

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE GAS CUSTOMERS OF
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
CASE NO. U-20322

- Consumers Energy Company requests Michigan Public Service Commission's approval for authority to increase its rates for the distribution of natural gas and for other relief.
- The information below describes how a person may participate in this case.
- You may call or write Consumers Energy Company, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, MI 49201, phone: 517-788-0550 for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the documents at the offices of Consumers Energy Company.
- A pre-hearing will be held:

DATE/TIME: **Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at 9:00 AM**

BEFORE: **Administrative Law Judge Jonathan Thoits**

LOCATION: Michigan Public Service Commission
7109 West Saginaw Highway
Lansing, Michigan 48917

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 Business Section at (517) 284-8090 in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a pre-hearing to consider Consumers Energy Company's November 30, 2018 application for the following: 1) authorization to adjust its retail natural gas rates so as to provide additional revenue of \$229 million annually above the level established in Case No. U-18424; 2) authorization to adjust its existing retail natural gas rates so as to produce a rate of return on common equity of not less than 10.75%; 3) approval of the proposed Gas Revenue Decoupling Mechanism; and 4) authorization to implement the proposed Investment Recovery Mechanism.

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) 284-8090 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 December 27, 2018. (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 – Regulatory Group, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, MI 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 or her wish to make a statement of position. All information submitted to the Commission in this matter becomes public information, thus available on the Michigan Public Service Commission's website, and subject to disclosure. Please do not include information you wish to remain private.

Requests for adjournment must be made pursuant to the Michigan Administrative Hearing System's Administrative Hearing Rules R 792.10422 and R 792.10432. Requests for further information on adjournment should be directed to (517) 284-8130.

A copy of Consumers Energy Company's request may be reviewed on the Commission's website at: michigan.gov/mpscedockets, and at the office of Consumers Energy Company. For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Commission at the above address or by telephone at (517) 284-8090.

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 Parts 1 & 4 of the Michigan Administrative Hearing System's Administrative Hearing Rules, Mich. Admin Code, R 792.10101 through R 792.10137, and R 792.10401 through R 792.10448.

The Utility Consumer Representation Fund has been created for the purpose of aiding in the representation of residential utility customers in various Commission proceedings. Contact the Chairperson, Utility Consumer Participation Board, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, P.O. Box 30004, Lansing, Michigan 48909, for more information.

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.