

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE CUSTOMERS OF

SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY
CASE NO. U-12512

- SEMCO Energy Gas Company may render natural gas in Tuscola County, Michigan, if the Michigan Public Service Commission grants it a certificate of public convenience and necessity.
- The information below describes how a person may participate in this case.
- You may call or write SEMCO Energy Gas Company, 405 Water Street, P.O. Box 5026, Port Huron, Michigan 48061-5026, 810.987.7900 for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the application at SEMCO's offices.
- The first public hearing in this matter will be held:

DATE: September 7, 2000
This hearing will be a prehearing conference to set future hearing dates and decide other procedural matters.

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Michigan Public Service Commission
6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7
Lansing, Michigan

PARTICIPATION: Any interested person may attend and participate. Persons with disabilities needing help to effectively participate should call the Commission's Executive Secretary at 517.241.6160 or 800.292.9555 a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a public hearing to consider SEMCO Energy Gas Company's (SEMCO) June 30, 2000 request for a certificate of public convenience

and necessity to render natural gas in Tuscola County, Michigan. SEMCO states that Consumers Energy Company currently provides natural gas service in Tuscola County.

The Commission has selected this case for participation in its Electronic Filings program. All documents filed in this case must be submitted in both paper and electronic versions. An original and four paper copies and an electronic copy in the portable document format (PDF) should be filed with the Commission. Requirements for filing electronic documents can be found in the Commission's Electronic Filings Users Manual at: <http://ermisbbs.cis.state.mi.us/efile/usersmanual.pdf>. Contact Commission Staff at 800.292.9555, 517.241.6170 or by E-mail at efile@ermisbbs.cis.state.mi.us prior to filing to obtain access privileges and with any questions.

Any person wishing to intervene and become a party to the case shall file an original and four paper copies of a petition to intervene and an electronic copy in the portable document format (PDF) with this Commission by August 31, 2000. The proof of service shall indicate service upon SEMCO's attorney, Mr. Ronald W. Bloomberg, at Loomis, Ewert, Parsley, Davis & Gotting, P.C., 232 S. Capital Avenue, Suite 1000, Lansing, Michigan.

A member of the public who wishes to make a statement of position without becoming a party to the case, may participate by filing an appearance. To file the appearance, you must attend the hearing and advise the presiding administrative law judge of your wish to make a statement of position.

A copy of SEMCO's request may also be reviewed at the office of the Commission's Executive Secretary, 6545 Mercantile Way, Lansing, Michigan, and at SEMCO's office at 405 Water Street, P.O.

Box 5026, Port Huron, Michigan 48061. For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Commission at the above address or by telephone at 517.241.6170 or 800.292.9555.

The Commission has jurisdiction pursuant to 1909 PA 300, as amended, MCL 462.2 et seq.; MSA 22.21 et seq.; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.51 et seq.; MSA 22.1 et seq.; 1929 PA 69, as amended, MCL 460.501 et seq.; MSA 22.141 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; MSA 22.13(1) et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; MSA 3.560(101) et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1992 AACCS, R 460.17101 et seq.

July 26, 2000
Lansing, Michigan

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Mr. Ronald W. Bloomberg
Attorney at Law
Loomis, Ewert, Parsley, Davis & Gotting
232 S. Capital Avenue, Suite 1000
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Mr. Bloomberg:

SEMCO Energy Gas Company shall mail, by August 24, 2000, a copy of the enclosed notice of hearing to all cities, incorporated villages, townships and counties affected by the proposed service.

SEMCO Energy Gas Company shall mail, by August 24, 2000, a copy of the enclosed notice of hearing to any encumbent utility rendering similar service in the proposed service area.

Proofs of service shall be filed, both in paper and electronic format, by the prehearing conference on September 7, 2000.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Wideman
Executive Secretary

Enclosure