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**RE: Case No. U-20963 – In the matter of the application of Consumers Energy Company for authority to increase its rates for the generation and distribution of electricity and for other relief.**

Dear Ms. Felice:

Enclosed for electronic filing in the above captioned case please find **Consumers Energy Company's Rate Case Summary**. This is a paperless filing and is therefore being filed only in a PDF format. I have also included a Proof of Service showing electronic service upon the parties to Case Nos. U-20134 and U-20697.

Sincerely,

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cc: Parties per Attachment 1 to Proof of Service

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the application of )  
**CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY** )  
for authority to increase its rates for ) Case No. U-20963  
the generation and distribution of )  
electricity and for other relief. )  
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**CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY’S RATE CASE SUMMARY**

In accordance with the Michigan Public Service Commission’s (“MPSC” or the “Commission”) July 31, 2017 Order in Case No. U-18238, Consumers Energy Company (“Consumers Energy” or the “Company”) submits its required Rate Case Summary. The Company’s Rate Case Summary is being provided for informational purposes only, and in filing this summary, Consumers Energy states that modification may be made to its upcoming rate case filing that could impact the information contained herein.

The Company’s most recent electric rate case, Case No. U-20697, was primarily driven by the Company’s infrastructure investment and need to serve customers. In Case No. U-20697, Consumers Energy requested that the Commission authorize the Company to adjust its retail electric generation and distribution rates so as to provide additional revenue in the amount of \$244 million annually. This was based on a projected 12-month test year commencing on January 1, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2021. In its December 17, 2020 Order in Case No. U-20697, the Commission authorized Consumers Energy to adjust its retail electric generation and distribution rates so as to provide additional revenue in the amount of \$90 million, on a jurisdictional basis, with a Return on Equity of 9.90%.

The Company’s upcoming electric rate case filing, Case No. U-20963, is being driven by the Company’s continued infrastructure investment and need to serve customers. Based on the

evidentiary support provided in its upcoming filing, Consumer Energy requests that the Commission authorize the Company to adjust its retail electric generation and distribution rates so as to provide additional revenue in the amount of \$225 million annually based on a projected 12-month test year ending December 31, 2022. The Company is requesting a Return on Equity of 10.50%, and uses inflation factors of 1.20% for 2020, 2.50% for 2021, and 2.30% for 2022, as forecasted by IHS Global Insight.

A significant driver of the requested relief in this case is related to investments associated with solar generation, system reliability, environmental compliance, and enhanced technology. The Company is proposing to invest in capital projects on the distribution system, and incur operations and maintenance on the distribution system. Within those distribution costs, the Company is proposing to increase spending in its Line Clearing and Service Restoration programs. The Company is also requesting recovery of the new Company-owned solar generation costs expected as a result of the Company's 2019 and 2020 competitive solicitations implemented in accordance with the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in the Company's Integrated Resource Plan in Case No. U-20165 ("Case No. U-20165 Settlement Agreement").

Among other things, Consumers Energy is requesting rate recovery in this case for costs associated with: (i) its Commercial and Industrial and Residential Demand Response ("DR") programs, which provide the Company a flexible portfolio of resources that can be called upon during peak times of the system to reduce overall electricity demand, reducing power supply costs for all of the Company's generation customers; and (ii) the Conservation Voltage Reduction ("CVR") Program, which allows optimization of service-point voltages on the distribution system to reduce energy demand. The Company's testimony and exhibits address

any variations between the DR and CVR capital costs presented in this case and those pre-approved for recovery in the Case No. U-20165 Settlement Agreement.

The Company's filing will also request the approval of: (i) recovery of the DR performance incentive and cumulative DR regulatory liability; (ii) the separation of DR-related costs from the overall revenue requirement and recovery of those costs through an all-encompassing DR surcharge; (iii) adjustments to the Company's current Electric Vehicle pilot programs; and (iv) a Home Battery Pilot for residential customers planned to consist of 2,000 home battery units at 1,000 homes across Consumers Energy's service territory, with two storage units at each home.

The Company is proposing a change to its cost-of-service study to allocate demand-related distribution costs using Voltage Peak, which measures the contribution of each rate class to the coincident peak demand at each level of the distribution system, thus aligning with how the Company sizes its facilities today. Consumers Energy is also proposing to update its calculation of the capacity-related component of its power supply charges included in base rates for use with the State Reliability Mechanism.

In addition, Consumers Energy is proposing various revisions to its electric rules, regulations, and tariffs. Among other things, Consumers Energy is proposing to: (i) allow renewable energy generating facilities spanning multiple parcels of property to transmit service off the premises to which it is delivered through the facilities' collector system; (ii) clarify the calculation of Outflow Demand credits under the Company's Distributed Generation Program; (iii) update the Peak Power Savers Program tariff language to reflect the ability for customers to participate in a variety of future DR programs and to be able to track their status and savings on their monthly bill; (iv) change the name of the Air Conditioner ("AC") Peak Cycling Program to

the Device Cycling Program, and provide for additional options to participate with a Water Heater Cycling Credit and a Back-Up Generator Cycling Credit; (v) reduce the AC Peak Cycling credit from \$8.00 per month to \$6.00 per month, and use the same methodology to establish credits for the Back-Up Generator and Water Heater pilots; (vi) eliminate the written contract requirement for standard service on Large General Service Primary Demand Rate GPD, General Service Primary Time-of-Use Rate GPTU, and Energy Intensive Primary Rate EIP, and to transition current contractual language to the tariff; (vii) modify the Large General Service Primary Demand Rate Interruptible Service Provision to remove language stating that the minimum On-Peak Billing Demand billed for the interruptible portion of a customer's bill is the contracted interruptible amount and to allow consideration of an increase or a decrease of the contracted amount within the annual contract period; (viii) replace current unmetered Light Emitting Diode ("LED") and HID rate options GU-LED and GUL with a single unmetered streetlighting service (UUL tariff), and update the conversion credit for municipal streetlighting customers who had paid to convert from the standard light types to an LED technology prior to the adoption of the current burnout replacement to LED program; and (ix) update tariff language to accommodate retailer specific requests and to grandfather certain retailer metering arrangements.

For the projected test year, the Company's average overall rate increase will be approximately 5.5%. The Company's proposed rate increase/decrease by rate class and rate schedule are attached to this Rate Case Summary as Attachment A.

The key drivers associated with the Company's revenue requirement are:

| Key Drivers: Revenue Requirement |   |   |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
|                                  | Drivers                                   | Revenue Requirement Impact<br>(\$ Millions) |
| a.                               | Infrastructure Investment & Related Costs | 121   |
| b.                               | Cost of Capital                           | 53  |
| c.                               | Operating Expenses                        | 76  |
| d.                               | Sales/Revenue                             | (25)  |
| <b>e.</b>                        | <b>Total Revenue Requirement Impact</b>   | <b>\$ 225</b>                               |

The revenue requirement associated with rate base is as follows:

| Key Drivers: Rate Base<br>(000) |   |  |  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|--|
|                                 | Drivers                                   | Rate Base Impact<br>(rate base 13-month average) | Revenue Requirement Impact<br>(Return on, Return of, and Property Tax) |
| a.                              | Last Rate Base Order (U-20697)            | \$ 11,660,442                                    | \$ 1,879,015   |
| b.                              | Utility Plant                             | 1,407,619  | 132,580  |
| c.                              | Depreciation Reserve                      | (346,781)  | (24,517)   |
| d.                              | Working Capital                           | 184,578  | 13,050   |
| <b>e.</b>                       | <b>Requested Rate Base</b>                | <b>\$ 12,905,858</b>                             | <b>\$ 2,000,126</b>  |
| <b>f.</b>                       | <b>Increase from Last Rate Base Order</b> | <b>1,245,416</b>                                 | <b>\$ 121,112</b>  |

