

## UTILITY CONSUMER PARTICIPATION BOARD

December 3, 2018 12:30 p.m.  
Michigan Library & Historical Center  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Lake Superior Room  
702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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Present: Jim MacInnes (Chairperson), Paul Isely (Board Member), Brian Vilmont (Board Member), Sam Passmore (Board Member), Kelly Jo Kitchen (Board Assistant), Chris Bzdok (MEC), Don Keskey (RCG and GLREA), Jim Wilson (LARA), Jim Ault (Michigan Electric and Gas Association), John Liskey (CARE), Emily Pallarito (Rivenoak), Joel King (AG), Brian Coyer (RCG and GLREA), Paul Lange (CARE), Jan Beecher (MSU), Kwafo Adarkwa (ITC/METC), and Chuck Marshall (ITC/METC)

Monday December 3, 2018

### I. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

- a. Approval of Agenda and minutes from October 1, 2018.

Moved: Brian Vilmont, Seconded: Paul Isely

### II. Business Items

- a. LARA Budget Update by Jim Wilson
- b. Board Project: Introduction of IPU's Jan Beecher  
Sam Passmore presented the project.  
The Mott Foundation is making the request for the project; Sam Passmore took himself out the decision making for the grant. MSU presented the proposal to Mott Foundation and the Foundation will decide on the proposal.  
Paul Isely stated that he and Sam Passmore met with Jan Beecher and went over the proposal.  
Jim MacInnes thought the proposal was quite comprehensive, but wondered if there were any conflicts of interest between the parties working together.  
The disclosure statement within the proposal should address any concerns regarding conflicts of interest. The product will be a Michigan State University project and will be available publicly.  
Jim Ault (Public) raised the concern if the outcome would be impacted by the people providing information, specifically the MPSC. Discussion.  
Jan Beecher thinks the project is a worthwhile study.
- c. Board Education: Presentation on the role of Static VAR Compensators (SVC) by Kwafo Adarkwa and Chuck Marshall of ITC/METC
- d. Attorney General: Joel King gave a summary of what the AG is doing currently and their focus. Working with MEC on the DTE rate case and which issues will be covered.
- e. MEC
  - Request #2 – Consumers Energy 6t IRP, Case No. U-20165 is a no cost transfer of expert to legal.  
Moved: Paul Isely, Seconded: Brian Vilmont  
Motion Carried

- Request #3 – DTE 2<sup>nd</sup> Voluntary Renewable Energy Case, Old Case No. U-18352 for \$40,400.00.  
Moved: Paul Isely, Seconded: Brian Vilmont  
Discussion: Start at a lower rate comparable to the initial investment.  
Amended amount \$30,300  
Moved: Paul Isely, seconded: Brian Vilmont  
Motion Carried

f. GLREA

- Request to approve experts:  
Robert N. Rafson, P.E.  
John Richter

Moved: Paul Isely, Seconded: Brian Vilmont  
Motion Granted

III. Reports

- a. Grantees  
GLREA  
RCG  
CARE

IV. Public Comment:

Jim Ault is retiring from his position at the Michigan Electric and Gas Association and the board wished him well. His replacement will attend the February meeting.

V. Next meetings: Set Meeting Calendar for 2019

Proposed dates: February 4, April 8, June 3, August 5, August 26,  
October 7, and December 2

Moved: Brian Vilmont, Seconded: Paul IselyI  
Motion Carried

VI. Adjournment 4:00

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