

Rep. LaFave offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 457.

A resolution to encourage the construction of a peaking power plant in the Upper Peninsula.

Whereas, Some residents of the Upper Peninsula pay energy costs significantly higher than the rest of the state; and

Whereas, The construction of a new power plant in the eastern Upper Peninsula would decrease the cost of electricity transmission, increase grid reliability, allow for greater economic development, create jobs, and add to the tax base; and

Whereas, With the assistance of the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), Michigan has identified a location in the Upper Peninsula where the construction and operation of an additional natural gas-fired peaking power plant would lead to lower overall electricity costs and enhance grid reliability, while requiring minimal further infrastructure investment; and

Whereas, Cloverland Electric Cooperative has indicated to MISO that it is exploring the construction of a peaking power plant in the Upper Peninsula; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we encourage electric utilities to continue to expeditiously explore the construction of a peaking power plant in the Upper Peninsula; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage the Michigan Agency for Energy and Michigan Public Service Commission to provide any technical assistance needed during the exploration and construction of a peaking power plant in the Upper Peninsula; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage MISO to prioritize and expedite any request to approve the construction of a peaking power plant in the Upper Peninsula; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the Michigan Agency for Energy, the commissioners of the Michigan Public Service Commission, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Midcontinent Independent System Operator.