



Upper Peninsula Power Company

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## **U.P. Power Company Begins Preparation of Integrated Resource Plan Under New Energy Law**

Marquette – A public hearing is being held by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) on September 19 at Northern Michigan University. The hearing is one of three being conducted by the MPSC to solicit feedback from utilities, public interest groups, clean energy businesses and concerned citizens. The feedback will be considered by the MPSC as it establishes a regulatory process that utilities must follow in developing “integrated resource plans” under a new energy law that was passed last year. More information about the state’s IRP case is available online at the [MPSC’s website](#).

“As a rate-regulated utility, U.P. Power Company (UPPCO) is required to file an integrated resource plan (IRP) every five years that describes how we will meet the energy needs of our customers,” said Brett French, UPPCO Vice-President of Business Development and Communications. “UPPCO anticipates its IRP will be filed with the MPSC in 2018. We will be working closely with our customers and stakeholders to develop an IRP that meets the requirements of the new energy law and provides considerable value to our customers. UPPCO’s IRP will be based on a “*best practices*” evaluation of energy waste reduction, demand response, renewable energy, supply sufficiency, environmental factors and other considerations.”

“UPPCO is committed to looking for new and innovative ways of reducing energy bills while increasing our ability to provide exceptional customer service,” said French. “Our Integrated Resource Planning process is another example of how UPPCO is using transparency to provide value to its customers.”

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