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January 27, 2015

Jim Nash
Water Resources Commissioner
One Public Works Drive, Building 95 West
Waterford, MI 48328-1907

Dear Mr. Nash,

I wanted to thank you again on behalf of the Birmingham City Commission for your visit of January 26, 2015 to discuss the operations of your office. The City Commission was appreciative of the opportunity to ask questions and obtain clarification on many issues. My compliments to your staff as well in explaining the operation and funding of the various districts involved.

Of the many topics discussed, there was interest by the City Commission for further review and consideration by your office to explore creating greater efficiencies in the operations of the existing districts. This may be served in the form of reviewing regulatory requirements for alternative opportunities in the operation of the basins, reviewing reserve policies and operations and maintenance charges.

We look forward to your return visits in the future for updates as we continue to work together towards the best possible outcomes for our shared constituencies.

Thank you again for your ongoing cooperation.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Valentine
City Manager

cc: City Commission

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE GAS CUSTOMERS OF
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY

CASE NO. U-17693

- Consumers Energy Company proposes to use a base gas cost recovery (GCR) ceiling factor of not less than $4.0552 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf), plus additional amounts contingent on future events determined using the GCR Factor Ceiling Price Adjustment Mechanism between April 2015 through March 2016, 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 Consumers Energy Company, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, Michigan 49201, (800) 477-5050 for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the documents at the offices of Consumers Energy Company.

- The first public hearing in this matter will be held:

DATE/TIME:	**Wednesday, February 4, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.** This hearing will be a prehearing conference to set future hearing dates and decide other procedural matters.
BEFORE:	Administrative Law Judge Suzanne D. Sonneborn
LOCATION:	Michigan Public Service Commission 7109 West Saginaw Highway 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) 284-8090 in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a public hearing to consider Consumers Energy Company's (Consumers Energy) December 29, 2014 application, which seeks approval of its GCR plan and monthly GCR factors for the 12-month period April 2015 through March 2016. Consumers Energy is requesting authorization of its monthly GCR factors for the period April 2015 through March 2016 consisting of the sum of two parts: (i) a base GCR factor of not less than $4.0552 per Mcf, plus (ii) additional amounts contingent upon future events, determined using the GCR Factor Ceiling Price Adjustment Mechanism. The

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MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: **January 27, 2015**

TO: **Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager**

FROM: **Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services**

SUBJECT: **Department Update – Forestry News**

We just received notice this week, that the Arbor Day Foundation names Birmingham a Tree City USA community for the 37th year!

Each year the City of Birmingham prepares and submits an application to apply for this designation which includes such qualifying factors as having; a forestry department, a tree care ordinance, a budgeted forestry program and an Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation. All of these standards have been met by the City on a regular basis. Arbor Day is celebrated during May of each year in Birmingham.

As stated by Kevin Sayers, of the Department of Natural Resources, in his announcement to us "I appreciate your effort in completing the Tree City application as well as the work you do every day. Tree City is an important goal for many communities and is one of the most visible indications of your community's commitment and achievement in the care of trees."

Company is also requesting that the Commission review its plans and projections through March 2020 and find its 5-year plan reasonable and prudent.

All documents filed in this case shall be submitted electronically through the Commission's E-Dockets website at: michigan.gov/mpscedockets. Requirements and instructions for filing can be found in the User Manual on the E-Dockets help page. Documents may also be submitted, in Word or PDF format, as an attachment to an email sent to: mpscedockets@michigan.gov. If you require assistance prior to e-filing, contact Commission staff at (517) 284-8090 or by email at: mpscedockets@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 January 28, 2015. (Petitions to intervene may also be filed using the traditional paper format.) The proof of service shall indicate service upon Consumers Energy's Legal Department – Regulatory Group, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, Michigan 49201.

Any person wishing to appear at the hearing 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 or her wish to make a statement of position. All information submitted to the Commission in this matter becomes public information, thus available on the Michigan Public Service Commission's website, and subject to disclosure. Please do not include information you wish to remain private.

Requests for adjournment must be made pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure R 792.10422 and R 792.10432. Requests for further information on adjournment should be directed to (517) 284-8130.

A copy of Consumers Energy's request may be reviewed on the Commission's website at: michigan.gov/mpscedockets, and at the office of Consumers Energy Company. For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Commission at the above address or by telephone at (517) 284-8090.

The Utility Consumer Representation Fund has been created for the purpose of aiding in the representation of residential utility customers in 1982 P.A. 304 proceedings. Contact the Chairperson, Utility Consumer Participation Board, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, P.O. Box 30004, Lansing, Michigan 48909, for more information.

Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1909 PA 300, as amended, MCL 462.2 et seq.; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.54 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; 1982 PA 304, as amended, MCL 460.6h et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 2015 AC, R 792.10401 et seq.

[CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY HAS REQUESTED THE GAS COST RECOVERY FACTORS DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE. THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MAY APPROVE, REJECT OR AMEND THE FACTORS AND OTHER PROPOSALS.]

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