

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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**NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE GAS CUSTOMERS OF
SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY
AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF BATTLE CREEK
AND NEIGHBORING AREAS**

CASE NO. U-14882

- SEMCO Energy Gas Company will provide gas service in Battle Creek and neighboring areas, under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Public Service Commission, if the Michigan Public Service Commission approves the joint request of SEMCO and the City of Battle Creek, and accepts jurisdiction to fix rates, charges and conditions of gas service.
- The information below describes how a person may participate in this case.
- You may call or write SEMCO Energy Gas Company, 1411 Third Street, Suite A, Port Huron, Michigan 48060, (800) 624-2019 for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the application at the offices of SEMCO Energy Gas Company.
- The first public hearing in this matter will be held:

DATE: July 12, 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 Barbara A. Stump

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 May 9, 2006 joint application of SEMCO Energy Gas Company (SEMCO) and the

City of Battle Creek (Battle Creek), which cedes jurisdiction to fix the rates, charges and conditions of service for the provision of gas service in Battle Creek and neighboring areas to the Commission.

In 1870, Battle Creek granted to Edward C. Nichols and others, and their successors, (City Franchises) a franchise to provide gas service within the city. SEMCO will be the successor to the City Franchises and seeks authority to provide such service under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

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 electronically file a petition to intervene with this Commission by July 5, 2006. (Residential customers may file petitions to intervene using the traditional paper format.) The proof of service shall indicate service upon SEMCO's attorney, Sherri A. Wellman, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., One Michigan Avenue, Suite 900, Lansing, MI 48933.

Any person wishing to make a statement of position without becoming a party to the case, may participate by filing an appearance. To file an appearance, the individual must attend the

hearing and advise the presiding administrative law judge of his/her wish to make a statement of position.

A copy of SEMCO's request may be reviewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile>, or at the office of SEMCO Energy Gas Company, 1411 Third Street, Suite A, Port Huron, MI. 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 300, as amended, MCL 462.2 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.

June 20, 2006
Lansing, Michigan



Jennifer M. Granholm
GOVERNOR

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June 20, 2006

Case No. U-14882

Ms. Sherri A. Wellman
Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C.
One Michigan Ave., Ste. 900
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Ms. Wellman:

SEMCO Energy Gas Company shall mail, by June 28, 2006, a copy of the enclosed notice of hearing to all cities, incorporated villages, townships and counties in its gas service area. Proof of service shall be filed by the prehearing conference on July 12, 2006.

SEMCO Energy Gas Company shall also cause the enclosed notice of hearing to be published in daily newspapers of general circulation throughout its proposed Battle Creek Division by June 28, 2006. Affidavits of publication shall be filed by the prehearing conference on July 12, 2006.

SEMCO Energy Gas Company shall, by July 12, 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 July 19, 2006.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Jo Kunkle".

Mary Jo Kunkle
Executive Secretary

Enclosures

PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

Case No. U-14882

County of Ingham)

Catherine H. Bowers, being duly sworn, deposes and says that on June 20, 2006, she served a copy of the attached notice of hearing, by mailing copies thereof by first class mail, postage prepaid, inter-departmental mail or email 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: 2006.06.20 16:27:36 -04'00'

Subscribed and sworn to before me
This 20th day of June, 2006

Sharron
A. Allen

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Sharron A. Allen
Notary Public, Ingham County
My Commission expires August 16, 2011

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