

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF HEARING
THUMB ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
CASE NO. U-14778

- Thumb Electric Cooperative may be granted a limited waiver from the financing provision of the Code of Conduct, if the Michigan Public Service Commission approves its request.
- The information below describes how a person may participate in this case.
- You may call or write Thumb Electric Cooperative, 2231 Main Street, Ubyly, Michigan 48475-0157, (800) 327-0166 for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the application at the offices of Thumb Electric Cooperative.
- The first public hearing in this matter will be held:

DATE: July 25, 2006
This hearing will be a prehearing conference to set future hearing dates and decide other procedural matters.

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

**PRESIDING
OFFICER:** Administrative Law Judge Daniel E. Nickerson, Jr.

LOCATION: Michigan Public Service Commission
6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7
Lansing, Michigan

PARTICIPATION: Any interested person may attend and participate. The hearing site is accessible, including handicapped parking. Persons needing any accommodation to participate should contact the Commission's Executive Secretary at (517) 241-6160 a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a public hearing to consider the February 3, 2006 application of Thumb Electric Cooperative (Thumb) for a partial

waiver from §II.F. of the Code of Conduct approved by the Commission in Case No. U-12134, to allow financing of Thumb's unregulated affiliate/as long as Thumb's margin (equity ratio) is at least 30% and remains above that level. Thumb's financing request relates to the financing of loans for Thumb Energy Services (TES), a subsidiary, which provides propane, tree trimming, long distance communications, and surge protections.

All documents filed in this case shall be submitted electronically through the Commission's Electronic Case Filings Web site at: <https://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/cgi-bin/efile/login.pl>. Requirements and instructions for filing electronic documents can be found in the Electronic Case Filings Users Manual at: <http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/pdfs/usersmanual.pdf>.

An application for account and letter of assurance, required of all first-time users, are located at: <http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/pdfs/assurance.pdf>. Documents may also be submitted, in Word format, as an attachment to an email sent to mpscefilecases@michigan.gov. If you require assistance prior to e-filing, contact Commission staff at 517-241-6170 or by e-mail at: mpscefilecases@michigan.gov.

Any person wishing to intervene and become a party to the case shall file a Petition to Intervene with this Commission by July 18, 2006. The proof of service shall indicate service upon Thumb's attorney, Albert Ernst, at Dykema Gossett PLLC, Capitol View, 201 Townsend Street, Suite 900, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

A person wishing to make a statement of position without becoming a party to the case may participate by filing an appearance. To file the appearance, you must attend the hearing and advise the presiding administrative law judge of your wish to make a statement of position.

A copy of Thumb's request may be reviewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile> and at the office of Thumb Electric Cooperative, 2231 Main Street, Ubly, Michigan. For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Commission at the above address or by telephone at (517) 241-6170.

Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1909 PA 106, as amended, MCL 460.551 et seq.; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.51 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1999 AC, R 460.17101 et seq.

May 19, 2006
Lansing, Michigan



Jennifer M. Granholm
GOVERNOR

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May 19, 2006
Case No. U-14778

Mr. Albert Ernst
Dykema Gossett PLLC
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RE: New Hearing Date

Dear Mr. Ernst:

Thumb Electric Cooperative (Thumb Electric) shall mail, by July 11, 2006, a copy of the enclosed notice of hearing to all cities, incorporated villages, townships and counties in its service area. Proof of service shall be filed by the prehearing conference on July 25, 2006.

Thumb Electric shall cause the enclosed notice of hearing to be published, by July 11, 2006, in a local newspaper of general circulation in each county in which the Cooperative provides service. Additionally, Thumb Electric shall mail a copy of the enclosed notice of hearing to every Thumb Electric customer by July 11, 2006, or shall cause the enclosed notice of hearing to be published and mailed, by July 11, 2006, to its member-customers in Country Lines. Affidavits of publication shall be filed by the prehearing conference on July 25, 2006. Also, proof of service of mailing shall be filed by the prehearing conference on July 25, 2006.

Thumb Electric shall, by July 25, 2006, serve upon each person who has petitioned to intervene a copy of the written direct testimony of its proposed witnesses and the proposed exhibits as filed with the Commission. Proof of Service shall be filed with the Commission by August 1, 2006.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Kunkle
Executive Secretary

Enclosures

PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

Case No. U-14778

County of Ingham)

Catherine H. Bowers, being duly sworn, deposes and says that on May 19, 2006, she served a copy of the attached notice of hearing, by mailing copies thereof by first class mail, postage prepaid, or by inter-departmental mail, to the persons as shown on the attached service lists.

**Catherine
H. Bowers**

Digitally signed by Catherine H. Bowers
DN: cn=Catherine H. Bowers, c=US, o=Michigan Public Service Commission, ou=Regulatory Affairs, Executive Secretary Section
Date: 2006.05.19 10:54:59 -04'00'

Subscribed and sworn to before me
This 19th day of May, 2006

**Sharron A.
Allen**

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Notary Public, Ingham County
My Commission expires August 16, 2011

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