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LANSING, April 26. The Michigan Public Service Commission today modified its December 20, 2001 orders approving The Detroit Edison Company's and Consumers Energy Company's retail access service tariffs. Today's action resulted from several requests for rehearing of the December orders. The tariffs, which took effect on January 1, 2002, permit all Detroit Edison and Consumer Energy customers to become open access customers by choosing and contracting with an alternative electric supplier. Detroit Edison and Consumers Energy would continue to deliver the electricity to customers.

Today's orders modify the Retail Access Service Tariffs as follows:

- To increase efficiency, reduce costs and enhance operations of the open access program, telemetry requirements should be available for all customers with interval demand meters, including those with electric loads of less than 1,000 kilowatts (kW). Telemetry refers to customer-provided telephone access to an interval demand meter, through which the utilities can gather data concerning the customer's pattern of electric use.
- Detroit Edison must begin retail open access service for its customers upon installation of appropriate demand meters. Customers should have two months from their respective dates of enrollment in the program to complete the installation of telemetry. Detroit Edison must provide manual readings at no charge during those two months. If the customer fails to install telemetry within two months, Detroit Edison may impose charges for manual meter readings for those two months, as well as for all subsequent months during which manual readings are required.
- Establishes a system use charge of \$3.42 per kW for all customers taking low voltage distribution service, applies that charge to three-phase customers based on the usage recorded by interval demand meters, and uses conversion tables to apply that charge to single-phase customers with energy-only meters;
- Finds that the 45-day enrollment period should be based on calendar days, as opposed to business days;
- Removes all provisions governing Detroit Edison's relationship with marketers from the tariff, and includes them in Detroit Edison's Supplier Handbook, if necessary; and
- Calls for a proceeding to address Detroit Edison's load profiling service. (See separate Press Release for U-13385)

The MPSC is an agency within the Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

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(MPSC modifies Detroit Edison's retail access service tariff)