

October 12, 2009
Wind Energy Resource Zone Board
Michigan Public Service Commission
6545 Mercantile Way
Lansing, MI 48911
10:00 a.m.
Proposed Minutes

I. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair, David Walters at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Julie Baldwin, Steve Brock, Bob Ianni, Trevor Lauer, John Miceli,
Mary Templeton, Thomas Vitez, David Walters, David Wright

Alternates Present: David Bertram, Alternate for Gene Jorissen
Joe DeVito, Alternate for Rodger Kershner

II. Web Meeting Announcement.

Christine Battiste, MPSC Staff, provided technical assistance for the web meeting.

III. Adoption of the Agenda.

The Chair asked if there were changes, deletions or additions to the agenda.
Mr. Lauer made a motion to accept the agenda. The motion was seconded by
Mr. Wright. The Board adopted the agenda.

IV. Approval of the proposed minutes of the September 28, 2009 meeting.

The Chair asked if there were changes, deletions or additions to the minutes.
Mr. Miceli made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded
by Ms. Templeton. The Board approved the minutes.

V. Review and discuss final report.

A discussion regarding clarifying and rewording various areas of the report was
held with Sally Talberg (Board's Report Writer Consultant).

Rotor diameter spacing for the wind turbine grid used in the Board's analysis
was discussed. The Board opted to provide more detail to explain the layout.
Ms. Talberg will work with Chuck McKeown (Board's Wind Energy
Consultant) and Mr. DeVito on clarifying language.

Mr. Wright made a motion to approve the report with the suggested changes.
Ms. Templeton seconded the motion. The report was approved with the
suggested changes.

VI. Planning discussion.

The final report is due on October 15, 2009.

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At the September 28, 2009 Board meeting, Ms. Baldwin was asked to review Public Act 295 and the Commission's December 4, 2009 order (December 4 order) and list the remaining Board tasks at the next meeting. Ms. Baldwin explained that, based on her review and the timing of the issuance of the final report, transmission filings will be due by November 30, 2009. The Board is directed to review the filings and formally dissolve 45 days later on January 13, 2010. (The correct date is actually January 14, 2010, Baldwin – December 9, 2009.)

A discussion was held on the meaning of the word "transmission" as used in Public Act 295. The Board concluded that the term might not mean 138 kV and higher voltage electric lines as used in other contexts.

Additional discussion focused on the meaning of "review" as used in Public Act 295 and the Commission's December 4 order. The Board decided that it would read the transmission filings to satisfy the review requirement. The Commission would be the appropriate entity to request further detail or determine if additional information is needed.

Mr. Vitez pointed out that the transmission analysis provided by ITC would not include feeder lines since the exact location of wind turbines is not known and that only "backbone" type transmission lines would be presented in the ITC analysis.

Several Board members expressed concern that distribution utilities would not be able to provide infrastructure information without knowing what transmission lines would be constructed.

The Board discussed how to request transmission information from electric utilities and transmission companies. Based on the directions provided in the Commission's December 4, 2008 order in Case No. U-15899 and Ms. Baldwin's discussions with Commission Staff, the Board decided that it would be appropriate for the Commission's Executive Secretary to send the transmission information request letter. The letter would direct companies to file their transmission filings in the U-15899 electronic docket by November 30, 2009. After the filings are made, Ms. Baldwin will forward the information to the Board for its review. A draft of the letter would be prepared by the Board Secretary and reviewed by the Chair and Vice-Chair and a finalized copy would be provided to the Executive Secretary. A copy of the letter would be forwarded to the Board.

The Board added a meeting on December 14 at 10 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing the transmission filings. Companies who made transmission filings would be given the opportunity to make 30 minute presentations to the Board.

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Mr. Bill Malcolm from the Midwest Independent System Operator mentioned that MISO is watching the Board's progress and planning on out of cycle review for transmission needed to serve wind zone(s) designated by the Commission.

The Board discussed how to handle approving the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Vitez suggested that minutes be prepared during the December 14 meeting and printed for Board approval as the final Board action.

VII. Public comments.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Lauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by Mr. Miceli. The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.