

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
CONSUMERS ENERGY CLEAN COAL PROJECT

February 12, 2008

BY: Pinconning Township

WHEREAS, In 2000, the Michigan legislature passed Public Act 141, the “electric customer choice” law to deregulate the electric energy market and allow customers to move back and forth between regulated utilities and independent, unregulated electricity suppliers; and

WHEREAS, The “open market” system was intended to result in cost savings to all electric customers, but the number of customers choosing a different supplier is only about 3% for Consumers Energy; and

WHEREAS, P.A. 141 did not excuse electric utilities from the obligation to hold and reserve the full capacity in order to serve all potential customers should they choose to return from alternative suppliers, yet alternative suppliers have no similar obligation; and

WHEREAS, States that have experimented with deregulation have experienced significant rate increases and are rolling back those failed laws; and

WHEREAS, The 21st Century Energy Plan, developed by the Michigan Public Service Commission, recognized that Michigan will need additional base load generation by 2015 to meet the increase in electric demand and called for a long-term strategy to increase energy efficiency, expand renewable energy and build new power plants; and

WHEREAS, In response to the 21st Century Energy Plan, Consumers Energy filed their Balanced Energy Initiative, a comprehensive plan to meet the growing need of its electric customers with a combination of energy efficiency, expanded renewable energy and new power plants; and

WHEREAS, Michigan’s current ‘hybrid’ market structure and the resulting uncertainty inherent in this system is a barrier to financing and building new base-load generating capacity by both regulated utilities or independent suppliers; and

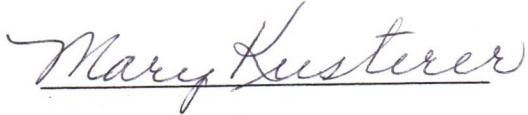
WHEREAS, Without moving towards a more traditional regulated structure that provides a reasonable level of certainty to prospective owners of new base-load plants, Michigan will become more dependent upon a wholesale electric supply market that promises to become more volatile and expensive in the future; Therefore Be It:

RESOLVED That the (name of organization) calls upon the State Legislature to pass comprehensive energy legislation, House Bills 5520-5525, including the repeal or significant reform of the choice provisions of P.A. 141 of 2000, and endorse the 21st Century Energy Plan recommendations to adopt a new, up-front certification policy for major power plant investments; Be It Further

RESOLVED That copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Bay City area legislators, the Michigan Association of Counties and Michigan Townships Association for consideration and support.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board has cast its vote in favor of said resolution affirming a commitment by the Board to support the location of the Consumers Energy clean coal project in Hampton Township of Bay County, Michigan.

Adopted 2/12/2008

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Kusterer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mary Kusterer
Pinconning Township Clerk