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UP ENERGY TASK FORCE MEETING

Finlandia University
Jutila Center, Leroy Keranen Conf. Room 323
200 Michigan Street
Hancock, MI 49930
Sept. 20, 2019; 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

Paul Ajegba
Kris Bowman
David Camps
Liesl Clark, Chairperson
Mike Furmanski
Jennifer Hill
Douglas Jester
Jim Kochevar

Michael Larson
Emily Leach
Mike Prusi, Vice Chairperson
Major General Paul Rogers
Dan Scripps
Dr. Roman Sidortsov
Chris Swartz

Welcome, Introductions, Task Force Business

The meeting commenced at 10 a.m.

Task Force members introduced themselves and shared their affiliations.

Task Force business was addressed:

- Agenda was discussed.
- Public comments email address, EGLE-UPEnergy@Michigan.gov, was shared.
- URL for UP Energy Task Force website was shared – Michigan.gov/UPEnergyTaskForce.
- State emails for Task Force members should be ready by Oct. 1.
- In the event of a government shutdown related to the state budget, the Oct. 1 meeting would not occur. Liesl Clark will make sure members are informed as the meeting date approaches.
- Previous presentations were mentioned. All previous presentations are available at Michigan.gov/UPEnergyTaskForce.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Sept. 20, 2019 agenda. The motion was approved unanimously by the Task Force members by voice vote.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Aug. 5, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously by the Task Force members by voice vote.
- A Task Force member asked about media responses. Liesl Clark said if Task Force members want to send them along, EGLE is happy to provide support regarding media inquiries.

Presentations

Luc Mageau, Director, NGL Trading & Commercial Analytics, for Plains Midstream Canada; Peter Holran, Director, U.S. Government Affairs, for Enbridge, Inc.; and Tim Lubbers, Director of Business Development for SEMCO Energy Gas Co., gave presentations on their companies' roles in supplying propane and natural gas to the Upper Peninsula.

All of the presentations are available for viewing at [Michigan.gov/UPEnergyTaskForce](https://www.michigan.gov/UPEnergyTaskForce). Links to each of the presentations are included here:

Plains Midstream Canada:

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/egle/egle-exe-upetf-ENB_L5_Presentation_666520_7.pdf

Enbridge, Inc.:

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/egle/egle-exe-upetf-Enbridge_Presentation_666523_7.pdf

SEMCO Energy Gas Co.:

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/egle/egle-exe-upetf-SEMCO_Presentation_666522_7.pdf

Public Comments

Public comments were heard.

Work Session

Key discussion points:

- The Task Force was not formed to decide the fate of Line 5 or the potential tunnel in the Straits of Mackinac. The Task Force is to look at potential policy proposals and the overall energy picture of the Upper Peninsula.
- Because it has such small demand, could the UP be used as a place to test some of the alternate energy possibilities. Folks clearly want alternatives; how can we help support that?
- To a certain extent, hopefully a larger extent, public comments are informing the work the Task Force is doing. Concerns are about energy services, cost of heating, intergenerational justice, how the resources are distributed, and resilience.
- All of the public comments were appreciated. Public comments help the Task Force understand the perspective of Upper Peninsula residents. The report

needs to have a component that reflects the comments heard from the public during listening sessions.

- There should be different plans for different circumstances – if the disruption is immediate, or if there is some notice, if it is temporary, or permanent. Knowing the alternatives when disruptions occur, however they are caused, is imperative.

Suggestions for future sessions:

- Having a primer on treaty rights was suggested by multiple Task Force members. There are a number of tribes in Michigan and also Wisconsin who have an opinion on alternative energy sources, and it would be of value to the Task Force to hear those opinions. It was suggested that tribal attorneys be invited to present on treaty rights.
- Understanding short-term disruptions, including sizing and use of on-premise storage, patterns of delivery and replenishment, and how that interacts with heating assistance.
- The economics of using propane versus other options as a heat source with a focus on residential to gain an understanding of the comparable BTUs and efficiency of use for wood, electricity, natural gas, and what the costs are for those fuels as a comparable heating supply. What is the user operating cost of these different options, looked at from the point of view of the customer?
- Other areas where propane is regulated in other states potentially that could be used as a policy tool in Michigan, especially on the residential side, whether that's through efficiency programs or other pieces that could help. Could start to look at weatherization options for homes that could allow folks to use less propane and add resiliency to the system. Are there short- or long-term policies that other states may employ?
- Price differentials between propane in Michigan and propane in Minnesota or Wisconsin. Could Michigan Public Service Commission staff help provide a better understanding of that?
- Energy waste reduction and energy efficiency measures – would be helpful to have a summary on Upper Peninsula energy efficiency opportunities to reduce propane usage. Could Michigan Public Service Commission provide a summary?

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Approved at the UP Energy Task Force Meeting on Oct. 1, 2019