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Ms. Kavita Kale
Executive Secretary
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Re: MPSC Case No. U-12278 – Consumers Energy Company's Load Reduction Program Annual Filing

Dear Ms. Kale:

Included for electronic filing in the above-captioned case is **Consumers Energy Company's Load Reduction Program Annual Filing for the Year 2016**. This is a paperless filing and is therefore being filed only in a PDF format.

Sincerely,

Kelly M. Hall

cc: Gary Kitts, MPSC

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the application of
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY)
for a new tariff provision concerning)
contractual provisions for load reduction)
in times of high system demands)
_____)

Case No. U-12278

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY'S
LOAD REDUCTION PROGRAM ANNUAL FILING FOR THE YEAR 2016

Consumers Energy Company (“Consumers Energy” or the “Company”) makes this annual informational filing of customers enrolled in its load reduction program for the year 2016 as required by the Michigan Public Service Commission’s Order Approving Application dated February 9, 2000. The Order provides: “Consumers Energy Company shall file each year on the anniversary of this order information on the number of customers enrolled in its load reduction program and the corresponding load reduction accomplished.”

During the summer of 2016, Consumers Energy conducted two residential demand response pilot programs. Both pilot programs were small in scope, and designed to fully test the systems and hardware that support and enable demand response. The Company’s 2016 residential air conditioning cycling program had 1,754 customers,¹ and the pilot residential time-of-use rate program had 37 employee-customers. The load reduction in the air conditioning cycling program was 1.89 kW. The load reduction in the time-of-use program was 20 kW.

¹ *In 2016 the majority of the customers enrolled in the residential air conditioning cycling program were in the process of being converted to new technology.

The Company did not conduct any demand response programs in the commercial and industrial market. The Company intends to launch a new commercial and industrial demand response program on June 1, 2017.

Dated: February 9, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY