

Pilot Program Evaluation Electronic Case Filings

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these other efforts, and the use of PDF files as the format for electronic filings is common.

System Requirements – The computer system hardware and software and the existing Internet connection is currently capable of handling the load associated with full-scale implementation. No additional hardware or software is needed at this time. Users of the system would benefit from having case status information available along with the documents filed in the case. The Illinois Commerce Commission's electronic filing system, which is similar in function to the Michigan system, does have case status information available on its Web Site. This information is currently provided to MPSC staff from the Case Tracking System. The Pilot's computer system is over 10 years old and should be replaced by a Web-accessible system that complements the electronic case filings system.

Review of Standardized File Formats – The Pilot is based on using a standard file PDF which is created using the Adobe Acrobat software. This software can convert various file formats to a common format which preserves the appearance of the original document. The need to retain the original pagination is important for citation purposes. Other file formats used by other organizations were reviewed to determine whether a change in the document file format might be appropriate. Based on this review, it appears that PDF remains the file format that best meets the needs of the MPSC and users of the system.

Estimated Volume of Activity for Full-Scale Implementation – In 1999, over 6,000 paper documents were filed in cases processed by the Case Management Section of the MPSC. Full-scale implementation would result in the accumulation of PDF files that would occupy only 1.1 Gigabyte of computer storage a year. Scaling up the activity level seen in the last year on the electronic case filings server by a factor of six would approximate full-scale implementation. A six-fold increase would be equal to only one third of the MPSC primary Web site usage level for the year 2000 of 6 million hits.

Conclusions and Recommendations – Staff of the Michigan Public Service Commission recommends the following for the future direction and development of the Electronic Case Filings Pilot Program:

1. **Expand the cases available to be electronically filed with the Commission.**


The following phase-in schedule is proposed:

- 1999: (Actual) 5% of all cases were electronically filed.¹
- 2000: (Actual) 8% of all cases were electronically filed.²
- 2001: (Target) 33% of all cases to be electronically filed.
- 2002: (Target) 66% of all cases to be electronically filed.³
- 2003: (Target) 100% of cases to be electronically available.

¹ 20 cases were electronically filed of 381 cases opened.

² 43 cases were filed electronically of 520 cases opened.

³ This target is premised on the elimination of dual processing systems by early 2002.



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Summary: In the matter of the application of MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY for approval of the reconciliation of its 2009 Energy Optimization Plan expenses filed pursuant to Public Acts 286 and 295 of 2008.

Industry: Gas**Company(s):** Michigan Consolidated Gas Company**Open Date:** 4/15/2010**Order Dates:** 2/8/2011

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Case: U-16805	Companies: Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation	Open: 5/27/2011
Summary: In the matter of the application of Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the conversion and operation of the Clayton 10 Liquids Pipeline to a natural gas transmitter pipeline in Ogemaw and Arenac Counties, Michigan.		

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Case: U-16757	Companies: Michigan Consolidated Gas Company	Open: 3/31/2011
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Case: U-16733	Companies: SEMCO Energy, Inc.	Open: 3/17/2011
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