### STATE OF MICHIGAN

### BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of	)	
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY	)	
for a financing order approving the	)	Case No. U-17473
securitization of qualified costs.	)	
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At the July 27, 2021 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing, Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Daniel C. Scripps, Chair

Hon. Tremaine L. Phillips, Commissioner Hon. Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner

### **ORDER**

In its December 6, 2013 order in this docket (December 6 order), the Commission authorized Consumers Energy Company (Consumers) to securitize up to \$389.6 million of qualified costs pursuant to the issuance of securitization bonds related to the expected costs of the early retirement and demolition of BC Cobb units 1-5, Weadock units 7-8, and Whiting units 1-3. Among other issues addressed by the order, the Commission concluded that there must be periodic true-ups of the securitization charges to ensure that the amounts collected are sufficient to service the securitization bonds. The Commission stated, "[t]rue-ups of the securitization charges shall be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Consumers filed its application seeking a financing order on September 9, 2013, pursuant to the Customer Choice and Electric Reliability Act, 2000 PA 141; the Michigan Administrative Procedures Act, 1969 PA 306; and 1939 PA 3 that, among other things, permit certain utilities the option of reducing costs through the issuance of securitization bonds. *See*, MCL 460.10 *et seq*., MCL 24.201 *et seq*., and MCL 460.1 *et seq*.

conducted periodically, in accordance with the schedule and the methodology approved in this order. Mid-year true-up results may be implemented immediately for any mid-year true-up that is uncontested.<sup>2</sup>

As stated in the December 6 order, the 4 coincident peak (CP) 50/25/25 allocator, as calculated in that proceeding, shall determine each customer class's annual responsibility for the total revenue requirement of the securitization.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, in the event that sales attributable to a particular customer class decrease to zero, this directive necessarily means that Consumers will recalculate the allocator using the 4CP 50/25/25 methodology for future true-ups to ensure that the company remains capable of collecting the required revenues sufficient to timely meet the special purpose entity's bond payment obligation.<sup>4</sup>

On June 11, 2021, Consumers filed its annual routine true-up adjustment report to reflect new securitization surcharges for the period of August 2021 through July 2022. The current and proposed surcharges are set forth on page 2 of Attachment A of Consumers' application (attached to this order as Exhibit A).

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  See, December 6 order, p. 64, ¶ H, approving Rule C9.2 of Consumers' electric rate tariff book. As of October 16, 2017, Rule C9.2 is referenced as Rule C9.1 in Consumers' electric rate tariff book.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The December 6 order, pp. 42-43, refers to "allocation of securitization costs to each rate class based on the most recent Commission approved production allocation (currently 4CP 50/25/25), and then spread to customers within a class based on a uniform kWh [kilowatt-hour] surcharge." The most recently approved production allocation as of December 6, 2013, is contained in the June 7, 2012 order in Case No. U-16794, pp. 106-108. As discussed in that order, the 4CP 50/25/25 allocation method consists of a calculation using a formula of 50% weighting of coincident peaks occurring from June through September, 25% weighting of on-peak use, and 25% weighting of total energy use.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See, December 6 order, p. 62, ¶ D.

The Commission Staff (Staff) reviewed the proposed adjustments contained within the application and concluded that the adjustments are routine, the calculations are accurate, and the proposed adjustments conform to the methodology approved by the Commission.

After considering Consumers' filing and the Staff's review, the Commission finds that the proposed adjustments in the application are routine, the calculations are accurate, and the proposed adjustments conform to the approved methodology. Consumers is therefore authorized to implement the adjustments effective for bills rendered on and after the August 2021 billing month.

### THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. For bills rendered on and after the August 2021 billing month, Consumers Energy Company shall implement the new securitization charges set forth in Attachment C of its June 11, 2021 application, attached to this order as Exhibit B.

B. Prior to the August 2021 billing month, Consumers Energy Company shall file with the Commission tariff sheets substantially similar to those set forth in Exhibit B.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so in the appropriate court within 30 days after issuance and notice of this order, pursuant to MCL 462.26. To comply with the Michigan Rules of Court's requirement to notify the Commission of an appeal, appellants shall send required notices to both the Commission's Executive Secretary and to the Commission's Legal Counsel.

Electronic notifications should be sent to the Executive Secretary at <a href="majoredockets@michigan.gov">mpscedockets@michigan.gov</a> and to the Michigan Department of the Attorney General - Public Service Division at <a href="majoredockets@michigan.gov">pungp1@michigan.gov</a>. In lieu of electronic submissions, paper copies of such notifications may be sent to the Executive Secretary and the Attorney General - Public Service Division at 7109

W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917.

	MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
	Daniel C. Scripps, Chair
	Tremaine L. Phillips, Commissioner
	Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner
By its action of July 27, 2021.	
Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary	

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# MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY

U-17473 Securitization True Up

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Line	Rate Class	Allocation		Allocated ecuritization	Sales	Rate	Sed	Current	Sec	Proposed curitization
Line	(a)	(b)	CII	arge Amount (c)	(d)	(e)		Charge (f)	-	Charge (g)
	(a)	(6)		(0)	(u)	(0)		(1)		(8)
1	Residential	42.0%	\$	14,846,417	12,403,723,391	Rate RSP	\$	0.001244	\$	0.001197
2						Rate RSH	\$	0.001244	\$	0.001197
						Rate RSM	\$	0.001244	\$	0.001197
3						Rate RPM	\$	0.001244	\$	0.001197
4	Secondary	25.3%	\$	8,944,648	7,119,212,064	Rate GS	\$	0.001342	\$	0.001256
5						Rate GSTU	\$	0.001342	\$	0.001256
6						Rate GSD	\$	0.001342	\$	0.001256
7	Primary	32.4%	\$	11,453,253	12,646,919,210	Rate GP				
8						CVL 1	\$	0.000967	\$	0.000906
9						CVL 2	\$	0.000967	\$	0.000906
10						CVL 3	\$	0.000967	\$	0.000906
11						Rates GPD, GPTU, EIP,	LTILRR and	d GSG-2		
12						CVL 1	\$	0.000967	\$	0.000906
13						CVL 2	\$	0.000967	\$	0.000906
14						CVL 3	\$	0.000967	\$	0.000906
15	Lighting/Other	0.4%	\$	137,991	208,805,074	Rate GML	\$	0.000688	\$	0.000661
16						Rate GUL	\$	0.000688	\$	0.000661
17						Rate GU-LED	\$	0.000688	\$	0.000661
18						Rate GU	\$	0.000688	\$	0.000661
19						Rate PA		NA		NA
20						Rate ROA-R		NA		NA
21						Rate ROA-S		NA		NA
22						Rate ROA-P		NA		NA
23	Total	100.00%	\$	35,382,309	32,378,659,740					

#### POWER PLANT SECURITIZATION CHARGE

The actual Power Plant Securitization Charge is authorized pursuant to Rule C9.1, Power Plant Securitization Charges, Initial Implementation and True-up Methodology. The Power Plant Securitization Charge is billed to all full service customers, shown in the rate schedules identified below, based upon usage. This charge shall be shown separately on the customer's bill.

The actual Power Plant Securitization Charge applied to customers' bills is as follows:

Power Plant
Securitization Charge
(Case No. U-17473)
Effective beginning with the
August 2021 Billing Month

Rate Schedule	Effective beginning with the August 2021 Billing Month
Rate RSP	\$0.001197/kWh
Rate RSH	0.001197/kWh
Rate RPM	0.001197/kWh
Rate RSM	0.001197/kWh
Rate GS	0.001256/kWh
Rate GSTU	0.001256/kWh
Rate GSD	0.001256/kWh
Rate GP	
CVL 1	0.000906/kWh
CVL 2	0.000906/kWh
CVL 3	0.000906/kWh
Rates GPD, GPTU, EIP	
and GSG-2	
CVL 1	0.000906/kWh
CVL 2	0.000906/kWh
CVL 3	0.000906/kWh
Rate LTILRR	0.000906/kWh
Rate GML	0.000661/kWh
Rate GUL	0.000661/kWh
Rate GU-LED	0.000661/kWh
Rate GU	0.000661/kWh
Rate PA	NA
Rate ROA-R (1)	NA
Rate ROA-S (1)	NA
Rate ROA-P (1)	NA

<sup>(1)</sup> Customers taking ROA service on December 6, 2013 are excluded from the Power Plant Securitization Charge. This exclusion does not apply to customers first taking ROA service after December 6, 2013 or to customers taking service on December 6, 2013 who discontinue taking ROA service any time after December 6, 2013. Customers who discontinue taking ROA service any time after December 6, 2013 and who return to ROA service will pay the Power Plant Securitization Charge applicable to the customer's otherwise applicable Company Full Service Rate Schedule.

Issued XXXXXX XX, 2021 by Garrick J. Rochow, President and Chief Executive Officer, Jackson, Michigan Effective for bills rendered on and after the Company's August 2021 Billing Month

Issued under authority of the Michigan Public Service Commission dated XXXXXX XX, 2021 in Case No. U-17473

## PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN	)		
			Case No. U-17473
County of Ingham	)		

Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that on July 27, 2021 A.D. she electronically notified the attached list of this **Commission Order via e-mail transmission**, to the persons as shown on the attached service list (Listserv Distribution List).

Brianna Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

Angela P. Sanderson

Notary Public, Shiawassee County, Michigan

As acting in Eaton County

My Commission Expires: May 21, 2024

### Service List for Case: U-17473

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