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STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
CITY OF TROY
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS OF
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
CASE NO. U-16441

- Consumers Energy Company proposes to issue a refund of \$10,229,000 to its natural gas customers based on the difference between provisional rates paid in excess of final rates approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission for the period November 19, 2009 through May 17, 2010.
- 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.
- The first public hearing in this matter will be held:

DATE/TIME: October 5, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.
This hearing will be a prehearing conference to set future hearing dates and decide other procedural matters.

BEFORE: Administrative Law Judge Mark D. Eyster

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 in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a public hearing to consider the August 13, 2010 application of Consumers Energy Company (Consumers Energy), which seeks the Commission's approval to refund \$10,229,000 to its natural gas customers in accordance with MCL 460.6a(1) with respect to provisional rates implemented by Consumers Energy for the period November 19, 2009 through May 17, 2010. Consumers Energy is also seeking Commission's approval to reconcile its pension and other post employment benefit (OPEB) equalization mechanisms.

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 September 28, 2010. (Interested persons may elect to file 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 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 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 offices of Consumers Energy Company, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, Michigan. 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.; 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.

September 13, 2010