

HOUSE BILL No. 6383

September 26, 2018, Introduced by Rep. LaFave and referred to the Committee on Energy Policy.

A bill to amend 1939 PA 3, entitled

"An act to provide for the regulation and control of public and certain private utilities and other services affected with a public interest within this state; to provide for alternative energy suppliers; to provide for licensing; to include municipally owned utilities and other providers of energy under certain provisions of this act; to create a public service commission and to prescribe and define its powers and duties; to abolish the Michigan public utilities commission and to confer the powers and duties vested by law on the public service commission; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; to provide for the continuance, transfer, and completion of certain matters and proceedings; to abolish automatic adjustment clauses; to prohibit certain rate increases without notice and hearing; to qualify residential energy conservation programs permitted under state law for certain federal exemption; to create a fund; to encourage the utilization of resource recovery facilities; to prohibit certain acts and practices of providers of energy; to allow for the securitization of stranded costs; to reduce rates; to provide for appeals; to provide appropriations; to declare the effect and purpose of this act; to prescribe remedies and penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

by amending section 10y (MCL 460.10y), as amended by 2008 PA 286.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 10y. (1) The governing body of a municipally owned
2 utility shall ~~determine whether it will~~ permit retail customers
3 receiving delivery service from the municipally owned utility ~~the~~
4 ~~opportunity of choosing~~ **TO CHOOSE** an alternative electric supplier,
5 subject to the implementation of rates, charges, terms, and
6 conditions referred to in subsection (5).

7 (2) Except with the written consent of the municipally owned
8 utility, a person shall not provide delivery service or customer
9 account service to a retail customer that was receiving that
10 service from a municipally owned utility as of June 5, 2000, or is
11 receiving the service from a municipally owned utility. For
12 purposes of this subsection, "customer" means the building or
13 facilities served rather than the individual, association,
14 partnership, corporation, governmental body, or any other entity
15 taking service.

16 (3) With respect to any electric utility regarding delivery
17 service to customers located outside of the municipal boundaries of
18 the municipality that owns the utility, a governing body of a
19 municipally owned utility may elect to operate in compliance with R
20 460.3411 of the Michigan ~~administrative code~~, **ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**,
21 as in effect on June 5, 2000. However, compliance with R
22 460.3411(13) of the Michigan ~~administrative code~~ **ADMINISTRATIVE**
23 **CODE** is not required for the municipally owned utility. Concurrent
24 with the filing of an election under this subsection with the
25 commission, the municipally owned utility shall serve a copy of the
26 election on the electric utility. Beginning 30 days after service

1 of the copy of the election, the electric utility shall, as to the
2 electing municipally owned utility, be subject to the terms of R
3 460.3411 of the Michigan ~~administrative code~~ **ADMINISTRATIVE CODE** as
4 in effect on June 5, 2000. The commission shall decide disputes
5 arising under this subsection subject to judicial review and
6 enforcement.

7 (4) A municipally owned utility and an electric utility that
8 provides delivery service in the same municipality as the
9 municipally owned utility may enter into a written agreement to
10 define the territorial boundaries of each utility's delivery
11 service area and any other terms and conditions as necessary to
12 provide delivery service. The agreement is not effective unless
13 approved by the governing body of the municipally owned utility and
14 the commission. The governing body of the municipally owned utility
15 and the commission shall annually review and supervise compliance
16 with the terms of the agreement. At the request of a party to the
17 agreement, disputes arising under the agreement ~~shall~~ **MUST** be
18 decided by the commission subject to judicial review and
19 enforcement.

20 (5) ~~If the governing body of a municipally owned utility~~
21 ~~establishes a program to permit any of its customers the~~
22 ~~opportunity to choose an alternative electric supplier, the~~ **THE**
23 governing body of the municipally owned utility ~~shall have~~ **HAS**
24 exclusive jurisdiction to do all of the following:

25 (a) Set delivery service rates applicable to services provided
26 by the municipally owned utility that ~~shall~~ **MUST** not be unduly
27 discriminatory.

1 (b) Determine the amount and types of, and recovery mechanism
2 for, stranded and transition costs that will be charged.

