

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE GAS CUSTOMERS OF
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
CASE NO. U-14716**

- Consumers Energy Company plans to use a gas cost recovery plan and authorization of gas cost recovery factors for the 12-month period of April 2006 through March 2007, if the Michigan Public Service Commission approves its request.
- 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 49201-2276, (517) 788-1484 for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the application at the offices of Consumers Energy Company.
- The first public hearing in this matter will be held:

DATE: February 22, 2006
This hearing will be a prehearing conference to set future hearing dates and decide other procedural matters.

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Administrative Law Judge Barbara A. Stump

LOCATION: Michigan Public Service Commission
6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7
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 a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a public hearing to consider the December 29, 2005 application of Consumers Energy Company (Consumers), to use a gas cost recovery factors for the period of April 2006 through March 2007 consisting of the sum of two parts: (i) a base factor of \$11.0953 per Mcf, plus (ii) an additional amount contingent

upon future events, determined using the GCR Factor Ceiling Price Adjustment Mechanism, as set forth in the Company's filing, or such higher factors as may be lawful and reasonable.

The Commission has selected this case for participation in its Paperless Electronic Filings Program. The Commission recognizes that some customers may not have the computer equipment or access to the Internet necessary to submit documents electronically. Therefore, customers may submit an original and one paper copy to the: Executive Secretary, Michigan Public Service Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, P.O. Box 30221, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Otherwise, no paper documents will be required to be filed in this case. Requirements and instructions for filing electronic documents can be found in the Electronic Filings Users Manual at:

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/usersmanual.pdf>. The application for account and letter of assurance are located at <http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/help>. You may contact Commission staff at (517) 241-6170 or by e-mail at mpscfilecases@michigan.gov with questions and to obtain access privileges prior to filing.

Any person wishing to intervene and become a party to the case shall electronically file a petition to intervene with this Commission by February 15, 2006. (Residential customers may file petitions to intervene using the traditional paper format.)

The proof of service shall indicate service upon Consumers' attorney, H. Richard Chambers, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, Michigan 49201-2276.

A member of the public who wishes to make a statement of position without becoming a party to the case, may participate by filing an appearance. To file the appearance, the individual must attend the hearing and advise the presiding administrative law judge of his or her wish to make a statement of position.

A copy of Consumers' request may be reviewed on the Commission's Web site at

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile> 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) 241-6170.

A Utility Consumer Representative Fund has been created for the purpose of aiding the representation of residential utility customers in energy proceedings. Further information may be obtained from the Chairperson, Utility Consumer Participation Board, Department of Labor & Economic Growth, P.O. Box 30004, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1909 PA 300, as amended, MCL 462.2 set seq.; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.51 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.

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY HAS REQUESTED THE GAS COST RECOVERY FACTORS DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE. THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MAY APPROVE, REJECT OR AMEND THE FACTORS.

January 27, 2006
Lansing, Michigan