

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.14

Reps. LaFave, Markkanen and Cambensy offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to encourage the construction of a peaking power
2 plant in the Upper Peninsula.

3 Whereas, Some residents of the Upper Peninsula pay energy
4 costs significantly higher than the rest of the state; and

5 Whereas, The construction of a new power plant in the eastern
6 Upper Peninsula would decrease the cost of electricity
7 transmission, increase grid reliability, allow for greater economic
8 development, create jobs, and add to the tax base; and

9 Whereas, With the assistance of the Midcontinent Independent
10 System Operator (MISO), Michigan has identified a location in the
11 Upper Peninsula where the construction and operation of an
12 additional natural gas-fired peaking power plant would lead to

1 lower overall electricity costs and enhance grid reliability, while
2 requiring minimal further infrastructure investment; and

3 Whereas, Cloverland Electric Cooperative has indicated to MISO
4 that it is exploring the construction of a peaking power plant in
5 the Upper Peninsula; now, therefore, be it

6 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we encourage
7 electric utilities to continue to expeditiously explore the
8 construction of a peaking power plant in the Upper Peninsula; and
9 be it further

10 Resolved, That we encourage the Michigan Agency for Energy and
11 Michigan Public Service Commission to provide any technical
12 assistance needed during the exploration and construction of a
13 peaking power plant in the Upper Peninsula; and be it further

14 Resolved, That we encourage MISO to prioritize and expedite
15 any request to approve the construction of a peaking power plant in
16 the Upper Peninsula; and be it further

17 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
18 Executive Director of the Michigan Agency for Energy, the
19 commissioners of the Michigan Public Service Commission, and the
20 Chief Executive Officer of the Midcontinent Independent System
21 Operator.