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JULIAN VAIL, LLC NEWS & NOTES



Welcome to the Julian Vail team:

Jamie Brummel, a native of Owosso brings to Julian Vail her experience with non-profit administration.

Nicole Smith, a current student at Michigan State University majoring in animal science with an equine emphasis.

Kelsey Warner, a recent graduate from Laingsburg who plans to attend LCC and is pursuing a career in veterinary medicine.

All three are a great asset to Julian Vail and we look forward to everyone meeting them!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

House

Agriculture

June 18, 2008

2:30 p.m.

307 House Office Building

Chair: Rep. Jeff Mayes

Appropriations: Investigations

June 17, 2008

10:45 a.m.

Room 352, House Appropriations,
3rd floor, State Capitol

Chair: Rep. George Cushingberry

Judiciary

June 18, 2008

9:00 a.m.

521 House Office Building

Chair: Rep. Paul Condino

Senate

Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs

June 18, 2008

1:00 p.m.

Room 110, Farnum Building
125 W. Allegan St.

Chair: Patricia Birkholz

**For a complete list of committee meetings visit www.legislature.mi.gov.*

2008 MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE SCHEDULE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- June 17 1:30 p.m.
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- June 19 12:00 p.m.

SENATE

- June 17 10:00 a.m.
- June 18 10:00 a.m.
- June 19 10:00 a.m.

MICHIGAN-GROWN TOMATOES DECLARED SAFE TO EAT BY FDA

LANSING – Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Don Koivisto today announced that Michigan-grown tomatoes are not associated with the current Salmonella Saint Paul outbreak and have been declared safe to eat by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Michigan has been added to the FDA's "safe to consume" list available online.

Michigan is second in the nation in terms of agricultural diversity and is home to approximately 500 open-field tomato farms and 15 hydroponic/greenhouse tomato operations with locally focused distribution.

"Although Michigan's open field tomato harvest doesn't begin until July, it's important for consumers to know that our growers are producing safe, wholesome products for Michigan families to enjoy," said Koivisto. "Now is the perfect time to ask for locally grown and processed Michigan products at your area retail markets."

MPSC AUTHORIZES ELECTRIC RATES 40 PERCENT BELOW CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY'S REQUEST, REDUCES COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS' SUBSIDY BY NEARLY \$20 MILLION

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) today authorized Consumers Energy Company to raise electric rates by \$27,468,600. The utility had requested \$68,869,000. The average residential Consumers Energy electric customer will see a rate increase of less than 2 percent per month, effective in July. The MPSC today also reduced the subsidy paid by commercial and industrial customers by nearly \$20 million.

"The rate increase approved today reflects federal environmental mandates and the purchase of the Zeeland Generating Station, which benefits customers by improving electric reliability," said MPSC Chairman Orjiakor Isiogu. "Aware of the effect of rising energy costs on customers, my fellow Commissioners and I approved a new \$6 per month credit for low-income customers and a \$3 credit for senior citizen customers who currently receive a senior discount. These credits will help mitigate the increase for these customers."

"In addition, the Commission today is taking the important step to make Michigan more attractive to new employers or existing employers that want to expand their operations by reducing the subsidy that full service commercial and industrial electric customers pay by nearly \$20 million. This rate alignment sends the message that Michigan is a good place to do business, where electric rates are just and equitable and economic development is valued."

A fact sheet with details on the case follows.

The MPSC is an agency within the Department of Labor & Economic Growth.
Case No. U-15245

MICHIGAN CONTRACT SECURITY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting: June 18, 2008

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Julian Vail, LLC

235 N. Pine St. Lansing, MI