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Ms. Mary Jo Kunkle  
Executive Secretary  
Michigan Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 30220  
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Re: City of Holland – Holland Board of Public Works Electric Resource Plan  
MDEQ Proposed Permit to Install 25-07, State Registration No. B2357  
MPSC Case U-16077

Dear Mr. Hellwig and Ms. Kunkle:

The Holland Board of Public Works, through its consultant Black & Veatch, has completed its Electric Resource Plan, which includes a 20 year forecast of energy and demand requirements and an evaluation of various options for meeting these requirements. Specifically, the plan considers multiple renewable and conventional resource options in addition to demand-side management measures. It should be noted that the Holland Board of Public Works is well on its way to meeting and exceeding the renewable portfolio standards associated with PA 295 of 2008. It is anticipated that the already in place contracted renewable energy supplies will satisfy Holland’s obligations through 2020.

While the Michigan Public Service Commission has no legal authority to assess the merits of the electric resource decisions made by the Holland Board of Public Works and Holland City Council, a home rule city, we understand that you have an interest in seeing this document. Therefore, we have attached the plan, along with Black & Veatch’s Midwest Electric Market Perspective.

The study concludes that there is a need for additional base load generation in the Holland Board of Public Works electric portfolio. The study also shows that virtually any of the base load resources under consideration are financially viable options, regardless of whether a carbon market emerges. Also, the study

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provides an assessment of potential community benefits associated with the supply side options. Overall, when you consider the relative cost neutrality of each option, the study shows that Holland should receive its permit to install for the proposed circulating fluidized bed boiler so that may keep all options available to the community.

Sincerely,

Loren H. Howard, PE  
General Manager

**Attachments**

- cc: Hon. Kurt D. Dykstra, City of Holland
- Mr. James Storey, HBPW
- Mr. Charles Denton, Barnes & Thornburg LLP
- Mr. Paul Proudfoot, MPSC
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