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MPSC Approves Wind Power Purchase

Indiana Michigan Power Company was granted approval for a long-term renewable energy power purchase agreement (PPA) by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) today that allows the utility to bake the costs of running a wind farm into its customers' bills.

The utility is purchasing 100 megawatts of electricity capacity and about 300,000 megawatt-hours of energy from Fowler Wind Farm annually for a 20-year term.

MPSC Chairman Orjiakor ISIOGU said such a long-term agreement would "enhance Michigan's electric reliability and the environment."

Commission Levies MTA Violation Fine

LDMI Telecommunications, now known as Cavalier Telephone, was slapped with a \$1,500 fine by the MPSC today for three violations of the Michigan Telecommunications Act (MTA).

The action was taken on recommendations of the administrative law judge, who found the utility made false statements to a plaintiff, Thomas C. WARD. The Commission also ordered the utility company to pay Ward \$1,906.68 in fees and costs in addition to the fine.

Wisconsin Public Service Corporation To Raise Rates

Michigan customers of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation will see their electric rates increase as a result of action taken today by the MPSC.

The Commission approved a settlement agreement allowing the company to increase its Michigan jurisdictional electric retail base rates by \$560,000 annually. For a typical urban residential user that means the average monthly bill will increase about \$4.40. The average increase for a rural residential customer will increase about \$4.63 a month.