

## UTILITY CONSUMER PARTICIPATION BOARD

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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Monday June 3, 2019

Present: Jim MacInnes (Chairperson), Paul Isely (Board Member), Bali Kumar (Board Member), Sam Passmore (Board Member) Elise Matz (Board Member), Kelly Jo Kitchen (Board Assistant), Chris Bzdok (MEC), Don Keskey (RCG and GLREA), Jim Wilson (LARA), Douglas Jester (CARE), Lola Killey (RCG), Shawn Worden (LARA), Megan Kolioupoulos (Dr. Beecher and IPU/MSU), Valerie Braeder (Dr. Beecher and IPU/MSU), Dan Scripps (MPSC), Shawn Worder (LARA), Gary Talirico (CARE) Amy Bandyk (CUB of MI), Valerie Brader (Rvienoak), Nick Assendelft (MPSC), Tanya Paslawski (MEGA)

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

- a. Welcome new board member Elise Matz
- b. Welcome MPSC Commissioner Dan Scripps: Mr. Scripps gave an overview of what the MPSC is currently working on and along with their partnerships looking forward working on the low-income residential rates.  
Q & A with board members.
- c. Approval of Agenda (including consent items)  
Moved: Paul Isely, Seconded: Bali Kumar  
Motion Carried
- d. LARA Budget Update: Shawn Worden: Assessment letters went out, around 1.8 million for next year.

#### II. Business Items

- a. Attorney General Update: no update
- b. Update regarding Mott Foundation Project: Valerie Brader  
Sam Passmore gave an overview of how Mott initiated the grant.  
Valerie Brader: Looking at historically what grants have been given and their outcomes. Overview of the groups that advocate for rate payers. The UCPB is unique because it advocates for the residential ratepayer. Statutorily UCPB can intervene in a variety cases except mergers and steam.  
Federal Lever: FERC Cases and regional transmission level meetings and transmission planning. State Level: Rate (every year), PSCR and Reconciliation (every 6 months), IRP (every 5 years), CON (over 1 million in construction costs), steam utility rate case (not too relevant to the UCPB). Looking outside of Michigan and what is done. Adding information from MPSC and how they are going to allocate staff and resources for cases in a given year. May offer ideas on a rolling grant application process as opposed to the current annual grant process.  
Chris Bzdoc: The grant application is presented in phases. Phase One is what is coming in the first quarter of the year and Phase Two is what could be coming during the course of the year.

Don Keskey: The calendar for when cases come in is in the statute.  
If the project is on schedule to be completed within the time frame allocated.

c. CARE

- Grant Request – I & M Rate Case (TBA) for \$60,000, initial request for \$30,000.

I & M services the southwestern portion of the state. Have not filed a rate case in about a decade. No information on what they will ask for, the case they filed in Indiana has asked for a substantial increase in rates and change in rate design. In communication with the AG and will continue working with them.

Q: How many customers?

A: About 120,000 customers

Most of the case will be in the next fiscal year.

Motion: PI, Seconded: SP

Motion Carried

d. MEC

- Grant Request – #9 for DTE Electric Rate Case (TBA) for \$15,150 as an initial request.

Request for starter funding which will be filed in the first two weeks of July. Issues are many: uneconomical operation of River Rouge Plant, St. Claire plants needs further analysis of economic issues, investment recovery mechanism, affiliate combined heat and light plant, non-wire alternatives, performance-based regulation, fixed charges, inflow-out flow, peak demand and cost allocation, time-based rates.

Will ask for more money if available at the August meeting.

Motion: PI, Seconded: SP

Discussion.

Motion Carried

### III. Reports

a. Grantees

CARE: Settlement in the UPPCO rate case worked with the AG very carefully and divided responsibilities.

RCG: 20134 report submitted today, 20165 CECO IRP, 20219 CECO PSCR

GLREA: CECO IRP, Purpa remand case, DTE IRP 20471.

MEC: Settled DTE PSCR Case, entered into a written agreement with the AG in DTE IRP Case to share a modeling expert 2/3:1/3 respectively.

Nexxus case is being appealed.

### IV. Public Comment

Adjourned: 3:55

### V. Next meeting: August 5th, 2019

### VI. Adjournment 3:55

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**ATTACHMENT 1**  
Correspondences Received and Filed List  
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1. CARE Grant Request
2. <https://www.news-sentinel.com/news/local-news/2019/05/15/im-proposes-11-75-percent-hike-in-electric-rates/>
3. MEC Grant Request and Memos
4. GLREA Memo
5. Minutes of UCPB meeting 4/8/2019
6. Board Education: <https://leveltenenergy.com/blog/ppa-price-index/q1-2019/>