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Ms. Dorothy Wideman
Michigan Public Service Commission
6545 Mercantile Way
P.O. Box 30221
Lansing, MI 48909

Re: Case No. U-12801

Dear Ms. Wideman:

Enclosed for filing in the above captioned matter, please find the following:

1. Appearance
2. Request for a Contested Hearing Proceeding and Opportunity to Respond
3. Proof of Service

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

JOSH FIELDS & ASSOCIATES

Joseph H. Fields

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BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the petition of CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY for a Declaratory Ruling as to the applicability of certain provisions in the Experimental Gas Customer Program to an actual state of facts involving Eastcoast Gas, Inc.	)))))))	Case No. U-12801

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APPEARANCE

Joseph H. Fields, Attorney at Law, hereby enters his appearance on behalf of Eastcoast Gas, Inc. in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,

1/26/01

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REQUEST FOR A CONTESTED HEARING PROCEEDING AND

OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO CONSUMERS' ENERGY PETITION FOR

DECLARATORY RULING

Pursuant to AACS R460.17701, Eastcoast Gas, Inc. ("**Eastcoast**") respectfully requests that it be allowed to file an answer, complaint, and counter-request for a Declaratory Ruling in response to Consumers Energy Company ("**Consumers**") Petition. **Eastcoast** further requests that this matter be deemed to be contested, a pre-hearing conference be held and that no ex parte ruling be made on **Consumers**' Petition.

In support of this request Eastcoast states the following:

1. **Eastcoast** asserts that statements made by **Consumers** portions of Consumers' Petition are factually incorrect; and
2. **Consumers'** interpretation of the Customer Choice Tariff is incorrect; and
3. The position taken by **Consumers** is unlawful.

Respectfully submitted,

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Proof of Service

I declare that on the 26th day of January, 2001, I served a copy of an **Appearance and Request for a Contested Hearing Proceeding and Opportunity to Respond to Consumers' Energy Petition for Declaratory Ruling** on H. Richard Chambers and Jon R. Robinson, 212 West Michigan Avenue, Jackson, Michigan 49201 attorneys for Consumers Energy Company, by first class mail, postage prepaid.

January 26, 2001

Bruce M. Couling