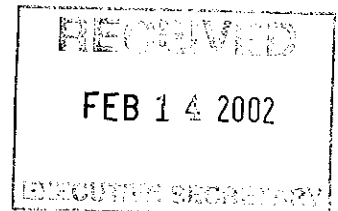


DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER & INDUSTRY SERVICES
Michigan Public Service Commission

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM



DATE: February 11, 2002

TO: Commissioners
Gary Kitts
Dorothy Wideman ✓

FROM: William J. Celio, Director
Electric Division

SUBJECT: Refund of ROA Bid Deposits

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Attached is a copy of a February 8, 2002 letter I received from Consumers Energy. This letter indicates Consumers Energy has refunded bid deposits prior to February 1, 2002, therefore it does not have to add interest to the deposits. This is consistent with the Commission order in Case U-12488.

I am forwarding the original of this letter to Dorothy for filing in the Commission's docket file for Case No. U-12488.

Attachment

cc: Larry Bailey
Tom Stanton

February 8, 2002

Mr. William Celio
Director, Electric Division
Michigan Public Service Commission
6545 Mercantile Way
Box 30221
Lansing, MI 48909



Dear Mr. Celio:

On January 28, 2002, consistent with the December 20, 2001 MPSC Order in Case No. U-12488, Consumers Energy refunded all remaining Retail Open Access bid deposits to eligible winning bidders.

Refund checks totaling approximately \$940,000 were sent, by certified mail, to fifty qualifying entities. Since these refunds were distributed prior to February 1, 2002, interest was not included in calculating each refund amount, in accordance with the provisions of the Case No. U-12488 order referenced above. One bid award and associated deposit of \$4,000, which had been previously forfeited by its original holder, was retained by the Company and will be used to offset stranded costs. Two other bid award deposits totaling \$28,200 were retained by the Company to offset almost \$700,000 of unpaid energy bills from two winning bidders to Consumers Energy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James F. Bearman".

James F. Bearman
Bid Process Leader

cc: Timothy A. Hoffman, Consumers Energy