

# Powering Michigan's Growth

Count on us to deliver



## Growth is Good for Michigan

- **More Jobs:** New projects create jobs, from construction to operations, and boost local businesses that support workers and companies.
- **More Tax Revenue:** Economic growth expands the local tax base, giving the state, cities, municipalities, and schools more resources to fund roads, teachers, and public safety.
- **More Opportunities:** When businesses grow, families have more choices—better jobs, stronger schools, and thriving communities where people want to live and stay.

## We Have the Energy Supply

- We have plenty of reliable energy supply to meet growth demands even on the hottest days.
- Our long-term Energy Supply Plan is on track to support growing demand with additional generation capacity.
- Our long-term plans include natural gas, dispatchable renewable energy and battery storage.

## We are Committed to Reliability

- Infrastructure investments made by data centers, such as new or upgraded poles, lines and equipment, can contribute to improved reliability for all local customers.
- This can mean improved reliability without additional costs for customers.

## Data Centers Will Not Raise Your Rates

- Michigan is not like other states. Because Consumers Energy's large-load tariff data centers pay for all transmission, generation and distribution costs associated with providing them electricity, residential customers will not pay a penny more because of them. In fact, the increased load from data centers helps spread our costs across a broader customer base.
- Consumers Energy has championed these regulatory safeguards Michigan has put in place that allow us to support these large customers to grow the state's economy while keeping costs fair and just for all customers.
- Much like the cost of other basic needs, we acknowledge the cost of energy has increased over time and various cost factors may continue push rates up, as is the nature of our business. However, customer rates will still be lower when data centers come online than they would be without them.

## We are Committed to the Environment

- We are committed to responsible development that prioritizes preserving the clean air, water and land that matters to all of us.
- Our Energy Supply Plan will not just comply with Michigan's 2023 energy law but also add cost-effective resources to ensure new growth is served with a diverse portfolio of reliable energy.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Will new data centers in Michigan raise my rates?**

No. Residential customers will not pay a single penny to bring data centers online, but will instead benefit from the investments they bring<sup>1</sup>. Customer rates will be lower when data centers come online than they would be without them. Because data centers pay for all transmission, generation and distribution costs associated with providing them electricity, other customers will not pay a penny more because of them. In fact, the increased load from data centers helps spread our costs across a broader customer base. Consumers Energy has championed these regulatory safeguards Michigan has put in place that allow us to support these large customers to grow the state's economy while keeping costs fair and just for all customers.

### **Where is the energy coming from to support these large projects?**

Consumers Energy has plenty of energy supply to meet today's customer demands. With natural gas plants in our portfolio, along with dispatchable renewable resources and energy storage, we will continue to supply reliable, on-demand electricity to meet Michigan's energy needs. Our experts, armed with advanced modeling technology, are forecasting how much power we'll need in the coming decades and identifying the best options to meet that demand, which includes new large-load projects. We continue to grow our supply capacity each year to meet the needs of customers. Through our industry-leading energy efficiency and demand response efforts, we continue to encourage cost savings and efficient energy use.

### **What about the environmental impacts of data centers?**

We are committed to the environment, which includes clean air, water and land, and to protecting the planet we all care about. Our Energy Supply Plan will comply with Michigan's 2023 energy law, while adding cost-effective resources to ensure new growth is served with a diverse portfolio of reliable energy.

### **Does Consumers Energy have enough power to support these large projects, and should we expect brownouts?**

We have plenty of reliable energy to meet today's growth demands and support future expansion across our state, contrary to some third-party stakeholder claims. We detail in our long-term Energy Supply Plan (Integrated Resource Plan)<sup>2</sup> the evolving energy landscape and how we will meet demand with cost-effective generation for the next twenty years. As future large customers come online, our blueprint will transparently demonstrate how we will reliably meet the demand of all customers including proposed projects in Michigan's pipeline.

<sup>1</sup>MPSC approves terms of service between Consumers Energy and data centers, other very large customers; adds protections for existing customers. 2025, November 6. [michigan.gov/mpsc](https://michigan.gov/mpsc)

<sup>2</sup>MPSC Resource Planning, [michigan.gov/mpsc](https://michigan.gov/mpsc)