3 (c) Establish rules, terms of access, and conditions that it
4 considers appropriate for the implementation of a program to allow
5 customers ~~the opportunity of choosing~~ **TO CHOOSE** an alternative
6 electric supplier.

7 (6) Complaints alleging unduly discriminatory rates or other
8 noncompliance arising under subsection (5) ~~shall~~ **MUST** be filed in
9 the circuit court for the county in which the municipally owned
10 utility is located.

11 (7) This section does not prevent or limit a municipally owned
12 utility from selling electricity at wholesale. A municipally owned
13 utility selling at wholesale is not considered ~~to be~~ an alternative
14 electric supplier and is not subject to regulation by the
15 commission.

16 (8) This section ~~shall not be construed to~~ **DOES NOT** impair the
17 contractual rights of a municipally owned utility or customer under
18 an existing contract.

19 (9) Contracts or other records pertaining to the sale of
20 electricity by a municipally owned utility that are in the
21 possession of a public body and that contain specific pricing or
22 other confidential or proprietary information may be exempted from
23 public disclosure requirements by the governing body of a
24 municipally owned utility. Upon a showing of good cause, **A COURT OR**
25 **THE COMMISSION MAY ORDER** disclosure subject to appropriate
26 confidentiality provisions. ~~may be ordered by a court or the~~
27 ~~commission.~~

1 (10) This section does not affect the validity of the order
2 relating to the terms and conditions of service in the Traverse
3 City area that was issued August 25, 1994, by the commission at the
4 request of consumers power company and the light and power board of
5 the city of Traverse City.

6 (11) As provided in section 6, the commission does not have
7 jurisdiction over a municipally owned utility.

8 (12) As used in this section:

9 (a) "Delivery service" means the providing of electric
10 transmission or distribution to a retail customer.

11 (b) "Municipality" means any city, village, or township.

12 (c) "Customer account services" means billing and collection,
13 provision of a meter, meter maintenance and testing, meter reading,
14 and other administrative activity associated with maintaining a
15 customer account.

16 (13) ~~In the event that~~ **IF** an entity purchases 1 or more
17 divisions or business units, or generating stations or generating
18 units, of a municipal electric utility, the acquiring entity's
19 contract and agreements with the selling municipality ~~shall~~ **MUST**
20 require all of the following for a period of at least 30 months:

21 (a) That the acquiring entity or persons hires a sufficient
22 number of employees to safely and reliably operate and maintain the
23 station, division, or unit by first making offers of employment to
24 the workforce of the municipal electric utility's division,
25 business unit, or generating unit.

26 (b) That the acquiring entity or persons not employ employees
27 from outside the municipal electric utility's workforce unless

1 offers of employment have been made to all qualified employees of
2 the acquired business unit or facility.

3 (c) That the acquiring entity or persons have a dispute
4 resolution mechanism culminating in a final and binding decision by
5 a neutral third party for resolving employee complaints or disputes
6 over wages, fringe benefits, and working conditions.

7 (d) That the acquiring entity or persons offer employment at
8 no less than the wage rates and substantially equivalent fringe
9 benefits and terms and conditions of employment that are in effect
10 at the time of transfer of ownership of the division, business
11 unit, generating station, or generating unit. The wage rates and
12 substantially equivalent fringe benefits and terms and conditions
13 of employment ~~shall~~**MUST** continue for at least 30 months from the
14 time of the transfer of ownership unless the employees, or where
15 applicable collective bargaining representative, and the new
16 employer mutually agree to different terms and conditions of the
17 employment within that 30-month period.

18 (e) An acquiring entity is exempt from the obligations in this
19 subsection if the selling municipality transfers all displaced
20 municipal electric utility employees to positions of employment
21 within the municipality at no less than the wage rates and
22 substantially equivalent fringe benefits and terms and conditions
23 of employment that are in effect at the time of transfer. The wage
24 rates and substantially equivalent fringe benefits and terms and
25 conditions of employment ~~shall~~**MUST** continue for at least 30 months
26 from the time of the transfer unless the employees, or where
27 applicable collective bargaining representative, and the

- 1 municipality mutually agree to different terms and conditions of
- 2 the employment within that 30-month period.