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LANSING, July 25. The Michigan Public Service Commission today granted Consumers Energy Company authority to establish an optional program designed to encourage the use of renewable resources. The Commission approved Consumers' 3-year Green Power Pilot Program that will encourage the development of new, zero-emissions renewable generation resources in Michigan through the use of wind, solar rays, or other acceptable forms of renewable energy resources.

The program will be available to all of Consumers' residential, commercial, and industrial customers. Program participants will be able to purchase increments of 10, 50, and 100 percent of their energy from certified generators of renewable energy. A green surcharge an administration fee was approved at $.0032 per kWh for the 10 percent option, $.016 per kWh for the 50 percent option, and $.032 per kilowatt hour (kWh) for the 100 percent optio Consumers also received authority to treat certain costs as regulatory assets.

The Commission supports the development of renewable energy sources and accordingly finds this application reasonable and in the public interest. Consumers must file tariff consistent with those approved by the Commission within 30 days.

Consumers Energy is headquartered in Jackson, Michigan and provides electric services to more than 1.6 million customers statewide.

The MPSC is an agency within the Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

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