UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Proposed Open Acc	cess Requirement
for International Ele	ectric Transmission
Facilities and Deleg	ation to the Federal
Energy Regulatory	Commission

FE Docket No. 99-1

MOTION TO INTERVENE OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY

Pursuant to Rule 214 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's ("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. §385.214), Consumers Energy Company ("CECo") moves to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of its motion, CECo shows:

I.

CECo is a corporation chartered under Michigan law. The full name and principal business address of the company are:

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Phone: (517) 788-5826 Fax: (517) 788-0756 William M. Lange Assistant General Counsel Consumers Energy Company Suite 100 1016 16th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036 Phone: (202) 293-5795 Fax: (202) 293-5367 CECo is a public utility rendering electric service to over 1.5 million residential, commercial and industrial customers in the Lower Peninsula of the State of Michigan. The electrical system of CECo, along with that of the Detroit Edison Company ("DECo") is interconnected with Ontario Hydro, the provincial electric utility for the Province of Ontario, at four points on the U.S.-Canada border. Each interconnection has been authorized by a Presidential permit (PP-21, PP-38 and PP-58) issued under Executive Order 10485.

II.

CECo has an interest in this proceeding and its participation is necessary, in the public interest and appropriate to the administration of the Federal Power Act. On July 27, 1999, the Department of Energy gave notice (64 FR 40,586) of its proposed amendment to Presidential permits and export authorizations. The amendment would require permit holders to provide non-discriminatory open access transmission services. The open access requirement would also be attached to the permit holders authorization to export electricity.

III.

WHEREFORE, CECo has a direct and substantial interest in the outcome of this proceeding, and its interest would not be adequately represented by any other party. CECo respectfully requests that it be granted intervention as a party and that the Commission grant such further relief as may be lawful and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding.

Dated at Washington, D.C. this 27th day of September, 1999.

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