

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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**NOTICE OF HEARING  
FOR THE NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS OF  
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY  
CASE NO. U-14547**

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- Consumers Energy Company may increase its annual natural gas distribution revenues by a total of \$132.4 million above current levels and make the \$58.1 million temporary surcharge approved in Case No. U-13730 permanent, if the Michigan Public Service Commission approves its request.
- **BASED UPON THE \$132.4 MILLION REQUEST, A TYPICAL RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER'S AVERAGE NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION BILL MAY INCREASE BY ABOUT \$5 PER MONTH.**
- The information below describes how a person may participate in this case.
- You may call or write Consumers Energy Company at One Energy Plaza, Jackson, Michigan 49201-2276, (517) 788-1484 for a free copy of the 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:** August 10, 2005  
This hearing will be a prehearing conference to set future hearing dates and decide other procedural matters.

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

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

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Administrative Law Judge James N. Rigas

**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 July 1, 2005 application of Consumers Energy Company (Consumers) seeking approval to increase its annual natural gas distribution revenues by a total of \$132.4 million above current levels and to make the \$58.1 million temporary surcharge approved in Case No. U-13730 permanent. Consumers is also requesting that the Commission grant interim rate relief of \$75.1 million above current levels effective no later than January 1, 2006, subject to potential refund after the entire case is concluded.

**The Commission has selected this case for participation in its Paperless Electronic Filings Program. The Commission recognizes that some residential customers may not have the computer equipment or access to the Internet necessary to submit documents electronically. Therefore, residential 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 [mpscefilecases@michigan.gov](mailto:mpscefilecases@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 August 3, 2005. The proof of service shall indicate service upon Consumers Energy's Vice President - Utility Law and Regulation, Consumers Energy Company, 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.

A copy of Consumer's request may be reviewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://efile.mpasc.cis.state.mi.us/efile>, or at the office of the Commission's Executive Secretary, 6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7, Lansing, MI, and at the office of Consumers Energy Company at 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.

Lansing, Michigan  
July 13, 2005

[Consumers has also submitted a number of specific proposals concerning cost recovery. Among other things, Consumers has proposed various modifications to rate schedules, including various rate design changes and rule changes. Changes include a proposal by Consumers to increase the monthly customer charge for residential customers from \$7.50 to \$9.00 per month.]

**[THE INCREASES DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY. THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MAY GRANT OR DENY THE REQUESTED INCREASES, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND MAY GRANT LESSER OR GREATER INCREASES OR RATES THAN THOSE REQUESTED.]**