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UP ENERGY TASK FORCE MEETING
Draft Meeting Minutes

Tues., March 3, 2021 – 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Liesl Clark, Howell, Mich.
Mike Prusi, Ishpeming Township, Mich.
Tanya Paslawski, East Lansing, Mich.
Kris Bowman, Gulliver, Mich.
Dave Camps, Hancock, Mich.
Mike Furmanski, Gladstone, Mich.
Jenn Hill, Marquette, Mich.

Douglas Jester, East Lansing, Mich.
Aaron Johnson, Negaunee, Mich.
Michael Larson, Marquette, Mich.
Dan Scripps, Village of Northport, Mich.
Roman Sidortsov, Houghton, Mich.
Tonya Swenor, Marquette, Mich.

Welcome and Task Force Business

In compliance with current state measures designed to suppress the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and in accordance with the Open Meetings Act changes (Public Act 254 of 2020, effective Dec. 23, 2020) the U.P. Energy Task Force met virtually.

The meeting commenced at 2:30 p.m. Liesl Clark welcomed everyone, performed roll call, and summarized the agenda. An update on implementation of the Phase I (propane) recommendations will be provided at the next task force meeting. The following task force business was conducted:

- Dan Scripps moved and Douglas Jester seconded approval of the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Mike Prusi moved and Douglas Jester seconded approval of the January meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Liesl noted that the February 24 meeting was cancelled and March 3 meeting added to allow the task force members more review time with the draft report.

Update on Texas Electricity Outages

Bonnie Janssen of Michigan Public Service Commission provided the task force with a background on the causes and outcomes of the mass outages in Texas.

Task Force Work Session

Public Sector Consultants facilitated a review of the draft recommendations, recording the comments and suggested changes made by task force members for incorporation into the draft document.

Next Meeting / Next Steps

The draft recommendations will be posted on the UP Energy Task Force website, Michigan.gov/UPEnergyTaskForce, for public review by March 4. The public comment period will continue through March 14. All written public comments submitted to EGLE-UPEnergy@Michigan.gov will be shared with task force members for review and consideration. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, at which time the task force will discuss and consider public comments submitted for potential incorporation into the draft document.

Public Comments

Public comments were heard.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Approved at March 16, 2021, UP Energy Task Force meeting.