

ABATE

ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS ADVOCATING TARIFF EQUITY

JOIN NOW: YOU CAN'T AFFORD NOT TO

Since its inception in 1981, the Association of Businesses Advocating Tariff Equity (“ABATE”) has effectively reduced utility costs for all Michigan industrial energy users. ABATE members have realized hundreds to thousands of dollars in energy and utility cost savings for every dollar spent on ABATE activities.

Energy is a major expense for industries doing business in Michigan. While ABATE members recognize that public utilities should earn a reasonable return on their investment, Michigan industries should not pay more for the same energy than its counterparts in most other states and Canada.

ABATE works to correct this inequity at the state and federal levels. ABATE participates in gas and electric utility cases, supporting the basing of rates which do not contain inter-class subsidies. ABATE supports policies that encourage competition among energy suppliers, and promotes and protects open access to competitive suppliers of gas and electricity to industrial customers.

ANNUAL DUES

ABATE’s annual General Member dues are based upon the aggregate dollar amount paid by the member for gas and electricity utility services purchased within the State of Michigan during the calendar year preceding the year in which the annual fee is due, in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Utility Expenditures</u>	<u>Dues</u>
\$0 to \$2,000,000	\$2,400
\$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000	\$3,600
\$4,000,000 to \$6,000,000	\$4,800
\$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000	\$7,200
\$10,000,000 and above	\$12,000

ABATE’s participation in regulatory proceedings is funded on a case-by-case basis. For those cases in which the ABATE Steering Committee decides to participate, members receive a notice explaining the reasons for involvement. Any member participating in a case will be billed monthly for its share of the costs incurred upon each member’s proportion of energy consumption for the utility involved as compared with the energy consumption of all other members participating in the case. An “Opt-Out” form will be issued for each case allowing individual members to decide if they wish to participate in funding a particular case. If a member does not wish to fund the case, they simply return the Opt-Out form and will incur no responsibility for funding the case.

ABATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name and Address of Company:

Telephone Number:

Facsimile Number:

ABATE Representative:

Title:

E-mail Address:

Telephone Number:

Alternate Representative:

Title:

E-Mail Address:

Telephone Number:

Billing Name and Address

(if different from above)

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**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM, AND YOUR CHECK MADE
PAYABLE TO ABATE, TO:**

**ABATE
c/o Clark Hill PLC
Attn: Michael J. Pattwell
212 E. Grand River Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48906**

*If you have any questions concerning ABATE, please contact
Rod Williamson, Executive Director for ABATE, directly at (910) 444-8883*