

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), Elise Matz (Board Member), Sam Passmore (Board Member), Bali Kumar (Board Member), Kelly Jo Kitchen (Board Assistant), Chris Bzdok (MEC), Don Keskey (RCG and GLREA), Greg Rivet (LARA), Amy Bandyk (CUB of MI), John Freeman (GLREA), Tonya Paslewski (MEGA), Janice Beecher (IPU-MSU), Jackson Koeppel (Solardarity), Michael Moody (AG), Shay Gaffey (LARA), John Liskey (CARE), Robert O'Meara (ITC), Chuck Marshall (ITC), Kwafo Aldakwa (ITC), Rob Rafson (GLREA/Chart House), Margrethe Kearney (ELPC), Janice Beecher (MSUIPU), Sally Talberg (MPSC), Valerie Brader (Rivenoak), Douglas Jester (CARE), Keith Cooley (CUB)

Monday February 3, 2020

I. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

- a. Approval of Agenda (including consent items)

Moved: Paul Isely, Seconded: Elise Matz

- b. LARA Budget Update

Shay Gaffey introduced herself to the board.

Discussion about the current funds available for grants in the 2020 cycle and potential cases that may come up in the remainder of this grant cycle.

- c. MPSC New Power Grid Partnership with the Governor's Office

Sally Talberg presented the MI Power Grid

https://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/0,9535,7-395-93307_93313_17280-510217--,00.html

<https://www.michigan.gov/MIPowerGrid>

The MI Power Grid initiative will have three areas of emphasis:

Customer Engagement

Integrating Emerging Technologies

Optimizing Grid Performance and Investments

Stakeholder groups will include: utilities, energy technology companies, customers, consumer advocates, state agencies and others and will be formed and led by MPSC Staff.

- d. Jan Beecher: Mott Project Update

The IPU study focused on the following topics:

- The UCPB and its role
- How the UCPB compares to other state's organizations
- NASUCA meeting agenda analysis

The top 4 topics were: Electrification, Rate design, Affordability and Generation/DG

➤ UCPB grant analysis

A summary of the work the UCPB has done from 2009-2018 was presented.

➤ Survey of UCPB stakeholders

➤ Key findings and recommendations

The board discussed having time set aside to further discuss the findings and recommendations presented in the project.

II. Business Items

a. Attorney General Update:

AG went through current cases they are focusing on and the joint work being done with other grantees.

b. CUB

- Grant Request – DTE Gas Rate Case (U-20642) \$20,200
Moved: Paul Isely; Seconded: Bali Kumar
Motion carried
- Grant Request – CECO Gas Rate Case (U-20650) \$20,200
Moved: Paul Isely; Seconded: Bali Kumar
Motion Carried

c. GLREA (ELPC will represent GLREA in the below case)

- CECO 2020 Rate Case (U-20697) for \$33,330
Moved: Paul Isely; Seconded: Sam Passmore

Discussion regarding the use of UCPB funds by GLREA and the experts that will be used on the case. Discussion regarding the “value” of solar and why it is an important from a residential customer perspective even customers that do employ the technology.

Motion Carried

d. MEC

- CECO 2020 Rate Case (U-20697) for \$90,900
Moved: Paul Isely; Seconded: Bali Kumar
Motion Carried
- DTE PSCR-R (U-20203)
No cost transfer of \$5,000 from expert to legal.
Moved: Paul Isley; Seconded: Elis Matz
Motion Carried

III. Reports

a. Grantees

IV. Public Comment

V. Next meeting: April 13, 2020

VI. Adjournment: 4:30
