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STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter, on the Commission's Case No. U-20903  
own motion, to amend the rules  
governing gas safety. Volume No. 1

PUBLIC HEARING

Proceedings held via Microsoft Teams in the  
above-entitled matter before Sharon L. Feldman, J.D.,  
Administrative Law Judge with MOAHR, for the Michigan  
Public Service Commission, Lansing, Michigan, on  
Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

APPEARANCES:

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Commission Staff

REPORTED BY: Lori Anne Penn, CSR-1315

1 Wednesday, March 24, 2021

2 At 9:02 a.m.

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4 (Hearing commenced pursuant to due notice.)

5 JUDGE FELDMAN: On the record. Good  
6 morning and welcome. We are opening the record of a  
7 public hearing in Michigan Public Service Commission Case  
8 No. U-20903, entitled In the matter, on the Commission's  
9 own motion, to amend the rules governing gas safety.  
10 This is the date and time designated by the Commission in  
11 its February 18, 2021, order in this docket for a public  
12 hearing to solicit comments on the proposed rules. This  
13 public hearing is being held as a video teleconference  
14 hearing. The participation information was included in  
15 the notice of hearing.

16 The Commission's publicly available  
17 docket for this case shows that the notice of this  
18 hearing was published in the following newspapers on  
19 February 25, 2021: The Grand Rapids Press, The Mining  
20 Journal, and The Oakland Press.

21 For the record, my name is Sharon  
22 Feldman, I'm an administrative law judge with the  
23 Michigan office of Administrative Hearings and Rules; and  
24 my function today is to make sure that anyone who wants  
25 to make an oral comments on the proposed rules has the  
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1 opportunity to do so. Additionally, I note that the  
2 Commission is accepting written comments on the rules  
3 through April 14, 2021, and the instructions for making  
4 such comments are provided in the notice of hearing.

5 I also want to note that Assistant  
6 Attorney General Mike Orris is here. Mr. Orris, would  
7 you like to put your appearance the record.

8 MR. ORRIS: Yes, your Honor. Assistant  
9 Attorney General Michael Orris on behalf of Commission  
10 Staff.

11 JUDGE FELDMAN: Mr. Orris, it's my  
12 understanding that should anyone appear at this hearing  
13 with questions regarding the rules, you would be able to  
14 put that person in touch with a knowledgeable member of  
15 the Michigan Public Service Commission to address the  
16 question or questions?

17 MR. ORRIS: Correct.

18 JUDGE FELDMAN: And Mr. Blair Renfro of  
19 the Commission's Regulatory Affairs Division is also in  
20 attendance this morning and available to answer  
21 questions.

22 We have a court reporter here, and the  
23 transcript of this hearing, including all comments, will  
24 be posted to the docket for this case which is available  
25 on the Commission's website. All written comments will

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1 also be posted on the website in the same docket.

2 Now, it does not appear from my video  
3 screen that there is anybody currently in attendance at  
4 this hearing wishing to make a comment, but let me ask  
5 for the record, is there anyone appearing by video this  
6 morning that wants to make a comment? And I am getting  
7 no response.

8 And let me ask for the record, is there  
9 anybody appearing by phone this morning that wishes to  
10 make a comment on these rules? (No response.)

11 All right. Since there was no one  
12 joining at this point who wishes to make a comment, we're  
13 going to take a ten-minute recess, and if no one has yet  
14 joined the hearing wishing to make a comment, I will  
15 adjourn the hearing. Off the record.

16 (Recess held from 9:06 a.m. to 9:17 a.m.)

17 JUDGE FELDMAN: Back on the record. Good  
18 morning. We've waited ten minutes, or a little bit  
19 longer, since we took a break, and no member of the  
20 public has appeared wishing to make a comment, so this  
21 public hearing is adjourned. Off the record.

22 (At 9:18 a.m., the hearing adjourned.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Lori Anne Penn, do hereby certify that I reported in stenotype via Microsoft Teams the proceedings had in the within-entitled matter, that being Case No. U-20903, before Sharon L. Feldman, Administrative Law Judge with MOAHR, for the Michigan Public Service Commission, Lansing, Michigan, on Wednesday, March 24, 2021; and do further certify that the foregoing transcript, consisting of Volume 1, pgs. 1-5, is a true and correct transcript of my stenotype notes.

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