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**UP ENERGY TASK FORCE MEETING**

Wednesday, July 15, 2020  
1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Meeting via Microsoft Teams

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

Kris Bowman  
Dave Camps  
Liesl Clark  
Mike Furmanski  
Jenn Hill  
Douglas Jester  
Aaron Johnson  
Jim Kochevar  
Mike Larson

Mike Nystrom  
Tanya Paslawski  
Mike Prusi  
Tony Retaskie  
Maj. Gen. Rogers  
Dan Scripps  
Roman Sidortsov  
Tonya Swenor

**Welcome, Task Force Business**

Meeting commenced at 1:00 p.m.

- Liesl welcomed everyone and attendance was taken.
- Liesl summarized the agenda. Mike Nystrom made a motion to approve the July 15, 2020, agenda and Dan seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Mike Furmanski made a motion to approve the June 9, 2020, meeting minutes and Jim seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Liesl said meetings will be virtual for the foreseeable future. The Task Force members discussed and agreed that shorter meetings held more often is preferred. The Task Force agreed to keep the dates currently on the calendar but to shorten the virtual meetings to approximately 2.5 hours, and to add a few dates. Liesl shared the proposed dates for shorter virtual meetings for the rest of 2020:

- Mon., Sept. 14
- Wed., Oct. 7
- Fri., Nov. 6
- Tues., Dec. 15

Liesl said the Task Force would change to in-person meetings if possible, while keeping the virtual option in place.

Liesl reminded attendees they can access information about the work of the UP Energy Task Force at [Michigan.gov/UPEnergyTaskForce](http://Michigan.gov/UPEnergyTaskForce). She added that there is a lot of

information specific to Line 5 at Michigan.gov/Line5, which contains consolidated information from EGLE, Michigan Public Service Commission, and the DNR. Resources at that website include a permitting timeline.

## **Presentations**

### ***UP Energy Task Force Discussion on Municipal Electric Utilities***

Mike Furmanski, Electric Superintendent for the City of Escanaba and member of the UP Energy Task Force, presented an overview on municipal electric utilities in the Upper Peninsula. Presentation materials can be found at the following link and under “Presentations” at Michigan.gov/UPEnergyTaskForce:

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/egle/UPETF\\_Presentation\\_07152020\\_Furmanski\\_696601\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/egle/UPETF_Presentation_07152020_Furmanski_696601_7.pdf)

### ***Marquette Board of Light and Power***

Tom Carpenter, Executive Director of the Marquette Board of Light & Power shared a presentation on Marquette utilities services. Presentation materials can be found at the following link and under “Presentations” at Michigan.gov/UPEnergyTaskForce:

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/egle/UPETF\\_Presentation\\_07152020\\_Carpenter\\_696598\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/egle/UPETF_Presentation_07152020_Carpenter_696598_7.pdf)

### ***UPPCO Utilities Service***

Brett French, VP Business Development and Communications at UPPCO shared a presentation on UPPCO utilities service. Presentation materials can be found at the following link and under “Presentations” at Michigan.gov/UPEnergyTaskForce:

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/egle/UPETF\\_Presentation\\_07152020\\_French\\_696599\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/egle/UPETF_Presentation_07152020_French_696599_7.pdf)

The full meeting recording can be found at at the following link, and under “Links to Video Recordings” at Michigan.gov/UPEnergyTaskForce:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l95e0oNCXJU>

## **Public Comments**

Public comments were heard.

## **Adjournment**

Liesl said that the extended question and answer sessions after the presentations would satisfy the Task Force Working Session item on the agenda. She reminded attendees they can submit written comments via email to [EGLE-UPEnergy@Michigan.gov](mailto:EGLE-UPEnergy@Michigan.gov) and told Task Force members the new proposed dates for virtual meetings for the rest of

2020 would be shared via email and that comments or concerns about the dates were welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

**\*Approved at Sept. 14, 2020, UP Energy Task Force Meeting.\***