

ORDINANCE NO. 50

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY ELECTRIC FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical appliances on, under, along and across the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local electric business in the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERTOWN ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. GRANT, TERM. The CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants the right, power and authority to the Consumers Energy Company, a Michigan corporation, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called the "Grantee," to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical appliances for the purpose of transmitting, transforming and distributing electricity on, under, along and across the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local electric business in the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

SECTION 2. CONSIDERATION. In consideration of the rights, power and authority hereby granted, said Grantee shall faithfully perform all things required by the terms hereof.

SECTION 3. CONDITIONS. No highway, street, alley, bridge, waterway or other public place used by said Grantee shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work of construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when said work was commenced. All of Grantee's structures and equipment shall be so placed on either side of the highways as not to unnecessarily interfere with the use thereof for highway purposes. All of Grantee's wires carrying electricity shall be securely fastened so as not to endanger or injure persons or property in said highways. The Grantee shall have the right to trim trees if necessary in the conducting of such business, subject, however, to the supervision of the highway authorities.

SECTION 4. HOLD HARMLESS. Said Grantee shall at all times keep and save the Charter Township free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the structures and equipment hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Charter Township on account of the permission herein given, said Grantee shall, upon notice, defend the Charter Township and save it free and harmless from all loss, cost and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

SECTION 5. EXTENSIONS. Said Grantee shall construct and extend its electric distribution system within said Charter Township, and shall furnish electric service to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE. The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive.

SECTION 7. RATES. Said Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said Charter Township for electricity furnished therein, the rates as approved by the Michigan Public Service

Commission, to which Commission or its successors authority and jurisdiction to fix and regulate electric rates and rules regulating such service in said Charter Township, are hereby granted for the term of this franchise. Such rates and rules shall be subject to review and change at any time upon petition therefor being made by either said Charter Township, acting by its Charter Township Board, or by said Grantee.

SECTION 8. REVOCATION. The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by the party desiring such revocation.

SECTION 9. MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, JURISDICTION. Said Grantee shall, as to all other conditions and elements of service not herein fixed, be and remain subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or its successors, applicable to electric service in said Charter Township.

SECTION 10. REPEALER. This ordinance, when accepted and published as herein provided, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of an electric ordinance adopted by the Charter Township on January 11, 1988 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical appliances on, under, along and across the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places, and to do a local electric business in the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

and amendments, if any, to such ordinance whereby an electric franchise was granted to Consumers Energy Company.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect upon the day after the date of publication thereof; provided, however, it shall cease and be of no effect after thirty days from its adoption unless within said period the Grantee shall accept the same in writing filed with the Charter Township Clerk. Upon acceptance and publication hereof, this ordinance shall constitute a contract between said Charter Township and said Grantee.

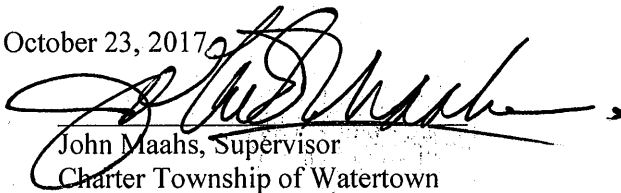
PASSED by roll call vote of the members as follows:

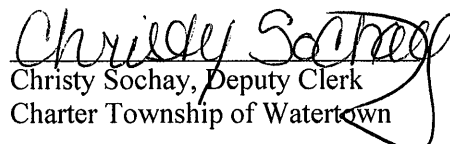
Yes: Cooley, Overton, Thelen, Hufnagel, Maahs, Madill  
No: None  
Absent; Adams

AND ADOPTED by the Township Board this 16th day of October, 2017.

AND EFFECTIVE October 23, 2017

BY:

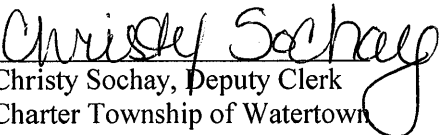
  
John Maahs, Supervisor  
Charter Township of Watertown

  
Christy Sochay, Deputy Clerk  
Charter Township of Watertown

First Reading: September 18, 2017  
First Publication: September 24, 2017 (Grand Ledge Independent and DeWitt-Bath Review)  
Adoption: October 16, 2017  
Final Publication: October 22, 2017 (Grand Ledge Independent and DeWitt-Bath Review)  
Effective Date: October 23, 2017

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified Deputy Clerk of the Charter Township of Watertown, Clinton County, Michigan DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the ordinance adopted by the Township Board at the date set forth above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 23 day of October, 2017.

  
Christy Sochay, Deputy Clerk  
Charter Township of Watertown

ACCEPTANCE

TO THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERTOWN,  
CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

The CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY hereby accepts the franchise granted to it by your  
Charter Township Board on the 16 day of October, 2017, which said franchise is entitled  
as follows:

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assigns, the right, power and authority to construct, maintain and commercially use  
electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders,  
transmission and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical appliances on,  
under, along and across the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other  
public places, and to do a local electric business in the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF  
WATERTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY

By Catherine M Reynolds  
Catherine M. Reynolds  
Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Dated: October 23, 2017.

APVD AS TO FORM

[Signature] 8-10-17

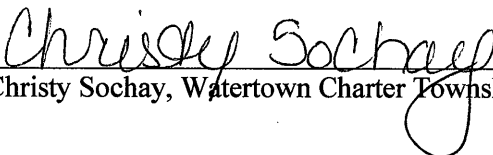
CLERK CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN        )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF CLINTON        )

I, Christy Sochay, Deputy Clerk of the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the annexed is a true and correct copy of the ordinance granting Consumers Energy Company an electric franchise, as adopted by the Charter Township Board at a regular meeting on the 16 day of October, 2017 after said Ordinance had previously been introduced at a regular meeting of the Charter Township Board on the 18 day of September, 2017 and published on the 24 day of September, 2017.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the acceptance, a copy of which is attached hereto, was filed with me as Watertown Charter Township Deputy Clerk, on the 23 day of October, 2017; that I have compared the attached copies with the original records in my office, and that the same are true and correct transcripts therefrom.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing ordinance was published, as appears by proof thereof on file in my office, in the *Grand Ledge Independent* and *DeWitt Bath Review*, newspapers circulated in the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, on the 22 day of October, 2017; and that all of said proceedings were regular and in accordance with all legal requirements.

  
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Christy Sochay, Watertown Charter Township Deputy Clerk

Dated: October 23, 2017