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MIACCA Submits Comments on MPSC Case No. U-18361

On February 21, 2020, MIACCA submitted [these comments](#) on behalf of our membership to the January 23, 2020, the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) issued its [order](#) in MPSC Case No. [U-18361](#). MIACCA commented on the MPSC's request for additional comments on three issues: (1) free encryption products or services that would allow the safe transfer of customer specific data at no cost to the VAPS-C; (2) the proposed revision to the data privacy tariffs of all affected utilities; and (3) comments to file simple NDAs for the Commission's consideration.

MPSC Notice of Hearing in Case No. U-20697 Consumers Energy Rate Case

The Michigan Public Service Commission sent out notice of Consumers Energy first electric rate case since its filing of Consumers Energy 2018 VAPS Annual Report. This is where the electric utility costs directly attributable to the ASP's use of the monthly electric bill for the ASP billing and payment processing is supposed to be allocated. Petitions to intervene are due March 18, 2020.

Here is the notices of Hearing in Case No. U-20697 Consumers Energy Rate Case

- [U-20697 - Consumers Energy Rate Case Notice of Hearing.pdf](#)

Trump seeks big increase in career-technical education money

President Donald Trump is proposing a \$900 million increase in education spending to teach skills and trades, in what would be a historic federal infusion into a spending area that's been stagnant for years.

The announcement Monday follows Trump's State of the Union push for career and technical education and is in line with increasing emphasis on the idea that there should be stronger career paths for students as alternatives to a four-year degree.

"It's maybe the largest investment in CTE ever," Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said during a briefing to education groups after the administration released its budget proposal.

The spending increase is proposed in an Education Department that Trump is once again seeking to cut overall, this time by 8%. Trump has signed previous budgets that ignored his education cut proposals, with Congress instead increasing funding. [CONTINUE READING](#)

MIACCA submits letter to the BCC requesting striking gas piping exemption

On February 1, 2020, MIACCA [sent this letter](#) to the Bureau of Construction Codes, and LARA Director, Hawks, regarding [Pending Rule 2019-118 LR Construction Codes Part 5](#). Residential Code – Chapters 1 and 2 – Exempting gas utilities from mechanical permits when relocating gas meters

**Court of Appeals heard oral arguments on if the
Bureau of Construction Codes can arbitrarily delay
appeals to the Construction Code Commission and if
anneal hearings need to be recorded.**

Recently the Michigan Court of Appeals in Case No. 346701 heard oral arguments in which the Construction Code Commission (Commission) argued that it was appropriate for the Bureau of Construction Codes (Bureau) to delay an appeal to the Commission beyond the 30 days stated in MCL 125.1516 so that the Bureau can determine if the appellant has standing and get information from the enforcing agency. The Commission also argued that there is no statutory requirement for them to audio record their meeting in which an appeal was heard; which without an audio recording no appellant can obtain a transcript of the meeting to be used in the next appeal level, being the Court of Appeals. The Court took the case under advisement and will issue its written opinion in the near future.

CSD-1 Training March 26, 2020 Behler-Young Flint 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

Earn your NATE Accredited CSD-1 Certification.

Review of the State of Michigan CSD-1 Standard Certification testing.

How to fill-out required State forms

Commercial boiler best practices & troubleshooting

Cost: \$225 Per Attendee Includes lunch.

Attendees should bring:

- **A copy of ASME CSD-1-2018**
- **Article 9 of the Skilled Trades Regulation Act**
- **Michigan Boiler Rules**

Register Today!

There is minimum of 10 attendees necessary to run this training.



Are you ready to take your business to the next level? Tired of working in your business rather than "on" it? Wonder how other company owners manage to take family vacations and spend time away but you can't? We can show you

HOW OTHER COMPANY OWNERS MANAGE TO TAKE FAMILY VACATIONS AND SPEND TIME AWAY, BUT YOU CAN'T. WE CAN SHOW YOU how our members grow their profit by 30% each year!

