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STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the application of
Michigan Consolidated Gas Company Case No. U-13898
for authority to increase its rates and
for other relief. (3-1-06 - Application
for approval of uncollectible expense
true-up mechanism computation Volume 5
and report for 2005.)

PREHEARING

Proceedings held in the above-entitled matter
before Mark D. Eyster, J.D., Administrative Law Judge
with SOAHR, at the Michigan Public Service Commission,
6545 Mercantile Way, Room D, Lansing, Michigan, on
Wednesday, May 31, 2006, at 9:10 a.m.

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1 Lansing, Michigan
 2 Wednesday, May 31, 2006
 3 At 9:10 a.m.

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5 JUDGE EYSTER: We're on the record in
 6 U-13898. This is an application from Michigan
 7 Consolidated Gas Company. Today is the date scheduled
 8 for prehearing, May 31, 2006. The prehearing is being
 9 conducted in front of Administrative Law Judge Mark D.
 10 Eyster.

11 Could I have appearances of counsel for
 12 the record, please.

13 MR. SOLO: Good morning, your Honor.
 14 Michael Solo on behalf of Michigan Consolidated Gas
 15 Company.

16 MR. MOODY: Good morning, your Honor.
 17 Michael Moody on behalf of Attorney General Mike Cox.

18 MR. ODUNLAMI: Emmanuel Odunlami,
 19 assistant attorney general, your Honor, on behalf of
 20 staff.

21 JUDGE EYSTER: Mr. Solo, did you want to
 22 address the publication of notice on this matter first?

23 MR. SOLO: Yes, thank you, your Honor. I
 24 have here the affidavits of publication of notice of
 25 hearing that was submitted by the commission in this

1 case, and also the proof of service for the associated
2 notice. I have reviewed it, and I believe it's in order.
3 I'll now show it to the staff for their review.

4 (Document being shown to counsel.)

5 JUDGE EYSTER: Has that been
6 electronically filed?

7 MR. SOLO: Yes, your Honor.

8 JUDGE EYSTER: That's how many pages?

9 MR. SOLO: It has several parts. There
10 is an affidavit and an associated printout of the
11 newspaper article for five separate publications. And
12 then in addition to that there is a proof of service and
13 a listing of each municipality in the service territory
14 as well that appears to constitute 27 pages, and then a
15 single sheet proof of service regarding the service to
16 the attorney general.

17 Your Honor.

18 (Documents being handed to Judge Eyster.)

19 JUDGE EYSTER: Any comments regarding the
20 adequacy, Mr. Odunlami?

21 MR. ODUNLAMI: No objection, your Honor.

22 JUDGE EYSTER: Mr. Moody?

23 Do we need to make this an exhibit?

24 MR. SOLO: I do not believe so, your
25 Honor. I think now that we just post on the website, I

1 think it's fine.

2 JUDGE EYSTER: O.K. Did you want these
3 originals back then?

4 MR. SOLO: You can have that copy; I have
5 a duplicate for our records.

6 JUDGE EYSTER: O.K. Mr. Moody, you had a
7 motion?

8 MR. MOODY: To intervene, your Honor. No
9 objection to the publication or anything.

10 JUDGE EYSTER: I'm sorry, I meant your
11 petition to intervene.

12 MR. MOODY: That's all right. Your
13 Honor, the attorney general would seek to intervene in
14 this case pursuant to the stuff I put in that motion, in
15 the intervention motion.

16 JUDGE EYSTER: And I believe you were an
17 intervening party already in this matter; is that
18 correct?

19 MR. MOODY: That's correct, your Honor.

20 JUDGE EYSTER: Any objections to the
21 petition to intervene?

22 MR. SOLO: No objection, your Honor.

23 MR. ODUNLAMI: No, your Honor.

24 JUDGE EYSTER: It's granted. And prior
25 to going on the record the parties worked on a schedule,

1 proposed schedule for this matter. Everybody has got a
2 copy of that?

3 MR. MOODY: That's correct.

4 MR. SOLO: Yes.

5 MR. ODUNLAMI: Yes.

6 JUDGE EYSTER: You had a chance to review
7 it. Everybody agrees with it, except to change cross
8 from August 25th to the 24th. That's the schedule you
9 wish to go with?

10 MR. MOODY: That's right, your Honor.

11 JUDGE EYSTER: All right. I'll read it
12 into the record. Staff will complete an audit by
13 June 30, 2006. Staff and intervener testimony will be
14 filed by July 14, 2006. MichCon rebuttal testimony will
15 be filed by August 11, 2006. Motions to strike will be
16 filed by August 18, 2006.

17 Cross is scheduled for August 24, 2006.
18 Initial briefs will be due by September 14, 2006, reply
19 briefs by September 28, 2006, and the proposal for
20 decision will be approximately one month after that. So
21 let me pick a date, October 27, 2006. And the PFD will
22 contain the dates for the exceptions and replies to
23 exceptions.

24 The parties have agreed to 14 days
25 response to discovery; is that correct?

1 MR. SOLO: Yes, your Honor.

2 MR. MOODY: That's correct, your Honor.

3 MR. ODUNLAMI: Yes.

4 JUDGE EYSTER: Any other matters we need
5 to address before we adjourn?

6 MR. SOLO: Nothing further, your Honor.

7 MR. MOODY: I don't think so.

8 MR. ODUNLAMI: No, your Honor.

9 JUDGE EYSTER: That's all for the record,
10 thank you.

11 (At 9:16 a.m., the hearing was adjourned to August
12 24, 2006, for cross-examination.)

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