

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS OF
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY

CASE NO. U-15506

- Consumers Energy Company may increase its rates by not less than \$91.1 million annually for the distribution of natural gas, if the Michigan Public Service Commission approves its request.
- **A TYPICAL RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER WHO USES 100 Mcf (THOUSAND CUBIC FEET) OF NATURAL GAS PER YEAR MAY SEE A NATURAL GAS INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY \$40 PER YEAR, WHICH INCLUDES \$6 PER YEAR TO FUND A NATURAL GAS EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PLAN.**
- 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 application at the offices of Consumers Energy Company.
- A public hearing in this matter will be held:

DATE/TIME: March 27, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.
This hearing will be a prehearing conference to set future hearing dates and decide other procedural matters.

LOCATION: Michigan Public Service Commission
6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7
Lansing, Michigan

BEFORE: Administrative Law Judge Mark D. Eyster

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 the February 15, 2008 application of Consumers Energy Company (Consumers Energy) seeking approval to adjust its existing retail natural gas rates to provide additional revenue of not less than \$91.1 million annually above levels established in Case No. U-15190, and to produce a rate of return on common equity of not less than 11.00%. Consumers is also requesting various other relief. Consumers seeks approval of final rate relief effective the beginning of 2009.

All documents filed in this case shall be submitted electronically through the Commission's E-Dockets Website at: michigan.gov/mpscdockets. 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 mpscdockets@michigan.gov. If you require assistance prior to e-filing, contact Commission staff at (517) 241-6170 or by e-mail at mpscdockets@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 March 20, 2008. (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, MPSC Regulatory Attorneys, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, Michigan 49201.

Any person wishing 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 or her wish to make a statement of position. All information submitted to the Commission in this matter will become public information: available on the Michigan Public Service Commission's Web site, 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' request may be reviewed on the Commission's Web site at michigan.gov/mpscdockets, 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.

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

[Details of the proposals are contained in the application and filing materials.]

[CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY HAS REQUESTED THE INCREASES AND OTHER PROPOSALS DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE. THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MAY GRANT OR DENY THE REQUESTED INCREASES AND OTHER PROPOSALS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND MAY GRANT LESSER OR GREATER INCREASES THAN THOSE REQUESTED, AND MAY AUTHORIZE A LESSER OR GREATER RATE FOR ANY CLASS OF SERVICE THAN THAT REQUESTED.]

March 5, 2008