

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), 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), Shawn Worden (LARA), Brian Coyer (RCG/GLREA), John Liskey (CARE), Robert O'Meara (ITC), Margrethe Kearney (ELPC), John Richter (GLREA), Robert Nelson (CUB)

Monday December 2, 2019

I. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

- a. Approval of Agenda (including consent items)

Moved: Paul Isely, Seconded Elise Matz
Motion Carried

- b. LARA Budget Update:

AG has been paid back; some grants are still pending.

- c. Jan Beecher: Update on Mott Foundation Project

The project should be wrapped up in December. A Survey was sent to relevant stakeholders and is being compiled. Looking at a national and a Michigan perspective. The project will include history and a summary analysis as well as: the impact the UCPB makes and ideas and recommendations moving forward. The report is designed as a resource that the board can use.

- d. MEC: Transmission and Power Imports in the DTE IRP Case.

In the IRP cases transmission needs to be looked at. New requirements have been fleshed out by the MPSC. Getting the power to Michigan can reduce the overall cost of energy. Transmission opportunities need to be more robustly analyzed by the utilities.

Elise Matz introduced Margrethe Kearney from the Environmental Law and Policy Center (ELPC) who did a brief introduction regarding ELPC.

II. Business Items

- a. Attorney General Update

DTE rate case there is a joint litigation with MEC sharing experts.

I & M electric rate case working with CARE and MEC

SEMCO Rate case working with CUB and the results have been great.

Question about the return on equity (ROE) and if there will be any movement on that issue.

AG is in DTE rate case and the gas cases.

CECO electric to be filed in February.

AG will be in all the PSCR and R cases.

AG has quarterly meetings with the MPSC now.

Question about the value of solar study and the need for it.

b. CARE

- Grant Request - UPPCO RDM (U-20150) \$25,000

Moved: Paul Isely; Seconded: Elise Matz

Motion Carried

c. GLREA

- Grant Request – CECO Electric Rate Case (TBD) \$33,330
May be filed after Feb 3.

Moved: Paul Isely; Seconded: Elise Matz

Motion tabled

d. MEC

- Grant Request – DTE Rate Case (U-20561) \$10,100

Moved: Paul Isely; Seconded: Elise Matz

Motion Carried

- Grant Adjustment – DTE 6t IRP (U-20471) no cost transfer of \$15,000 from expert to legal.

Moved: Paul Isely; Seconded: Elise Matz

Motion Carried

- Grant Request – CECO Electric Rate Case (TBD) \$90,900
May be filed after Feb 3.

e. RCG

- Grant Request – CECO Gas Rate Case (U-20650) \$26,664
- Grant Request – CECO PSCR-R Case (U-20220) \$16,665
Not filed until 3/30/2020

f. CUB

- Grant Request – DTE Gas Rate Case (U-20642) \$40,400 Amended to \$20,200

Moved: Paul Isely; Seconded: Elise Matz

Motion Carried

- Grant Request – CECO Gas Rate Case (U-20650) \$40,400 Amended to \$20,200
Joint litigation agreement in both cases with the AG.

Question about cost allocations between AG and CUB.
It is based on the length of time that the witnesses spend on the issues
and/or each one pays for a different expert.

Moved: Paul Isely; Seconded: Elise Matz
Discussion
Motion Carried

III. Reports

a. Grantees

IV. Public Comment

V. Next meeting: February 3, 2020

Next meeting dates: February 3, April 13, June 1, August 3, August 24, October 5, and
December 7.

VI. Adjournment 4:45
