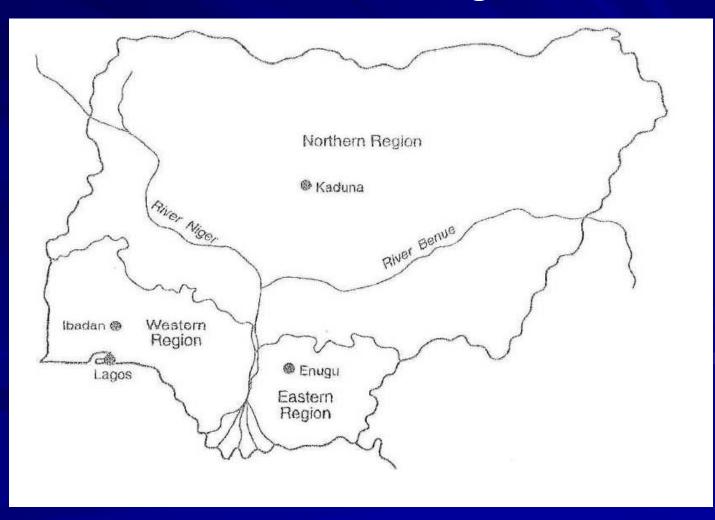






## **Good Morning**



## Welcome to the Michigan Public Service Commission



# E-Dockets

- Executive Secretary Section responsible for receiving and processing all official filings for the Michigan Public Service Commission.
  - Executive Secretary Section received and processed 6,345 official pleadings in 2007.
  - Filers include applicants, respondents, intervenors and other interested persons.
  - Filings include rate case applications, natural gas supply cost/power supply cost recovery plans and reconciliations, license applications, accounting and depreciation cases and formal complaints.

 Historically, all filings with the MPSC have been paper copies of documents, requiring an original submission and 15 copies.



- Since 1998 the MPSC has been working to streamline receipt and distribution of documents and better utilize technology.
  - In 1998, the MPSC surveyed utility companies & potential users about interest in a pilot Electronic Filing System.
  - In 1999, the MPSC implemented a pilot Electronic Filings system.
  - Six utility companies volunteered to participate & began filing selected cases electronically (including four identical paper copies, reducing the number of paper copies by eleven).
  - Paper filings remained the official filing.

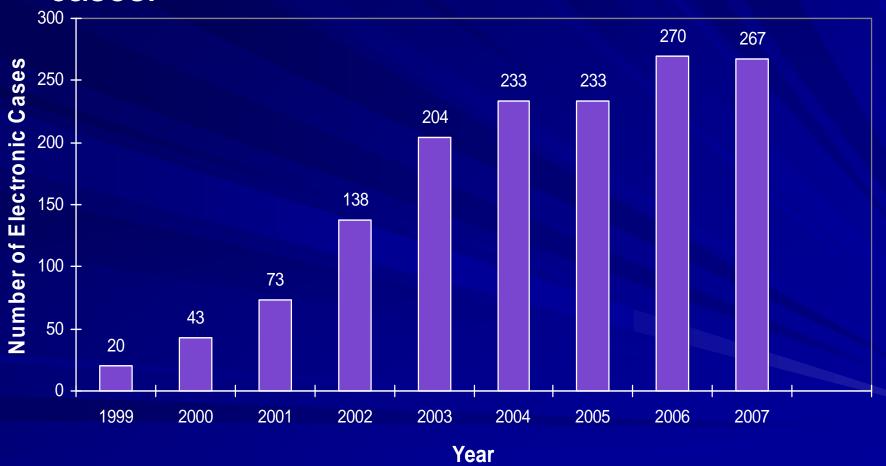
### Goals and Objectives

 Test on Electronic Protocol to determine how it would meet MPSC and user needs.

 Provides parties and the public immediate access to information.

Reduce time for MPSC staff to copy, distribute
& store documents.

Between 1999 and 2007, MPSC received and processed a rapidly growing number of electronic cases.



– Michigan Public Act 305 of 2000, the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, allows for the submission of electronic documents in place of paper copies provided both parties voluntarily agree to use electronic submissions.

The MPSC implements a Paperless Electronic
Filing program in September 2003, selecting
21 gas cost recovery/power supply cost
recovery plan cases for participation.

 Prospective users download, from the MPSC Web site, the e-dockets User Manual and an Application for Account and Letter of Assurance.

 MPSC staff works closely with users to address questions and enhance familiarity with system. Much of the training is conducted via telephone and e-mail.

- MPSC surveys program participants in February 2004, feedback on the paperless electronic filing program -- overwhelmingly favorable.
- June 2005, the program expands paperless program to include all natural gas and electric cases.
- February 2006, the MPSC expands the paperless program to include all telephone cases. The MPSC continues to accept paper filings for those wishing to file paper cases.

- Program Benefits:
  - Eliminates the need to file paper copies.
  - Reduces participant copying and distribution costs.
  - Reduces MPSC staff processing time and distribution costs.
  - Provides near immediate access to all filings through the E-Dockets site.
  - Provides transparency for the public on filings/actions on critical utility matters.

### Demonstration

-MPSC website

– E-Docket link

Natural gas cases

- Individual natural gas case

# Questions??