

ORDINANCE NO. 14  
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY NON-EXCLUSIVE  
ELECTRIC FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE, granting CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the non-exclusive 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 TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

THE TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. GRANT, TERM. The TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants to the extent that it has the authority to grant, the non-exclusive right, power and authority to 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 TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK, CRAWFORD 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 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 hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Township on account of the permission herein granted,

said Grantee shall, upon notice, defend the 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 Township, and shall furnish electric service to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. LIMITATION OF GRANT. Grantee understands and accepts that Grantor has limited ownership and control over the rights of way in Beaver Creek Township and Grantee agrees to additionally obtain all necessary permission, easements and other approval from the County Road Commission, State Highway Department and any other entities exercising ownership, control and/or jurisdiction over these rights of way.

SECTION 7. RATES. Said Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said Township for electric energy 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 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 therefore being made by either said Township, acting by its 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 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 Township Board on January 2, 1968, 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, wires, transformers and other electrical appliances on, along and across the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places, and to do a local electric business in the TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years, and amendments, if any, to such ordinance whereby an electric franchise was granted to Consumers Power Company (now known as Consumers Energy Company).

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect upon the day after the date of publication thereof,



provided, 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 Township Clerk. Upon acceptance and publication hereof, this ordinance shall constitute a contract between said Township and said Grantee.

Mobarak moves that we accept the consumers Energy Company Non-Exclusive Electric Franchise Ordinance as presented. Seconded by McGregor. Ayes: Mobarak, Riley, McGregor, McDonough and Hartman. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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