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UP ENERGY TASK FORCE MEETING
Meeting Minutes

Friday, Nov. 6, 2020 – 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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Conference ID: 425 816 987#

Attendees and meeting locations:

Liesl Clark, Howell, Mich.
Mike Prusi, Ishpeming Township, Mich.
Tanya Paslawski, East Lansing, Mich.
Kris Bowman, Gulliver, Mich.
Mike Furmanski, Green Bay, Wisc.
Jenn Hill, Marquette, Mich.
Aaron Johnson, Negaunee, Mich.

Michael Larson, Marquette, Mich.
Mike Nystrom, Downtown Lansing, Mich.
Tony Retaskie, Rapid River, Mich.
Dan Scripps, Village of Northport, Mich.
Roman Sidortsov, Portage Township,
Houghton County, Mich.
Tanya Swenor, Marquette, Mich.

Welcome / Task Force Business

In compliance with current state measures designed to suppress the spread of the Covid-19 virus, and in accordance with the Open Meetings Act changes – Public Act 228 of 2020, effective Oct. 16, 2020 – the U.P. Energy Task Force met virtually, beginning at 1 p.m. Attendance was taken and attendees stated their meeting location.

Liesl Clark shared the following updates:

- January through March 2021 task force meeting dates will be determined after getting input from task force members.
- The U.P. Clean Energy Conference is scheduled for Monday. Liesl Clark will be presenting on the Task Force.
- The meeting agenda was reviewed. Mike Nystrom moved for approval and Tony Retaskie seconded. The agenda was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Dan Scripps, Chair of the Michigan Public Service Commission, presented on the topics of Integrated Resource Planning and Energy Financing.

The PowerPoint presentation is available at Michigan.gov/UPEnergyTaskForce or at the following link:

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/egle/UPETF_MPSC_utility_planning_11062020_709751_7.pdf

Task force discussion after the presentation included possible policy changes regarding distribution planning, which are not currently required for many utilities in the Upper Peninsula.

Dave Camps shared information about smart grids and how they relate to the charge of the Task Force that will be shared with the members.

The critical nature of broadband and connectivity was discussed; some technology requires a reliable internet connection. There is a task force looking at broadband expansion that Commissioner Phillips participates on.

Tanya Paslawski highlighted the importance of looking holistically at planning in the UP to increase efficiency which is difficult with so many separate utilities.

The full recording of the meeting is available at Michigan.gov/UPEnergyTaskForce, under "Links to Video Recordings" or at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJckbber1z8>

Public Comments

Public comments were heard.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Approved at Dec. 15, 2020, UP Energy Task Force meeting.