

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the Application of The Detroit	)	
Edison Company for ratemaking authority to	)	Case No. U-12595
implement 2000 PA 141	)	
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UNICOM ENERGY, INC.
PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

Unicom Energy, Inc. ("Unicom"), by its counsel, petitions to intervene in this case pursuant to Rule 201(1) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 1992 ACS, R460.17201(1).¹ In support of its petition, Unicom states as follows:

1. Unicom is a Delaware corporation licensed to do business in the state of Michigan. Unicom is currently engaged in the sale of natural gas in the state of Michigan and is interested in providing electric service in Michigan upon the opening up of the market in this state. Unicom recently was granted a license as an alternative electric supplier by the Commission in Case No. U-12662, Opinion and Order issued October 6, 2000.

2. Unicom meets the Commission's criteria for grant of permissive intervention as well as intervention of right. Unicom is interested in entering the electric market in Michigan, and the outcome of this proceeding may help determine such entry. Thus, Unicom would be directly and specifically affected by the outcome of these proceedings, and its interests in these proceedings cannot be adequately represented or protected by any other party. Unicom has not yet determined what positions it may take in this proceeding.

¹ Rule 201(1) states that "[a] person who is not a complainant, respondent, protestant, applicant, or staff, as defined in these rules, and who claims an interest in a proceeding may petition for leave to intervene."

3. Unicom filed briefs on July 28 and August 11, 1999 in Case No. U-11290, the case that promulgated the Commission's retail open access program, in compliance with the Commission's June 30, 1999 Scheduling Order whereby briefs "from any interested party" were requested concerning certain customer choice issues. The Commission's August 17, 1999 Opinion and Order recognized Unicom's participation as a "party".

4. Unicom filed a petition and was granted intervention in Case Nos. U-11452, U-12133, and U-12134, which are cases implementing retail open access in Michigan. Unicom also filed a petition and was granted intervention in Case No. U-12478, the Application for Authority to Issue Securitization Bonds of Detroit Edison Company, which is a proceeding directly related to this case.

5. Thus, Unicom's interest in participating in dockets such as this one has been previously recognized by the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Unicom hereby respectfully requests that this Petition for Leave to Intervene in the above-entitled proceedings be granted and that Unicom be granted status as a full party of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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