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UP ENERGY TASK FORCE MEETING

Tuesday, May 12, 2020
9:30 a.m. to 12 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
Kristopher Bowman	Tony Retaskie
David Camps	Dan Scripps
Mike Furmanski	Dr. Roman Sidortsov
Jennifer Hill	Tonya Swenor
Douglas Jester	
Aaron Johnson	

Welcome, Task Force Business

Meeting commenced at 9:30 a.m.

- Liesl Clark welcomed everyone and attendance was taken.
- The May 12, 2020, agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- The March 13, 2020, meeting minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Liesl shared that an additional meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, with the May 12 and June 9 meetings each being 2.5 hours, rather than a full day meeting on May 12. The hope is that by July 15, which is the date scheduled for the next UP Energy Task Force meeting, the Task Force will be able to meet in person at Gogebic Community College in Ironwood, as planned. That determination will be made at a later date.

Introductory Comments

Liesl gave a brief update regarding Covid-19. She encouraged attendees to look at [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/Coronavirus), and said that Michigan is working on increasing testing.

Liesl reiterated the charge of the task force, per Executive Order 2019-14.

Liesl explained that today's presentation would be in two parts, with the first part being an Energy 101, then transitioning over to energy providers, territory, and rate comparisons, and that public comments would follow the two-part presentation.

Liesl shared that there are multiple methods for public comment. Public comments can be submitted by email at EGLE-UPEnergy@michigan.gov. If attendees would like to speak during this meeting, they can send an email to the same email address and indicate in the subject line they would like to speak today. Another way to request to speak during the meeting is to type a request to comment into the chat feature of Microsoft Teams. Liesl asked that attendees keep comments germane to the topic at hand.

Presentation

Cathy Cole of the Michigan Public Service Commission presented information on electricity basics and on energy providers, territory, and rate comparisons, among other things. Cathy also answered questions posed by the UP Energy Task Force. The full presentation 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.

The full meeting recording can be found at Michigan.gov/UPEnergyTaskForce.

Public Comments

Liesl reminded attendees the Task Force would like to keep comments to the topic at hand. Liesl asked the speakers who made requests in advance to speak, and reminded attendees they can request to comment by putting their name in the chat feature or by sending an email to EGLE-UPEnergy@michigan.gov.

Public comments were heard.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Approved at June 9, 2020, UP Energy Task Force Meeting.