

UTILITY CONSUMER PARTICIPATION BOARD

12:30 p.m.

Michigan Library & Historical Center

1st Floor, Lake Superior Room

702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Present: Jim MacInnes (Chairperson), Paul Isely (Board Member), Bali Kumar (Board Member), Sam Passmore (Board Member), Susan Haroutunian (Board Member), Kelly Jo Kitchen (Board Assistant), Chris Bzdok (MEC), Don Keskey (RCG and GLREA), Jim Wilson (LARA), Douglas Jester (CARE), Paul Lange (CARE), Mike Moody (AG), Brian Coyer (RCG and GLREA), Ed Haroutunian (Public), Lola Killey (RCG), Shawn Worden (LARA), Charlotte Jameson (MEC), Carol Dane (RCG)

Monday April 8, 2019

I. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members 12:40

- a. Welcome new board member
Bali Kumar
- b. Approval of Agenda (including consent items) and minutes from February 4, 2019 meeting
Moved: Paul Isely, Seconded: Susan Haroutunian
Motion carried

II. Business Items

- a. LARA Budget Update
Shawn Worden gave an updated budget overview, assessment letters out next week to the utilities
- b. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
Moved: Sam Passmore nominated Jim MacInnes for Chairperson and Paul Isely for Vice Chairperson; Seconded: Susan Haroutunian
Motion carried
- c. Attorney General Update
Mike Moody: Gave a background of the AG's intervention in cases and how the AG works with the grantees of the UCPB. Discussed the progress in the Tax Cases and the refunds coming back to customers. Discussed the UPPCO Case, CECO IRP Case and the DTE IRP Case. RCG has a hearing Wednesday morning on a motion regarding substantiation of representation.
- d. CARE
 - Grant request – UPPCO PSCR Plan Case (U-20229) for \$28,181.45, transfer of funds from UMERG PSCR Plan Case (U-20227) for \$11,727.60 and UPPCO Rate Case (U-20276) for \$16,453.85.
(U-20229) Case is moving to cross-examination, interruptible tariff issue. CARE does not believe UPPCO will settle and preparing to litigate.
UMERG PSCR (U-20227) is settling and the UPPCO Rate Case (U-20276) is working toward a settlement with a favorable benefit to the

residential rate payer. The AG will not be in the UPPCO PSCR Plan Case.

Moved: Paul Isely; Seconded: Susan Haroutunian
Motion Carried

e. MEC

Discussion regarding the changes happening at MEC. Charlotte Jameson will be stepping into the intervention work; James Clift has moved over to the DEQ. A new budget director is being vetted. MEC is also doing some coordination of residential ratepayer protection advocates

- Grant request – #6 CECO 6t IRP (U-20165) transfer \$5,000 from expert to legal.

MEC is happy with the settlement, just need more legal time to possibly defend the settlement agreement.

Sam Passmore: Questions what energy the UCPB should focus on in regards to CECO or should the UCPB change its focus.

Discussion about Demand Response.

The AG is in this case.

Moved: Paul Isely; Seconded: Bali Kumar
Motion Carried

- Grant request - #7 DTE electric PSCR Plan Appeal (U-18403, 2018) and DTE gas GCR Plan Appeal (U-18412, 2018) for \$15,150

Nexxus Code of Conduct issues. Not having the Nexxus contracts would be cheaper, but the Commission is going to approve the contracts on other grounds.

Moved: Paul Isely; Seconded: Sam Passmore

Motion carried

AG will be in the DTE PSCR Plan, might be in the GCR Plan Appeal

- Grant request - #8 DTE PSCR-R (U-20203) for \$40,400

Rate payer relief on uneconomic units.

Potential savings is based off 1.2 million.

Moved: Paul Isely; Seconded: Susan Haroutunian

Discussion

Moved: Paul Isely, amended motion for \$30,300 and MEC could come back in fiscal year 2020;

Seconded: Susan Haroutunian

Motion Carried

f. RCG governance issues

Don Keskey gave an overview of RCG and where the governance issues stand.

Bali Kumar suggested we use the full name of each entity.

III. Reports

a. Grantees

MEC directed the board to its memos that it prepared for the board in its packet.

RCG presented an update on their cases.

GLREA presented an update on their cases.

Discussion regarding the project that Jan Beecher is preparing.

IV. Public Comment

V. Next meeting: June 3, 2019

VI. Adjournment 4:00
