

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE GAS CUSTOMERS OF
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
CASE NO. U-21806**

- Consumers Energy Company requests Michigan Public Service Commission 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, 800-477-5050 for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the documents at the offices of Consumers Energy Company or on the Commission's website at: <https://mi-psc.my.site.com/s/>.
- A pre-hearing will be held:

DATE/TIME: Monday, January 13, 2025 at 9:00 AM

BEFORE: Administrative Law Judge James M. Varchetti

LOCATION: Video/Teleconference

PARTICIPATION: Any interested person may participate. Persons needing any assistance to participate or who are seeking access to the video/teleconference should contact the Administrative Law Judge's secretary at (517) 284-8130 or by email at LARA-MOHR-PSC@michigan.gov in advance of the hearing.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a pre-hearing to consider Consumers Energy Company's (Consumers Energy) December 16, 2024 application requesting the Commission to: 1) authorize Consumers Energy to adjust its retail natural gas rates so as to provide additional revenue of approximately \$248 million annually above the level established in Case No. U-21490 based on a projected 12-month test year ending October 31, 2026; 2) authorize Consumers Energy to adjust its existing retail natural gas rates so as to produce a rate of return on common equity of not less than 10.25%; 3) continue the Defined Benefit Pension/Other Post-Employment Benefits Volatility Mechanism to annually reconcile the difference between the Defined Benefit Pension/Other Post-Employment Benefits expense included by the Commission in rates versus the actual annual expense recorded; 4) grant the accounting authorizations as proposed by Consumers Energy; 5) approve the modifications to the rates, rules, and regulations as proposed by Consumers Energy; and 6) grant Consumers Energy such other and further relief as is just and reasonable.

All documents filed in this case shall be submitted electronically through the Commission's E-Dockets website at: <https://mi-psc.my.site.com/s/>. Requirements and instructions for filing can be found in the User Manual on the E-Dockets help page. Documents may also be submitted, in 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 January 6, 2025. (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, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, MI 49201.

The prehearing is scheduled to be held remotely by video conference or teleconference. Persons filing a petition to intervene will be advised of the process for participating in the hearing.

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 their wish to make a statement of position. Mich Admin Code, R 792.10413 (Rule 413).

Any person wishing to file a public comment may do so by filing a written statement in this docket. The written statement may be mailed or emailed and should reference Case No. **U-21806**. Statements may be emailed to: mpscedockets@michigan.gov. Statements may be mailed to: Executive Secretary, Michigan Public Service Commission, 7109 West Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917.

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. For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Executive Secretary at the above address or by telephone at (517) 284-8090.

Requests for adjournment must be made pursuant to Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules R 792.10422 and R 792.10432. Requests for further information on adjournment should be directed to (517) 284-8130.

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.

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 Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules, Mich. Admin Code, R 792.10106 and R 792.10401 through R 792.10448.

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 REQUEST.