted to the Commission in this matter becomes public information: available on the Michigan Public Service Commission's website, and subject to disclosure.

Requests for adjournment must be made pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure R 460.17315 and R 460.17335. Requests for further information on adjournment should be directed to (517) 241-6060.

A copy of Consumers Energy's application may be reviewed on the Commission's website at: michigan.gov/mpscedockets, and at the office of Consumers Energy Company, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, MI. For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Commission at the above address or by telephone at (517) 241-6180.

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.; 1982 PA 304, as amended, MCL 460.6h et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1999 AC, R 460.17101 et seq.

October 19, 2012