In addition to the requests described above, Consumers Energy will be seeking Commission approval of certain accounting requests. The Company is proposing to continue to utilize deferred accounting associated with actual capital spending in the event the Commission's final order in this proceeding sets capital spending levels for recovery in rates at amounts below the amount requested in the following distribution programs: New Business, Demand Failures, and Asset Relocation. The Company is also requesting Commission approval for the use of regulatory assets or regulatory liabilities, as needed, if the following proposals are approved: (i) the deferred Service Restoration cost proposal; and (ii) the Home Battery Pilot proposal.

Consumers Energy intends to file its upcoming electric rate case on March 1, 2021, which will allow for new rates to be effective January 1, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY



Dated: February 25, 2021

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# ATTACHMENT A



## MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## ATTACHMENT A

Consumers Energy Company

Summary of Present and Proposed Pro Forma Revenues by Rate Schedule

U-20963

| Line No.                              | ( a )<br>Description               | ( b )        |              | ( c )                     |         | ( d )   |         | ( e )   |         |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                       |                                    | Revenue      |              | Net Increase / (Decrease) |         | Revenue |         | Percent |         |
|                                       |                                    | Present      | Proposed     | Revenue                   | Percent | Revenue | Percent | Revenue | Percent |
|                                       |                                    | \$000        | \$000        | \$000                     | %       | \$000   | %       | \$000   | %       |
| <b>BUNDLED SERVICE</b>                |                                    |              |              |                           |         |         |         |         |         |
| <u>Residential Class</u>              |                                    |              |              |                           |         |         |         |         |         |
| 1                                     | Summer On-peak RSP                 | \$ 2,115,758 | \$ 2,302,741 | \$ 186,984                | 8.8     |         |         |         |         |
| 2                                     | Smart Hours RSH                    | 10,155       | 11,076       | 920                       | 9.1     |         |         |         |         |
| 3                                     | Night Time Savers RPM              | 1,244        | 1,359        | 115                       | 9.2     |         |         |         |         |
| 4                                     | Non-Transmitting Meters RSM        | 27,809       | 30,157       | 2,348                     | 8.4     |         |         |         |         |
| 5                                     | Total Residential Class            | \$ 2,154,966 | \$ 2,345,333 | \$ 190,367                | 8.8     |         |         |         |         |
| <u>Secondary Class</u>                |                                    |              |              |                           |         |         |         |         |         |
| 6                                     | Energy-only GS                     | \$ 583,108   | \$ 572,520   | \$ (10,589)               | (1.8)   |         |         |         |         |
| 7                                     | Time-of-Use GSTU                   | 1,409        | 1,328        | (81)                      | (5.7)   |         |         |         |         |
| 8                                     | Demand GSD                         | 390,478      | 400,009      | 9,531                     | 2.4     |         |         |         |         |
| 9                                     | Total Secondary                    | \$ 974,995   | \$ 973,856   | \$ (1,139)                | (0.1)   |         |         |         |         |
| <u>Primary Class</u>                  |                                    |              |              |                           |         |         |         |         |         |
| 10                                    | Energy-only GP                     | \$ 85,185    | \$ 87,746    | \$ 2,561                  | 3.0     |         |         |         |         |
| 11                                    | Demand GPD                         | 333,190      | 361,393      | 28,203                    | 8.5     |         |         |         |         |
| 12                                    | Time-of-Use GPTU                   | 454,153      | 458,890      | 4,737                     | 1.0     |         |         |         |         |
| 13                                    | Energy Intensive EIP               | 27,942       | 30,484       | 2,542                     | 9.1     |         |         |         |         |
| 14                                    | Total Primary                      | \$ 900,470   | \$ 938,513   | \$ 38,043                 | 4.2     |         |         |         |         |
| <u>Lighting &amp; Unmetered Class</u> |                                    |              |              |                           |         |         |         |         |         |
