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LANSING, May 22. The Michigan Public Service Commission today ordered Consumers Energy Company to refund \$439,934, plus approximately \$2.3 million of unrefunded balances in its refund liability account, to its natural gas customers through a credit on their June 2000 natural gas bills. The Commission ordered the refund because Consumers Energy received a refund from Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company based on a Kansas ad valorem property tax refund.

Consumers Energy's residential customers using 200 cubic feet (Ccf) of natural gas in January 2000 will see a one-time refund of about \$0.86 on their June 2000 natural gas bills. Individual customer refunds will vary, based on actual natural gas use during January 2000. Commercial and industrial sales customers will also see a refund, based on their natural gas use during the same period.

MPSC staff, Attorney General Jennifer A. Granholm, and Consumers Energy participated in the proceedings.

Consumers Energy, headquartered in Jackson, provides natural gas service to nearly 1.5 million customers in Michigan.

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

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