STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Render Natural Gas Service in Alabaster Township, Iosco County, Michigan.

Case No. U-12715 (efile)

Proceedings held and testimony taken in the above-entitled matter before Administrative Law Judge George Shankler, at the Michigan Public Service Commission, Lansing, Michigan, on Tuesday, January 9, 2001, commencing at about 9:10 A.M.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

JUDGE SHANKLER: This is a prehearing conference in the matter of the application of Consumers Energy Company for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to render natural gas service in Alabaster Township, Iosco County, Michigan.

This is case U-12715. I am George Shankler and I am the presiding administrative law judge. Would counsel enter their appearance at this time, please.

MR. MCQUILLAN: Your Honor, Raymond McQuillan on behalf of the Applicant, Consumers Energy Company.

MR. GADALETO: Assistant Attorney General, Dave Gadaleto on behalf of the Staff of Michigan Public Service Commission.

JUDGE SHANKLER: Thank you. I would note first that Consumers Energy has filed its Proof of Service of the mailing of the Notice of hearing in advance of today's hearing. And the file reflects that that was done on December 7th.

In discussions before going onto the record it appears likely that this matter will be settled. Rather than setting a full schedule, we've decided to

have a second prehearing which would be conducted on January 24th, 2001. Do you have anything further this morning?

MR. MCQUILLAN: Nothing further from Applicant, your Honor.

MR. GADALETO: Nothing further from Staff, your Honor.

JUDGE SHANKLER: Then we're adjourned.

(Prehearing concluded at about 9:15 A.M.)

CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

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I hereby certify that on the date and at the place hereinbefore set forth, I reported stenographically the proceedings held in the matter hereinbefore set forth, and that the testimony so recorded was subsequently transcribed by me with the use of computer-aided transcription under my direction and supervision, and that the foregoing is a full, true and accurate transcript of my original stenotype notes.

DATE: 1/10/01

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