

UP Energy Task Force Organizational Meeting  
July 9, 2019, 1 to 4 p.m.  
Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Michigan  
Meeting Minutes

**Task Force Member and Delegate Attendees:**

Kristopher Bowman	Douglas Jester	Mike Prusi
David Camps	James Kochevar	Anthony (Tony) Retaskie
Liesl Eichler Clark	Michael Larson	Maj. General Paul Rogers
Mike Furmanski	Emily Leach	Dan Scripps
Tom Harrell	Mike Nystrom	Dr. Roman Sidortsov
Jennifer Hill	Tanya Paslawski	Warren (Chris) Swartz

Welcome and Call to Order

Liesl Clark, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Introductions

Each member of the Task Force introduced themselves and their background and expertise, as well as their interests in the topic and what they hoped to accomplish. The following items were included in member feedback:

- Understanding the supply/demand picture in the UP
- Making economic development part of the discussion
- Understanding the geography/regional differences/the UP as a separate energy system
- Efficiency for transportable fuels
- Affordability as a priority
- More information on: Hourly load data; Coincident peak; UP/LP transmission interconnection; Disruption recovery options

Mission and Ground Setting

Liesl Clark, Chairperson of the Task Force, reviewed the [Executive Order that created the Task Force](#), focusing on its mission and timelines. Meetings are expected to be monthly through the fall and held in different locations throughout the UP. The public will have an opportunity to comment as part of listening sessions at meetings to be scheduled in Sept., Oct., and Nov.

Chairperson Clark provided the members with draft Governance Procedures and reviewed its contents. Members were asked to provide feedback. Formal adoption of the Governance Procedures will be requested at a future meeting.

It was shared that the duties of the Task Force follow the Executive Order and that the Task Force members are serving without compensation.

A motion was made to nominate Mike Prusi vice-chairperson of the Task Force. The motion was approved by all members present. Mike Prusi accepted the position.

A motion was made to nominate Tanya Paslawski as Secretary. The motion was approved by all members present. Tanya Paslawski accepted the position. Staff assistance will be provided by EGLE for note taking and other duties.

### Presentations

Chairman Sally Talberg from the Michigan Public Service Commission was a member of the Pipeline Safety Advisory Board. She provided an overview of the Board's reports and findings, which can be found at: <https://mipetroleumpipelines.com/>. The final report was issued in December of 2018 and the Board was disbanded.

Commissioner Dan Scripps provided an overview of the draft [Statewide Energy Assessment](#) released on July 1, 2019 in response to a request from Governor Whitmer after the extreme winter weather in January of 2019. The assessment included background information on propane usage throughout the state, as well as information on electricity, natural gas, emergency management, and cyber and physical security. The final report will be released on September 13, 2019.

### Closing Remarks

Members were asked what they want to have included in future meetings. The following were identified:

- How is propane distributed?
- Prices/market dynamics
- Amount of primary v. secondary homes in the UP
- Having Enbridge present

A website will be created to support the work of the Task Force and include reading material and other information. It will be available to the public. The next meeting will be held on August 5 in St. Ignace with specifics to follow.

Participants were asked to provide any other ideas or feedback to Brandy Brown at [BrownB3@michigan.gov](mailto:BrownB3@michigan.gov).

### Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

**\*Approved at the UP Energy Task Force Meeting on August 5, 2019\***