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## UP ENERGY TASK FORCE MEETING

Monday, June 9, 2020  
12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
Meeting via Microsoft Teams

### MEETING MINUTES

#### Attendees:

Liesl Eichler Clark, Chairperson	Jim Kochevar
Mike Prusi, Vice Chairperson	Michael Larson
Tanya Paslawski, Secretary	Mike Nystrom
David Camps	Tony Retaskie
Mike Furmanski	Major Gen. Paul Rogers
Jennifer Hill	Dan Scripps
Douglas Jester	Tonya Swenor
Aaron Johnson	

### Welcome, Task Force Business

Meeting commenced at 12:30 p.m.

- Liesl welcomed everyone and attendance was taken.
- Liesl summarized the agenda. Tony made a motion to approve the June 9, 2020 agenda and Dan seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Douglas made a motion to approve the April 13, 2020, meeting minutes and Mike Furmanski seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Douglas made a motion to approve the May 12, 2020, meeting minutes and Tony seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

### Introductory Comments

Liesl said the Task Force is currently scheduled to meet in person on July 15 at Gogebic Community College in Ironwood. At this point the in-person meeting is tentative, and a decision will be made closer to that date whether the meeting will go forward in person or virtually. Even if the meeting goes forward in person, there will be an option for virtual attendance.

Liesl reiterated to attendees that they can request to comment during the public comments section by sending an email to [EGLE-UPEnergy@Michigan.gov](mailto:EGLE-UPEnergy@Michigan.gov), by commenting using the chat feature, or by using the “raise hand” feature.

### Presentations

### ***U.P. Transmission System***

Ken Copp, American Transmission Company, presented an overview on ATC's Upper Peninsula Transmission System. Presentation materials can be found at the following links and under "Presentations" at Michigan.gov/UPEnergyTaskForce:

Powerpoint

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/egle/ATC\\_Electric\\_Transmission\\_-\\_UPETF\\_Presentation\\_June\\_9\\_2020\\_693679\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/egle/ATC_Electric_Transmission_-_UPETF_Presentation_June_9_2020_693679_7.pdf)

Map

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/egle/ATC\\_Electric\\_Transmission\\_-\\_UPETF\\_Presentation\\_Map\\_June\\_9\\_2020\\_693680\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/egle/ATC_Electric_Transmission_-_UPETF_Presentation_Map_June_9_2020_693680_7.pdf)

### ***MISO***

Cathy Cole of the Michigan Public Service Commission presented introductory information on the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (MISO). Presentation materials can be found at the link below and under "Presentations" at Michigan.gov/UPEnergyTaskForce.

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/egle/egle-exe-upetf-05122020-MPSC-Electricity-Intro\\_692913\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/egle/egle-exe-upetf-05122020-MPSC-Electricity-Intro_692913_7.pdf).

The full meeting recording can be found at Michigan.gov/UPEnergyTaskForce, under "Links to Video Recordings."

### **Working Session**

Task Force interest in future topics included:

- Integration of different types of resources.
- Differences between electric and gas utilities, how they operate, and their cost structure; inviting utilities to the next meeting to talk about their services, including investor-owned, municipal, and cooperatives.
- Compare rates and rate setting in Michigan and Wisconsin.
- Changes in technology, transitioning from legacy systems, and financing resources.
- Discussing the reliability benefits of large centralized solar or wind resources vs. many small systems. Would need to ensure that many small systems don't connect to the grid at the same point.
- Presentation on MISO regional resource survey, including generation and load in the UP.
- Consideration of transportation fuels and related infrastructure that may be lacking in the UP.
- Overview of the key state energy policy components.
- Learn about utility Integrated Resource Plans to see what the long-term plans look like.

- Understand fragmentation of utilities, the generation resources used by each, and cost implications. Think about whether a recommendation should be made on how to minimize fragmentation.

### **Public Comments**

Liesl reminded attendees that there are a lot of materials to be reviewed at [Michigan.gov/UPEnergyTaskForce](https://Michigan.gov/UPEnergyTaskForce), and reminded attendees they can use the “chat” feature, the “raise hand” feature, or they can send an email, or just speak up.

Public comments were heard.

### **Adjournment**

Liesl reminded attendees to visit the website to keep up to date on Task Force activities, including updates on whether the July meeting will be virtual or in person, and information on future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

**\*Approved at July 15, 2020, UP Energy Task Force meeting\***