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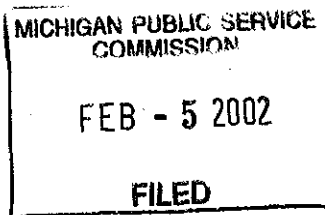


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Dear Judge Schankler:

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES DIVISION
LANSING, MICHIGAN

**Re: Consumers Energy Company
MPSC File No. U-12970**

Staff will not be filing replies to exceptions. Staff relies on its Initial Brief filed in this case to set forth its position. Staff is not persuaded by the exceptions of ABATE that the Staff's position in its Initial Brief is not correct.

Sincerely,

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