

UTILITY CONSUMER PARTICIPATION BOARD

12:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Present: Paul Isely (Board Chairperson), Elise Matz (Board Vice Chair), Sam Passmore (Board Member), Jim MacInnes (Board Member), Chris Bzdok (MEC), Jocelyn Krueger (LARA), Tonya Paslawski (CUB), Greg Rivet (LARA), Douglas Jester, (CARE and CUB), Kelly Jo Kitchen (Assistant to the Board), Mike Moody (AG), Margarethe Kearney (GLREA), Shawn Worden (LARA), Bob Nelson (CUB), Don Keskey (RCG), Dan Dundas (MEGA), Suzy Westmorland (MEGA), John Richter, Brian Coyer (RCG), Amy Bandyk (CUB), Abby Kearney

Monday, February 1, 2021

I. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

Paul Isely established a quorum and reviewed the meeting procedures and protocols.

a. Approval of Agenda (including consent items)

CUB: Amy Bandyk requested an addition to the agenda for the DTE Gas Rate Case (U-20940) for \$30,300.

Motion by Elise Matz to amend the agenda to include the CUB request for the DTE Case (U-20940) for \$30,300.

Seconded by Paul Isely

Roll Call Vote: Jim MacInnes, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Paul Isely, yes

Motion Carried

b. Consent Items

- Minutes of December 7, 2020

Motion by Sam Passmore to approve minutes from December 7, 2020.

Seconded by Elise Matz

Roll Call Vote: Jim MacInnes, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Paul Isely, yes

Motion Carried

- Correspondences (Received and Placed on File)
- LARA Budget Update

Shawn Worden updated the budget spending authority to \$589,128.

Motion by Jim MacInnes to approve consent items.

Seconded by Sam Passmore

Roll Call Vote: Elise Matz, yes; Jim MacInnes, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Paul Isely, yes

Motion Carried

II. Business Items

a. Attorney General Update

Michael Moody went over upcoming cases. The AG will sign a joint litigation agreement with CUB for the DTE Gas rate case. He stated that the securitization case coming up for CECo would fit under the 304 statute since it was spun off from the initial rate case. He also stated that the UPPCO acquisition case would not fit under the 304 statute.

Jim MacInnes inquired into the name of the acquiring company and if there was any information about it. Michael Moody believed the name of the company was Axium and there was information about the acquisition on UPPCO's website.

Michael Moody commented on the CECo Electric rate case and the successes in working with MEC. He also encouraged the use of UCPB funds for CUB's expansion in the MISO request.

Elise Matz thanked the AG for their work on behalf of low-income customers.

b. Grant Requests

RCG

- 21-05 CECo PSCR-R Case (U-20220) for \$17,575.00

Don Keskey reviewed the progress in the case and the issues being pursued.

Moved by Sam Passmore

Seconded by Jim MacInnes

Roll Call Vote: Jim MacInnes, yes; Elise Matz: no, Sam Passmore, yes; Paul Isely, yes

Motion carried 3-1

- 21-05 DTE Gas Rate Case (U-20940) for \$32,421.00

Don Keskey reviewed the case filing and discussed the issues being pursued. Jim MacInnes commented that RCG should consider working with ABATE and the AG's office on the Return on Equity (ROE) issue. Sam Passmore agreed.

Moved by Sam Passmore to amend the request to \$10,000 for DTE Gas Rate Case (U-20940)

Seconded by Jim MacInnes

There was a discussion regarding effectiveness and efficiency.

Roll Call Vote: Jim MacInnes, yes; Elise Matz, no; Sam Passmore, yes; Paul Isely, yes

Motion Carried 3-1

- 21-05 DTE GCR Rate Case (U-20816) for \$20,301.00

Don Keskey discussed the issues in this case.

- 21-05 CEC Co PSCR Rate Case (U-20802) for \$13,635.00

Don Keskey discussed the progress being made on disallowances and potential new issues.

- 21-05 DTE Rate Case (U-TBD) for \$32,421.00

Don Keskey discussed the issues in this case.

- 21-05 CEC Co Rate Case (U-20963) for \$32,421.00

Don Keskey discussed the issues in this case.

CUB

Amy Bandyk stated that they looked at the GCR rate cases and did not find any issues that would warrant asking for funds from the UCPB. Amy also stated that CUB has a joint litigation contract with the AG's office.

- 21-06 I & M IRP Case (U-TBD) for \$5,000.00

Amy Bandyk stated that UCPB funded CARE in the previous IRP case and as a result, I&M is starting their current IRP case with joint planning meetings. This should result in lower costs of litigation.

Moved by Jim MacInnes

Seconded by Sam Passmore

Roll Call Vote: Jim MacInnes, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Paul Isely, yes

Motion Carried

- 21-01 Organization of MISO States Affiliate Member participation for \$15,000.00

There was a discussion regarding the MISO work. The Board also discussed a Seams Study and the North American Renewable Integration Study (NARIS).

Moved by Jim MacInnes

Seconded by Elise Matz

Roll Call Vote: Jim MacInnes, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Paul Isely, yes

Motion Carried

- 21-06 DTE Gas Rate Case (U-20940) for \$30,300.00

Douglas Jester stated that this case has not been filed yet. He commented that the AG has a great expert on the ROE issue and discussed the issues that may be pursued. Douglas Jester noted that a starter grant of \$8,000 to \$10,000 would be sufficient at this time.

Moved by Jim MacInnes to amend the grant for DTE Gas Rate Case (U-20940) for \$10,000.

Seconded by Elise Matz

Roll Call Vote: Jim MacInnes, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Paul Isely, yes

Motion Carried

- Addition of Expert Tanya Paslawski

Tanya Paslawski introduced herself and gave an overview of her qualifications. Amy Bandyk stated Tanya Paslawski will assist CUB in their MISO work. Douglas Jester reviewed the work CUB is doing.

Moved by Jim MacInnes

Seconded by Elise Matz

Roll Call Vote: Jim MacInnes, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Paul Isely, yes

MEC

- 21-04 CEC Co Rate Case 2021 (U-TBD) for \$101,000.00

Chris Bzdok discussed the issues that MEC presented in their memo.

Moved by Elise Matz

Seconded by Jim MacInnes

Roll Call Vote: Jim MacInnes, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Paul Isely, yes

Motion Carried

- DTE Securitization Case 2020 (U-TBD) for \$50,500.00

Chris Bzdok discussed the issues that MEC presented in their memo.

Moved by Elise Matz

Seconded by Jim MacInnes

Roll Call Vote: Jim MacInnes, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Paul Isely, yes

Motion Carried

- DTE PSCR-R Case 2020 (U-20528) for \$50,500.00

Chris Bzdok discussed the issues the MEC presented in their memo and noted that MEC will enter into a joint litigation agreement with the AG's office.

Moved by Elise Matz

Seconded by Sam Passmore

Roll Call Vote: Jim MacInnes, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Paul Isely, yes

Motion Carried

III. Reports

a. Grantees

Amy Bandyk stated that she would provide a written update on UPPCO and UMERC for the next meeting.

Don Keskey on behalf of RCG GCR discussed the 6.6 million adjustment in (U-20209).

IV. Public Comment

IV. Next meeting: April 12, 2021

V. Adjournment

Motion by Jim MacInnes to adjourn; Paul Isely adjourned the meeting.