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Ms. Dorothy Wideman
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Re: *Case No. U-12659/Great Lakes Energy Cooperative*
Electric Member Choice Program/Restructuring Plan
Required Statement by Great Lakes' Chief Executive Officer

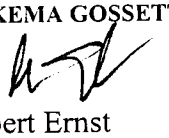
Dear Ms. Wideman:

Pursuant to Great Lakes Energy Cooperative's October 3, 2000, filing in the above matter, enclosed please find original and four statements by its Chief Executive Officer confirming that it intends to voluntarily agree to provide an Electric Member Choice Program to its 1 MW members a year earlier than required, *i.e.*, on January 1, 2001; and that all necessary approvals from its Board of Directors have been obtained.

If there are questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

DYKEMA GOSSETT PLLC



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October 18, 2000

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Re: Case No. U-12659
Great Lakes Electric Cooperative
Electric Member Choice Program/Restructuring Plan
Required Statement By Great Lakes' Chief Executive Officer

Dear Ms. Wideman:

On October 3, 2000, Great Lakes Energy Cooperative ("Great Lakes") filed its Restructuring Plan in the above referenced matter, as required by the Commission's June 19, 2000 order in Case No. U-12464. Page 2 of Great Lakes's October 3, 2000 filing included the following:

> While 2000 PA 141 does not require Great Lakes to provide an Electric Member Choice Program until January 1, 2002 (§10x(1)), subject to the conditions set forth herein, Great Lakes *voluntarily* agrees to provide an Electric Member Choice Program to its 1 MW members a year earlier than required, *i.e.*, on January 1, 2001. This agreement will be evidenced by a statement to be submitted by Great Lakes' Chief Executive Officer confirming the above. The statement will include an affirmation that all necessary approvals from Great Lakes' Board of Directors have been obtained. It is anticipated that the statement will be submitted to the Commission no later than November 1, 2000.

Subject to the conditions set forth below, this letter represents the promised statement by Great Lakes' Chief Executive Officer.

Great Lakes' *voluntary* agreement to provide an Electric Member Choice Program to its 1 MW members effective January 1, 2001, is conditioned on Great Lakes' existing all requirements power supplier, Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, Inc. *("Wolverine")* or a member of Wolverine, being eligible to participate in retail sales as a licensed AES. Upon information and belief, Wolverine or a member of Wolverine will soon be applying for an AES

license pursuant to 2000 PA 141, §10a. In the event Wolverine or a member of Wolverine is prevented from participating as an AES, Great Lakes withdraws its agreement to voluntarily provide an Electric Member Choice Program to its 1 MW members effective January 1, 2001. Furthermore, in the event Great Lakes' Electric Member Choice Program is subject to substantial change, Great Lakes reserves the right to revise or withdraw this agreement.

It should be understood that Great Lakes' October 3, 2000 filing was the result of a collaborative effort with representatives of Cherryland Electric Cooperative, HomeWorks Tri-Country Electric Cooperative and Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op. Great Lakes realizes that there are significant regulatory and coordination issues to be addressed and, in many cases, Commission Staff feedback will be required. Great Lakes realizes that the Electric Member Choice Program for its 1 MW members will necessarily evolve in this and related proceedings. However, Great Lakes has determined it appropriate to proceed with its Electric Member Choice Program to its 1 MW members effective January 1, 2001, if the Commission approves.

If there are questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Steven L. Boeckman
President & CEO

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