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STATE OF MICHIGAN

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BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of  
GREAT LAKES ENERGY COOPERATIVE for  
authority (i) to implement revised,  
increased and restructured rates for  
the sale of electricity and (ii) to  
re-implement TIER Ratemaking on a  
prospective basis.

Case No. U-14790

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PREHEARING CONFERENCE

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Proceedings held in the above-entitled matter before

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Mark D. Eyster, J.D., Administrative Law Judge with

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SOAHR, at the Michigan Public Service Commission, Room A,

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Lansing, Michigan, on Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at 9:25 a.m.

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1                               Lansing, Michigan  
2                               Tuesday, June 13, 2006  
3                               9:25 a.m.

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5                               JUDGE EYSTER: We are on the record in  
6                               Case No. U-14790. This is an application filed by Great  
7                               Lakes Energy Cooperative. Today is June 13, 2006. This  
8                               is the time -- it's approximately 9:25. This is the date  
9                               set for a prehearing that was scheduled to begin at 9:00  
10                              a.m.

11                             And could I have counsel please make an  
12                             appearance on the record.

13                             MS. MASON SONERAL: Good morning.  
14                             Christine Mason Soneral of Dykema Gossett, on behalf of  
15                             Applicant, Great Lakes Energy Cooperative.

16                             MR. ODUNLAMI: Good morning, your Honor.  
17                             Emmanuel Odunlami, Assistant Attorney General, on behalf  
18                             of staff.

19                             JUDGE EYSTER: Ms. Soneral.

20                             MS. MASON SONERAL: Yes, your Honor.

21                             JUDGE EYSTER: If you could address  
22                             notification.

23                             MS. MASON SONERAL: Great Lakes was  
24                             required to mail a copy of its notice of hearing to all  
25                             cities, incorporated villages, townships, and counties in

1 its service area, and we filed the affidavit of mailing  
2 with the commission on June 9, 2006.

3 Great Lakes was also required to publish  
4 the notice of hearing in the Country Lines Magazine, and  
5 we filed that affidavit of publication on June 12, 2006.

6 JUDGE EYSTER: Mr. Odunlami.

7 MR. ODUNLAMI: No objection, your Honor.

8 JUDGE EYSTER: O.K. It appears the  
9 notice of hearing is adequate.

10 Prior to going on the record we had some  
11 discussions with regards to scheduling in this matter,  
12 and the parties came up with the following schedule:  
13 Staff will file its testimony on September 4 -- or by  
14 September 14, excuse me, September 14, 2006. Rebuttal  
15 testimony will be due by September 29, 2006. Motions to  
16 strike shall be filed by October 4, 2006. Responses to  
17 those motions will be filed by October 9, 2006.

18 Cross-examination is scheduled for  
19 October 11 and 12. Initial briefs would be due October  
20 27, with reply briefs due November 3, 2006. A target  
21 date for the PFD is November 20, 2006.

22 Did I read that in to the record  
23 correctly?

24 MR. ODUNLAMI: Yes, your Honor.

25 JUDGE EYSTER: The parties have also

1 reached agreement with regard to discovery. It was 14  
2 days' best efforts, but for the time period between  
3 staff's direct testimony and Great Lakes' rebuttal  
4 testimony the parties agreed that they would do seven  
5 days turnaround for discovery.

6 Mr. Odunlami, is that your understanding?

7 MR. ODUNLAMI: Yes, your Honor.

8 JUDGE EYSTER: O.K. The parties have  
9 agreed to the 14- and 7-day discovery turnaround  
10 schedule.

11 Anything else this morning?

12 MR. ODUNLAMI: No, your Honor.

13 JUDGE EYSTER: Anyone from the public  
14 like to speak? That's all for today, thank you.

15 MS. MASON SONERAL: Thank you.

16 (At 9:29 a.m., proceedings were adjourned to October  
17 11, 2006, for cross-examination.)

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