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February 13, 2002

Ms. Dorothy Wideman
Executive Secretary
Michigan Public Service Commission
6545 Mercantile Way
PO Box 30221
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Re: MPSC Case No. U-12488

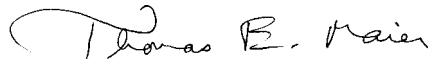
Dear Ms. Wideman:

Please find enclosed for filing the original and 4 copies of the Answer of the Association of Business Advocating Tariff Equity in Support of Energy Michigan's Petition for Rehearing and Clarification. The accompanying Proof of Service is also enclosed.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

CLARK HILL PLC



Thomas E. Maier

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cc: Parties of Record

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the rates, terms, and)
conditions for retail customers of)
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY)
to choose an alternate electric supplier)
_____)

Case No. U-12488

**ANSWER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESSES ADVOCATING
TARIFF EQUITY IN SUPPORT OF ENERGY MICHIGAN'S PETITION
FOR REHEARING AND CLARIFICATION**

NOW COMES the Association of Businesses Advocating Tariff Equity (AABATE@), by and through its attorneys, Clark Hill PLC, and files this Answer In Support of Energy Michigan's Petition for Rehearing and Clarification. For its Answer, ABATE states as follows:

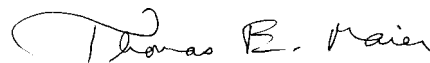
ABATE supports the Petition of Energy Michigan for Rehearing and Clarification of the Commission's December 20, 2001 Order in this proceeding, as well as the positions taken by Energy Michigan in its Petition.

WHEREFORE, ABATE respectfully requests that the Commission grant the relief requested by Energy Michigan in its Petition for Rehearing and Clarification.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS:
COUNTY OF INGHAM)

Patricia G. Sass, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is an employee of Clark Hill PLC, and that on February 13, 2002, a copy of the Answer of the Association of Businesses Advocating Tariff Equity In Support of Energy Michigan's Petition for Rehearing and Clarification was served upon:

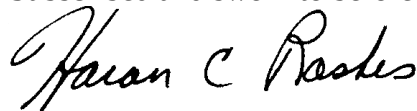
See attached service list

Except as otherwise noted on the attached list, service was accomplished by depositing same in a regular mail depository, enclosed in envelopes bearing postage fully prepaid and addressed properly and electronic mail.



Patricia G. Sass

Subscribed and sworn to before me



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