

UTILITY CONSUMER PARTICIPATION BOARD
August 8, 2022|| 10:00 a.m.
CRA Building (previously MRA) – Sun Conference Room
Please use South Entrance (Door Will Have a Sign)
2407 N. Grand River Avenue
Lansing Michigan 48906
Call-In option: 888.278.0296 (US Toll Free)
Conference Code: 4803352

MINUTES

In Attendance: Paul Isely (Board Chairperson), Leah Wiste (Board Member), Mike Troupos (Board Member), Sam Passmore (Board Member), Anshu Varma (LARA- Procurement Director), Laura Kwiecien (LARA), Emily Loder (Assistant to the Board), Chris Bzdok (MEC), Dan Dundas (MEGA), Dan Horn (LARA-FAS Bureau Director), Bob Nelson (CUB), Keith Cooley (CUB), Jaime Cutler (LARA)

Attending by phone: Shay Gaffey (LARA), Shawn Warden (LARA), Amy Bandyk (CUB), Douglas Jester (CUB), Colleen Mulligan (CUB).

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Paul Isely established a quorum and called the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of June 13, 2022 (Attachment 1)

Moved by Sam Passmore, Seconded by Leah Wiste

Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Mike Troupos, abstain; Leah Wiste, yes.

Motion to Approve Carried

III. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mike Troupos, Seconded by Leah Wiste

Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Mike Troupos, yes; Leah Wiste, yes.

Motion to Approve Carried

Paul Isely notes that Elise Matz has resigned from the board due to potential conflicts of interest.

IV. State Administration Updates

A. LARA Updates

o Budget Update (Attachment 2)

- FY 23 has an additional \$100,000 for this year, making a total of \$ \$807,500.00 available for grantees
- FY 22 has \$60,774 available for today
 - Requests exceed this amount by nearly \$15,000 today
 - Last meeting to allocate funds for FY 2022 (FY 22 ends September 30)

o Due date for FSRs for FY22 is the first week of October 2022

- All up-to-date documents are on the UCPB website
- Ongoing streamlines of processes and documents
 - If more improvements are made – everyone will be made aware, and all documents of the website will be updated

- Leah Wiste notes that applicant proposal documents need more room for grantees to write in – suggests that gets improved

B. Attorney General Update

- AG office is not with us today
- Provided no concerns about grant requests
- Requests are in-line with what we expected to see

V. New Business

- Leah, Sam had IT issues reviewing the submissions

VI. Public comment (Three (3) minute limit) – Grantee request summary

Chris Bzdok (MEC): MEC has one proposal for FY 2022 and two for 2023. MEC would defer to the CUB requests if money is short. The FY 2022 DTE PSCR case is a 2nd-tier priority. For FY 2023, highest priority is U-21193, the DTE IRP case.

Amy Bandyk (CUB): CUB had originally requested \$50,500 for MISO/FERC work and was awarded half of that. Their request today is for the 2nd half of that money. UPPCO intends to file a rate case soon (Aug 19th?). CUB is continuing issues CARE had been working on after CUB had taken over their work with UPPCO cases. Plan on doing joint litigation with AG.

VII. Grant Requests

FY22

1. U-20827– DTE Electric 2021 PSCR Reconciliation, Amendment

- Michigan Environmental Council (MEC): U-20827 for \$25,250

Paul Isely asks if it would be viable to partially fund this case with remaining FY 2022 money, and fund the rest during the next meeting? Chris Bzdok says that would work.

Mike Troupos asks if anyone else will intervene. Chris Bzdok says that if board moves forward then they will speak with AG about collaboration.

Would MEC want the remaining ~\$15,000 tacked onto their 2023 requests? Yes.

Motion to approve amendment by MEC for \$10,274 by Mike Troupos, Seconded by Leah Wiste
Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, no; Sam Passmore, no; Mike Troupos, no; Leah Wiste, yes.

Motion to Approve Denied

2. U-21286 - UPPCO Rate Case

- Citizens Utility Board (CUB): U-21286 for \$25,250.00

Mike Troupos asks about priority, with inability to fully fund all cases. Amy Bandyk says that the higher priority for CUB is the UPPCO rate case.

Motion to approve request by CUB for \$25,250 by Mike Troupos, Seconded by Sam Passmore.
Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Mike Troupos, yes; Leah Wiste, yes.

Motion to Approve Carried

3. MISO/FERC, Amendment

- Citizens Utility Board (CUB): MISO/FERC for \$25,250.00

Motion to approve request by CUB for \$25,250 by Mike Troupos, Seconded by Leah Wiste
Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Mike Troupos, yes; Leah Wiste, yes.

Motion to Approve Carried

FY23

4. U-21193 – DTE Electric IRP,
 - Michigan Environmental Council (MEC): U-21193 for \$141,400.00

This vote is contingent on funds available on October 1, no spending is authorized until October 1.

MEC will not come back for more funds regarding this case.

Motion to approve request by MEC for \$141,400 by Mike Troupos, Seconded by Sam Passmore
Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Mike Troupos, yes; Leah Wiste, yes.

Motion to Approve Carried

5. U-20827 – DTE Electric 2021 PSCR-R,
 - Michigan Environmental Council (MEC): U-20827 for \$ 20,200.00

This case is voluntarily withdrawn given that the first portion was not funded in FY 2022.

VIII. Annual Report Business

Paul went over the annual report with meeting attendees.

Board will consider adding total increase in rates for residential ratepayers over the course of the calendar year in the next report.

IX. Public Comment (Three (3) minute limit)

Keith Cooley (CUB): Wants to thank board for the work that they do, and thank them for backing CUB. Appreciative of how thoughtful they are in considering admin costs. Wants to thank and appreciate the LARA team as well for improving efficiency processes.

Bob Nelson (CUB): Would like to see 10% cap instead of 1% cap so CUB could utilize those dollars more efficiently and effectively.

Chris Bzdok (MEC): supports CUB's notion about increasing administrative spending from 1% to 10%. Expects to come back in October to support wolverine case. Returning starter funds from the U-20827 case.

X. Next Meeting October 10, 2022

XI. Adjournment

Motion moved by Mike Troupos and seconded by Paul Isley