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Re: MPSC Case No. U-20464 – In the matter, on the Commission’s own motion, to issue a report on the state’s supply, engineering, and deliverability of natural gas, electricity, and propane, and contingency planning, as requested by the Governor.

Dear Ms. Kale:

Enclosed for electronic filing in the above-captioned case, please find **Consumers Energy Company’s Comments on the Michigan Energy Assessment Outline**. This is a paperless filing and is therefore being filed only in PDF.

Sincerely,

Anne M. Uitvlugt

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Case No. U-20464

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY’S COMMENTS ON THE
MICHIGAN ENERGY ASSESSMENT OUTLINE

On February 7, 2019, at the request of Governor Gretchen Whitmer, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“MPSC” or the “Commission”) issued an Order directing the Commission Staff to conduct a review of the state’s supply, engineering, and deliverability of natural gas, electricity, and propane in order to assist the Commission in developing an Initial Report. In its Order, the Commission indicated that it would provide an Initial Report addressing these issues on July 1, 2019, and, following an examination of the Initial Report, would provide a Final Report on September 13, 2019. To assist in its development of the report, the Commission issued a draft outline setting forth the proposed scope for this energy assessment and requesting comments from interested parties.

Consumers Energy Company (“Consumers Energy” or the “Company”) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the draft outline of the statewide energy assessment report. In reviewing the draft outline, Consumers Energy recommends that changes be made to Section III.B.3. Specifically, Consumers Energy recommends that this statement be expanded to include an evaluation of redundancy as part of the natural gas fuel arrangements. Moreover, any utility directives addressing perceived supply adequacy or redundancy shortfalls should also

include a contemplation of regulatory recovery aligning incremental costs with customer class benefits.

Respectfully submitted,

February 19, 2019

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY