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UP ENERGY TASK FORCE MEETING

Monday, Sept. 14, 2020
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Meeting via Microsoft Teams

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

Dave Camps
Liesl Clark
Mike Furmanski
Jenn Hill
Douglas Jester
Aaron Johnson
Michael Larson
Mike Nystrom

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

Welcome, Task Force Business

Meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m.

Liesl welcomed everyone and took roll call of the task force members.

The following task force business items were shared and managed:

- The task force members received an updated, revised proposed meeting schedule that adjusts to more, shorter virtual meetings through year end.
- Aaron recently shared a Request for Proposal from MDOT regarding the task force's recommendation No. 5 for members' review and comment.
- The task force received email communication from Mr. Jim Lively regarding a U.P. Energy Conference. Several task force members are participating in the planning or as panel members. Liesl said she would check in with the Open Meetings experts on whether the attendance of the task force would need to be shared via public notice if there is a quorum of the task force members attending. The agenda for the conference is under development, but it's being scheduled for Nov. 9 in the afternoon. Jenn is participating in planning. The group is open to suggestions for participation from the task force – perhaps an update on task force work.
- Liesl summarized the 9/14/20 agenda. Tony moved to approve agenda. The motion was seconded. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Douglas moved to approve the revised and updated meeting schedule. Dave seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Dan moved to adopt the 7/15/20 UP Energy Task Force meeting minutes. Douglas seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Presentation - Cloverland electric services

Aaron Wallin, CFO/Director of Power Marketing and Regulatory Affairs at Cloverland Electric Cooperative, gave an overview of the utility. The PowerPoint presentation is available at the link below or by visiting Michigan.gov/UPEnergyTaskForce:

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/egle/egle-exe-upetf-CloverlandElectricCooperative-09142020_703012_7.pdf

Presentation - Overview of UP energy with suggestions on task force priorities

Douglas Jester, Managing Partner of 5 Lakes Energy and UP Energy Task Force member, shared data and an analysis of electrification for the UP with suggestions on task force priorities in preparation for the final report. The PowerPoint presentation is available at the link below or by visiting Michigan.gov/UPEnergyTaskForce:

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/egle/egle-exe-upetf-5LakesEnergy-Jester-09142020_703013_7.pdf

The task force suggested the following priorities:

- Explore comparative cost structures of U.P. electric utilities and use of time of use rates
- Renewable energy siting
- Transport electrification
 - Work on charging infrastructure
- Building electrification
 - Work on electricity rate design
- Deep energy savings in buildings
 - Financing and workforce/business development

Task Force Discussion

Additional items the task force would like to discuss include:

- Cost impact and feasibility of fuel switching.
- Choice and utility regulation generally.

The full Sept. 14, 2020, meeting recording can be found at the following link, and under “Links to Video Recordings” at Michigan.gov/UPEnergyTaskForce:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-HXLAY2BjeU>

Public Comments

Public comments were heard.

Adjournment

Next meeting is October 7, 2020, from 1-3:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Approved at Oct. 7, 2020, UP Energy Task Force meeting.