Make plans now to find out how our members create their own success when you join us for this business-building seminar for owners of contracting business companies. On **March 12, 2020**, we will be at the **San Diego Mission Bay Resort in San Diego, CA!** Valued at \$749, this meeting is **FREE** for invited guests - and you are invited!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SPRING UPDATE

Dear Ladies & Gentlemen of the HVAC&R Industry, These are the "Best of Times"! There remains a shortage of Skilled HVAC Engineers, Project Managers & Technicians. Jobs of nearly every description exist worldwide for the educated HVAC Professionals.

Please share this letter that MIACCA is sending to potential students or with anyone who wants a Cool Career with Hot Cash!

MMIA CLASS - MARCH 19, 2020

Please join us at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren, MI on Thursday, March 19, 2020 for a class on MMC 2015 Chapter 4 - Ventilation and ASHRAE - Ventilation for Health Care Facilities. This course is approved for 3 Technical Credits.

Please make reservations in advance to ensure there is enough food for everyone. Cost for members who register in advance is \$30 (or \$35 at the door) and for non-members is \$35 (\$40 at the door).

Download the registration form from our website [HERE](#) and send it in.

Message from President *Phil Forner*

MIACCA has been working hard for our members, as always. In February, we submitted comments to the Michigan Public Service Commission on Case No. U-18361 in efforts to protect our contractors from losing business to the Utility Value Added Product Services (VAPS) program, which you can read in this article. We continue to keep on top of this issue and advocate for fair reporting from the utility companies.

You may have found an invoice for membership renewals in your inbox. We appreciate all of our members who have paid online, but we also just sent paper copies to those we hope to renew. Please do not toss them away! Instead, please join us in the advocacy, education and protection of our industry. We appreciate your support. If you have questions, please contact Executive Director, M.J. D'Smith at mjdsmith@miacca.org.

As always stay safe and keep up the great work!

ACCA 2020 Conference



March 16-18

St. Louis, MO

ACCA 2020 focuses on helping HVAC contractors to optimize for business growth and success by learning from the industry's most successful owners, entrepreneurs, top consultants, and innovative and creative up-and-comers.

The Conference program is filled with HVAC training opportunities and powerhouse speakers covering the most critical and timely topics affecting HVAC contractors today. Sessions cover a wide range of topics that will help contractors be better business people and grow their profit margins year over year.

The Expo space showcases the top products and services available in the industry.

Networking opportunities are uniquely targeted, giving you ample time to make the connections you need to grow your business.

For More info and to Register [CLICK HERE](#)



"Game On"

Roadshow will travel to more than 25 states in 2020, featuring Johnson Controls HVAC solutions

Johnson Controls announced its 2020 "Game On" Roadshow, featuring rooftop HVAC systems from Johnson Controls, TempMaster® and YORK®. Beginning March 4th in Richmond, VA, this tour will bring the comprehensive and newly extended rooftop unit portfolio to locations across North America, including Los Angeles, Toronto, Atlanta, and more.

As part of the tour, the 53' "Game On" trailer will house full-size displays of Choice 15-27.5T and Select 27.5-50T units to give visitors hands on interactions with the equipment. The agenda will also include engaging interactive experiences featuring the Premier 25-50T rooftop platform, Variable Air Volume Products (VAV), the Verasys Building Controls System and the Rooftop Center of Excellence for design and manufacturing.



Webinar: Family Succession Planning

When most people hear "estate planning," they think of planning to avoid estate taxes. However, for all but the very wealthiest individuals, the federal estate tax is no longer a concern (although state level estate taxes may still be an issue for some). There is a lot more to "estate planning" than taxes. That's why "family succession planning" better describes this process, which includes decisions about who will receive which assets, when they will receive them, and who will have authority to make financial, medical and end of life decisions for you if you can't.

What you will learn:

- Which taxes may impact you and your family at your death
- What will happen if you don't do any planning
- Impact of property ownership and beneficiary designations on your plan
- Importance of planning for incapacity and end of life decisions

[Watch Webinar](#)

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