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STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE NATURAL GAS
CUSTOMERS OF
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
CASE NO. U-18424

- Consumers Energy Company requests approval from the Michigan Public Service Commission 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 for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the application at the offices of Consumers Energy Company.
- The Prehearing in this matter will be held:

DATE/TIME: **Tuesday, November 28, 2017, at 10:00 A.M.**
This hearing will be a prehearing conference to set future hearing dates and decide other procedural matters.

BEFORE: Administrative Law Judge Suzanne D. Sonneborn

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

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a hearing to consider Consumers Energy Company's October 31, 2017 application for authority to: increase its rates for the distribution of natural gas; adjust its retail natural gas rates so as to provide additional revenue of \$178.194 million annually above the level established in Case No. U-18124 based on a projected 12-month test year ending June 30, 2019; adjust its existing retail natural gas rates so as to produce a rate of return on common equity of not less than 10.50%; utilize the proposed Gas Revenue Decoupling Mechanism; and implement an Investment Recovery Mechanism to recover the annual revenue requirements associated with the incremental capital expenditures and associated direct expenses for specified distribution and transmission programs beyond the level provided in rates through the projected test year; modify the rates, rules, and regulations and grant certain accounting authorizations as described in Consumers Energy's filing; and grant further relief.