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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND INDUSTRY SERVICES
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the
Application of Consumers
Energy for Revision to its
Gas Tarriffs relating to
Rule B11, Customer
Attachment Program.

Case No. U-12095
(Prehearing Conference)

-Proceedings held and testimony taken in
the above-entitled matter before GEORGE SCHANKLER,
Administrative Law Judge, at the Michigan Public
Service Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, Lansing,
Michigan, on Tuesday, October 5, 1999, commencing
at about 9:35 A.M.

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Appearing on Behalf of Consumers Energy.

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Thomas Begin, Consumers Energy.

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4 P R O C E E D I N G S

5 JUDGE SCHANKLER: This is the time
6 and place set for the prehearing conference in the
7 matter of the application of Consumers Energy for
a revision to its gas tariffs relating to its Rule
9 B-11 Customer Attachment Program. This is case
10 u-12095.

11 I am George Schankler and I am the
12 presiding administrative law judge. Would counsel
13 enter their appearances at this time, please.

14 MR. MCQUILLAN: Your Honor, I'm
15 Raymond McQuillan on behalf of the applicant,
16 Consumers Energy Company.

17 MR. GADALETO: Assistant Attorney
18 General, Dave Gadaleto, substituting on behalf of
19 the Assistant Attorney General, Bill Derengoski.

20 Also here with me today, your Honor, is
21 the assigned case coordinator, Reg Whalon.

22 JUDGE SCHANKLER: Thank you.
23 Mr. Gadaleto, as indicated, this is a prehearing
24 conference. I would note two things. First,
25 number one, there is no intervention in this matter

1 in the docket-file of this case. So the only
2 parties appear to be Consumers and Staff.

3 Also, prior to going on the record,
4 Consumers' counsel submitted the affidavits of
5 publication of the notice of hearing in this matter
6 and they appear to comply with the Commissions'
7 directive regarding publication of the notice of
a hearing.

9 There was also filed, on the 21st of
10 September, Proof of Service of the mailing of the
11 notice of hearing. Are there any other matters
12 that we need to talk about other than the schedule
13 at this point?

14 MR. GADALETO: Not on behalf of the
15 Staff.

16 MR. MCQUILLAN: I don't think so,
17 your Honor.

1a JUDGE SCHANKLER: All right. The
19 parties provided to me a stipulated schedule prior
20 to going on the record. And I'm simply going to
21 enter these dates into the record because they
22 appear to be reasonable and they don't pose any
23 conflicts with my schedule.

24 The first date is the filing of
25 Consumers testimony and evidence, which would be

1 on October 28th. Staff testimony would be due
2 November 16th. Rebuttal would be filed on December
3 7th. The hearing to cross-examine on all testimony
4 and evidence submitted would be conducted on
5 December 14th.

6 Briefs would be due January 5th. Reply
7 briefs, January 14th. The target date for my
a proposal for decision is February 16th. Exceptions
9 based on that TFD date would be March 1st, and
lo- replies, March 10th. Are the parties agreeable to
11 that schedule?

12 MR: MCQUILLAN: That's acceptable
13 to the applicant.

14 MR. GADALETO: Acceptable to Staff,
15 your Honor.

16 JUDGE SCHANKLER: Do we have
17 anything further this morning?

18 MR. GADALETO: Not on behalf of
19 Staff.

20 MR. MCQUILLAN: Nothing further
21 from the Applicant.

22 JUDGE SCHANKLER: All right. Then
23 we're adjourned until December 14th.

24 (Proceedings concluded at about 9:40 A.M.)
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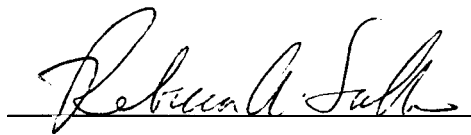
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7 I hereby certify that on the date
8 and at the place hereinbefore set forth, I reported
9 stenographically the proceedings held in the matter
10 hereinbefore set forth, and that-the testimony so
11 recorded was subsequently transcribed by me with
12 the use of computer-aided transcription under my
13 direction and supervision, and that the foregoing
14 is a full, true and accurate transcript of my
15 original stenotype notes.
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18 DATE: 10/19/99

19 Rebecca A. Sandborn

20 CSR-6107

21 Court Reporter

22 Notary Public:

23 County of Ionia

24 My Commission Expires:

25 August 4, 2000.