

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

**NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE CUSTOMERS OF
UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY
CASE NO. U-16417**

- Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) filed an application with the Michigan Public Service Commission to increase its retail electric rates by \$7,701,288 annually, or 7.65%. According to UPPCO, the monthly bill of a typical Integrated System residential customer using 500 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity per month may increase by about \$9.06, and the monthly bill of a typical Iron River System residential customer using 500 kWh of electricity per month may increase by about \$11.90, if the requested rate relief is granted. UPPCO has also submitted a proposal to unify the rates of UPPCO's Integrated System and Iron River System.
- The information below describes how a person may participate in this case.
- You may call or write Upper Peninsula Power Company, 500 North Washington Street, Ishpeming, MI 49849-0357, (800) 562-7680, for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the application at the offices of Upper Peninsula Power Company.
- The first public hearing in this matter will be held:

DATE/TIME:

July XX, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.

This hearing will be a prehearing conference to set future hearing dates and decide other procedural matters.

BEFORE:

Administrative Law Judge XXXXX.

LOCATION:

Michigan Public Service Commission
6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7
Lansing, MI

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 in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a public hearing to consider the June 30, 2011 application of Upper Peninsula Power Company for approval to increase its rates for the sale of electricity. UPPCO states that it has a jurisdictional base rate revenue deficiency of \$7,701,288 annually, or 7.65%. UPPCO is seeking Commission approval to increase retail electric base rates that will produce additional revenues of approximately \$7,701,288 annually. UPPCO has also submitted a proposal to unify the rates of UPPCO's Integrated System and Iron River System, and UPPCO proposes various revisions to its electric service rules, extension rules, regulations and tariffs.

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) 241-6180 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 July XX, 2011**. (Interested persons may elect to file using the traditional paper format.) The proof of service shall indicate service upon UPPCO'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. All information submitted to the Commission in this matter will become public information: available on the Michigan Public Service Commission's website, and subject to disclosure.

Requests for adjournment must be made pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure R 460.17315 and R 460.17335. Requests for further information on adjournment should be directed to (517) 241-6060.

A copy of UPPCO's request may be reviewed on the Commission's website at: michigan.gov/mpscedockets, and at the office of Upper Peninsula Power Company, 500 North Washington Street, Ishpeming, 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) 241-6180.

Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1909 PA 106, as amended, MCL 460.551 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.

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