STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

DAVID KRIEGER, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v

Case Nos. 20-000094-MM; 20-000102-MM; 20-000103-MM; 20-000111-MM; 20-000112-MZ; 20-000116-MM; 20-000118-MM; 20-000121-MM; 20-000140-MM; 20-000151-MM; 20-000156-MM; 20-000230-MM; 20-000232-MZ; 20-000233-MM; 20-000235-MM; 20-000236-MM; 20-000237-MM; 20-000239-MM; 20-000240-MZ; 20-000241-MM; 20-000245-MM; 20-000246-MM; 20-000257-MM; 20-000260-MM; 20-000262-MM; 23-000073-MM; 23-000074-MZ; 23-000076-MM

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY, et al.,

Hon. James Robert Redford

Defendants.
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ORDER DIRECTING CLOSING ARGUMENTS

At a session of the Court in the City of Grand Rapids, State of Michigan

on January 29th 2026, the Court Orders as follows:

On January 26, 2026, after the close of proofs following eleven days of trial, the Court orally stated on the record its intentions and directions regarding how the parties would submit closing arguments and closing briefs on matters related to the issue of liability in this case.

To memorialize these statements the Court orders as follows:

1. On or before 4:00 p.m. on February 10, 2026, counsel for plaintiffs shall file findings of fact and conclusions of law not to exceed 50 pages in length. Plaintiffs may file their closing arguments in writing not to exceed 25 pages

in length at the same time. Only one page of the caption and one page of attorneys' signatures shall be included in the page count. Any counsel of record may make this filing on behalf of a plaintiff or group of plaintiffs, but the sum total of the filing on behalf of all plaintiffs shall not exceed the page limits stated in this paragraph.

2. On or before 4:00 p.m. on February 19, 2026, counsel for defendants shall file findings of fact and conclusions of law not to exceed 50 pages in length, and closing arguments in writing not to exceed 25 pages in length at the same time. Only one page of the caption and one page of attorneys' signatures shall be included in the page count. Any counsel of record may make this filing on behalf of a defendant or both defendants, but the sum total of the filing on behalf of all defendants shall not exceed the page limits stated in this paragraph.

3. Plaintiffs may, but are not required, to file a rebuttal to defendants' closing argument on or before 4:00 p.m. on February 26, 2026, which shall not exceed 15 pages.

No further briefing shall be considered by the Court absent an express written order directing otherwise. The Court reserves the right to issue any additional orders or to modify, edit, change, amplify, or cancel any aspect of this order at any time with or without notice to the parties until a final order is entered closing the case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: January 29th 2026

James Robert Redford
Judge, Court of Claims