



## Statement on State Energy Policy

The Greater Lansing region is powered by several utility suppliers—statewide power providers like Consumers Energy (CMS Energy), alternative energy suppliers (AES), and Lansing’s municipally-owned utility, the Lansing Board of Water and Light (LBWL). Energy policy for our state should improve our economic competitiveness. It should also provide access to safe and reliable power for all user classes.

The Lansing Regional Chamber advocates for an energy policy that provides:

- **Reliability**  
Job providers require reliable energy. To ensure power demands are met, state policy should include:
  - Adequacy planning to prevent capacity shortages
  - Transmission and distribution system planning and investment
- **Affordability**  
Michigan businesses are part of a global market place. The cost of energy supply in Michigan should allow our businesses to compete. To do so, state policy should include:
  - Cost based rates
  - Maintaining the 10 percent retail open access market
- **Environmental Stewardship**  
Energy savings and power from renewable sources help protect the environment and will play an increasing role in Mid-Michigan’s energy future. The state policy should include:
  - A means to promote investment in energy efficiency
  - Recognized value of both energy and capacity of renewable generation sources

LRCC respectfully asks the Michigan Legislature to focus on pursuing energy policy that provides reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible energy for all of Michigan’s businesses and residents, while maintaining a flexible, fair and reasonable regulatory climate.

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