

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of	)	
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY	)	
for <i>ex parte</i> approval of amended service	)	Case No. U-22136
connection fees.	)	
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At the August 6, 2026 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Daniel C. Scripps, Chair
Hon. Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner
Hon. Shaquila Myers, Commissioner

ORDER

On June 3, 2026, Consumers Energy Company (Consumers) filed an *ex parte* application in this docket (June 3 application) to amend its electric service connection fees.

In its application, Consumers states that, in its electric rate case in Case No. U-21870, the company proposed to update its electric service connection fees to reflect inflationary costs that had occurred since the fees were last updated in 1993. Application, p. 1. In that case, Consumers proposed a flat fee for residential customers of \$1,300 based on a \$9.93 per foot cost and a three-year average service connection length of 132 feet, and Consumers proposed a flat fee for general service customers of \$2,200 based on a cost of \$16.88 per foot and a three-year average service connection length of 132 feet. *Id.*, pp. 1-2. The company also proposed implementing a service connection fee for overhead connections that matched the underground service connection fee. *Id.*, p. 2.

Consumers states that the Commission approved the company's request in its March 27, 2026 order in Case No. U-21870, while directing the company to create a fee structure that covers fixed costs and also reflects variable costs in its next general electric rate case. *Id.* Consumers states that it is proposing to revise the fixed service connection fees to dollar-per-foot charges in its general electric rate case filed on June 2, 2026, in Case No. U-22070. Consumers also notes that the Home Builders Association of Michigan (HBAM) expressed concern to the company regarding the flat service connection fees and requested that Consumers seek to amend the service connection fees to incorporate variability as soon as possible. *Id.*

In this case, Consumers requests to revise the residential service connection fee from the fixed charge of \$1,300 to the \$9.93 per foot cost that is the basis of the fixed residential service connection fee charge and to revise the general service connection fee from the fixed charge of \$2,200 to the \$16.88 per foot charge that is the basis of the fixed general service connection fee charge. *Id.*, pp. 2-3. Consumers states that its proposal will address HBAM's concern and incorporate variability sooner than can be accomplished in Case No. U-22070. Consumers states that its request in this case is not meant to replace the Commission's consideration or approval of service connection fees in Case No. U-22070 and notes that the company is only requesting that the proposed revisions in this case remain in place until the Commission approves service connection fees in Case No. U-22070. *Id.*, p. 3.

Consumers filed Attachment A to the June 3 application showing the proposed tariff revisions to Sections C4.5, C6.1, and C6.2 of the company's Rate Book for Electric Service. Consumers also represents that approval will not increase the cost of service to customers since the requested rate adjustment for new service connections uses the same per-foot rate used to calculate the fixed fee in Case No. U-21870, and the adjusted rate will not change any rates currently being paid by

customers since the fees only apply when the installation of a service connection is necessary. Consumers requests approval on an *ex parte* basis without the time and expense of a public hearing. *Id.*, p. 3.

The Commission received 30 comments in this docket generally supporting amending the service rates for electrical connections to a per foot fee, as of the date of this order.

The Commission Staff reviewed the application and methodology and concurs that it meets the Commission's direction in Case No. U-21870, and its approval will not impact the cost to serve other customers in the instant case.

The Commission has reviewed the application and Attachment A and finds that the application should be approved. The Commission further finds that *ex parte* review and approval is appropriate because approval will not result in an increase in the cost of service to customers. *See*, MCL 460.6a(3).

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. The June 3, 2026 application filed by Consumers Energy Company requesting revisions to its electric service connection fees is approved.

B. Within 30 days from the date of this order, Consumers Energy Company shall file tariff sheets substantially identical to Attachment A attached to the application in this case. After the tariff sheets have been reviewed and accepted by the Commission Staff for inclusion in the company's tariff book, Consumers Energy Company shall promptly file the final tariff sheets in this docket and serve all parties in Case Nos. U-21870 and U-22070.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so in the appropriate court within 30 days after issuance and notice of this order, pursuant to MCL 462.26. To comply with the Michigan Rules of Court's requirement to notify the Commission of an appeal, appellants shall send required notices to both the Commission's Executive Secretary and to the Commission's Legal Counsel.

Electronic notifications should be sent to the Executive Secretary at LARA-MPSC-Edockets@michigan.gov and to the Michigan Department of Attorney General - Public Service Division at sheacl@michigan.gov. In lieu of electronic submissions, paper copies of such notifications may be sent to the Executive Secretary and the Attorney General - Public Service Division at 7109 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Daniel C. Scripps, Chair

Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner

Shaquila Myers, Commissioner

By its action of August 6, 2026.

Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary

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STATE OF MICHIGAN)

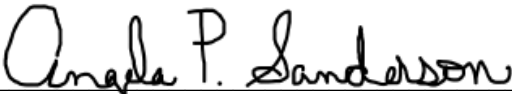
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County of Ingham)

Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that on August 6, 2026 A.D. she electronically notified the attached list of this **Commission Order via e-mail transmission**, to the persons as shown on the attached service list (Listserv Distribution List).


Brianna Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 6th day of August 2026.


Angela P. Sanderson
Notary Public, Shiawassee County, Michigan
As acting in Eaton County
My Commission Expires: May 21, 2030

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