| 15                                    | Metered Lighting GML               | \$ 1,442     | \$ 1,324     | \$ (118)                  | (8.2)   |         |         |         |         |
| 16                                    | Universal Unmetered Lighting UUL   | 27,334       | 23,131       | (4,203)                   | (15.4)  |         |         |         |         |
| 17                                    | Unmetered GU                       | 9,651        | 10,180       | 529                       | 5.5     |         |         |         |         |
| 18                                    | Total Lighting & Unmetered         | \$ 38,427    | \$ 34,635    | \$ (3,792)                | (9.9)   |         |         |         |         |
| <u>Self-generation Class</u>          |                                    |              |              |                           |         |         |         |         |         |
| 19                                    | Small Self-generation GSG-1        | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -                      | NA      |         |         |         |         |
| 20                                    | Large Self-generation GSG-2        | 5,065        | 5,158        | 93                        | 1.8     |         |         |         |         |
| 21                                    | Total Self-generation              | \$ 5,065     | \$ 5,158     | \$ 93                     | 1.8     |         |         |         |         |
| 22                                    | Total Bundled Service              | \$ 4,073,923 | \$ 4,297,496 | \$ 223,572                | 5.5     |         |         |         |         |
| <b>ROA SERVICE</b>                    |                                    |              |              |                           |         |         |         |         |         |
| <u>Secondary Class</u>                |                                    |              |              |                           |         |         |         |         |         |
| 23                                    | Energy-only GS                     | \$ 1,118     | \$ 1,019     | \$ (99)                   | (8.8)   |         |         |         |         |
| 24                                    | Demand GSD                         | 6,584        | 6,710        | 126                       | 1.9     |         |         |         |         |
| 25                                    | Total Secondary                    | \$ 7,702     | \$ 7,729     | \$ 28                     | 0.4     |         |         |         |         |
| <u>Primary Class</u>                  |                                    |              |              |                           |         |         |         |         |         |
| 26                                    | Energy-only GP                     | \$ 1,179     | \$ 1,108     | \$ (71)                   | (6.0)   |         |         |         |         |
| 27                                    | Demand GPD                         | 19,089       | 21,010       | 1,922                     | 10.1    |         |         |         |         |
| 28                                    | Total Primary                      | \$ 20,267    | \$ 22,118    | \$ 1,851                  | 9.1     |         |         |         |         |
| 29                                    | Total ROA Service                  | \$ 27,969    | \$ 29,848    | \$ 1,879                  | 6.7     |         |         |         |         |
| 30                                    | Total Jurisdictional Service       | \$ 4,101,892 | \$ 4,327,343 | \$ 225,451                | 5.5     |         |         |         |         |
| 31                                    | Less: PSCR Factor Revenues         | 17,229       | 17,229       | 0                         |         |         |         |         |         |
| 32                                    | Less: GSG-2 and GI-2 PSCR Revenues | 5,582        | 5,871        | 288                       |         |         |         |         |         |
| 33                                    | Total Jurisdictional Base Revenues | \$ 4,079,081 | \$ 4,304,243 | \$ 225,162                |         |         |         |         |         |
| 34                                    | Rounding                           |              | (62)         | (62)                      |         |         |         |         |         |
| 35                                    | Total Jurisdictional Base Revenues |              | \$ 4,304,181 | \$ 225,101                |         |         |         |         |         |

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Case No. U-20963

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
 ) SS  
COUNTY OF JACKSON )

Jennifer Joy Yocum, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is employed in the Legal Department of Consumers Energy Company; that on February 25, 2021, she served an electronic copy of **Consumers Energy Company’s Rate Case Summary** upon the persons listed in Attachment 1 hereto, at the e-mail addresses listed therein.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Joy Yocum

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.



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Melissa K. Harris, Notary Public  
State of Michigan, County of Jackson  
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