



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

OF MICHIGAN

EDUCATING AND ADVOCATING FOR RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street NE  
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Commission Members,

The League of Women Voters of Michigan is concerned about energy policies that unduly hurt the poor. The decision to impose a high tariff on the residents of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to keep the Presque Isle Power Plant operating is oppressive. This is a small population with many low and fixed income residents.

We support your decision to request additional information used to determine the cost allocations for continuing operation of Presque Isle. This however will not eliminate the problem. The League of Women Voters would further support action by appropriate levels of government to encourage the use of renewable resources and energy conservation through funding for research and development, financial incentives, rate-setting policies and mandatory standards.

This crisis demonstrates the need for energy planning at the State and Federal level to protect our citizens and guarantee energy reliability. Your Commission is tasked to ensure just and reasonable rates, terms and conditions. We trust you will find solutions to this reliability issue at an affordable cost.

Thank you for your service and attention to this vital citizen need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan K. Smith".

Susan K. Smith, President  
League of Women Voters of Michigan