

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk
101 COURT STREET, MUNISING, MI 49862

RESOLUTION #2014-19

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF RATE INCREASES CAUSED BY PROPOSED
SUBSIDIES TO OPERATE PRESQUE ISLE POWER PLANT**

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Michigan legislature amended the Customer Choice and Electric Reliability Act that allows customer choice for electric service. This amendment allowed the Tilden and Empire mines to seek an electric provider other than Wisconsin Electric; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Electric lost 80 percent of their electric load and in the Upper Peninsula and announced they were going to close the plant; and

WHEREAS, the Midcontinent Independent System operator (MISO) oversees the electrical transmission system in Michigan and the Midwest for the purpose of ensuring system reliability for all electric customers such as Cloverland Electric Co-op. MISO determined that if the plant closes, system reliability would be in jeopardy; and electric customers across the Upper Peninsula and eastern Wisconsin will have to pay a substantial subsidy each month to keep the plant open.

WHEREAS, a July 29th order issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) agreed with the state of Wisconsin Public Service Commission's complaint that the formula used to determine who pays for the \$52 million operational costs for the Presque Isle Power Plant in Marquette is "unjust and unreasonable" which resulted in Upper Peninsula rate payers getting a much larger rate increase than was first proposed.

WHEREAS, representatives of various affected parties are reviewing the order, as electric rates across the Upper Peninsula are going to increase to keep Marquette's Presque Isle Power Plant open.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

That the rate increases will have a negative impact, on all Upper Peninsula families and businesses. The Alger County Board of Commissioners believes that the plan of increasing costs for Alger County and Upper Peninsula citizens and businesses, will cause hardship on families and hurt the economy. The Alger County Board of Commissioners asks all Upper Peninsula Counties, businesses and families to join us and ask the Michigan legislature, Governor Rick Snyder, Michigan US Representatives and Senators to find a way to eliminate or minimize the burdensome cost of the proposed subsidy.

Adopted this 20th day of October, 2014.



Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

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STATE OF MICHIGAN)
County of Alger)

I, Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk of the County of Alger and of the County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting on October 20, 2014.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Alger, this November 20, 2014 at Munising, Michigan.



Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk