

UTILITY CONSUMER PARTICIPATION BOARD
August 14, 2023 || 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 - FINAL

In Attendance: Paul Isely (Board Chair), Mike Troupos (Board Member), Nishaat Y. Killeen (Board Member), Anne Polakowski (Board Member), Laura Kwiecien (LARA), Ashtaan Rapanos (Assistant to the Board), Chris Bzdok (MEC), Dan Dundas (MEGA), Dan Horn (LARA), Amy Bandyk (CUB), Mike Burn (MPSC), Brenda Davis (LARA)

Attending by Phone: Shawn Worden (LARA), Colleen Mulligan (MEC), Shay Gaffey (LARA), Jackson Koeppel, Michael Moody (AG)

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 6,2023 (Attachment I)

Moved by Mike Troupos, Seconded by Nishaat Y. Killeen.

Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, abstain; Mike Troupos, yes; Anne Polakowski, yes; Nishaat Y. Killeen, yes.

Motion to Approve Carried

III. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mike Troupos, Seconded by Nishaat Y. Killeen.

Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, yes; Mike Troupos, yes; Anne Polakowski, yes; Nishaat Y. Killeen, yes.

Motion to Approve Carried

IV. MPSC Update – Mike Byrne

- Overview of 2023 rate case timing
 - 4 pending rate cases, 2 likely to settle soon
 - Upcoming cases include: Indiana Michigan Power, UPCO, NSP-W Gas, DTE Gas, Consumers Energy Gas, NSP-W Electric, Alpena, SEMCO, UMERC
- Update on recently approved Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) cases and future IRP filings
- Overview of 2023 priorities
 - Improving reliability and resilience
 - Rate case filing requirements
 - Low-income energy policy
 - Infrastructure
 - Studies (Grid Integration Study, Nuclear Feasibility Study)

V. Updates from Chair Isely

- There are more requests than money available for FY23 but the Board can assign FY24 budget, which is not to be spent before October 1, 2023

VI. State Administration Updates

A. LARA Updates

- Reminder that any grant extension requests must be submitted soon, one per grant
- Reminder to submit any FY23 FSRs by the first week of October
- 2024 Budget Update
 - Additional \$1.8 million approved
 - Total of \$2.7 million for FY24
- Budget Update (Attachment 2)
 - \$170,500 requested
 - \$2,234 available

B. Attorney General Updates

- Michael Moody: Working with CUB and MEC on many cases brought up during the meeting

VII. Grantee Overview Presentations

1. Citizens Utility Board (CUB)

- Amy Bandyk (CUB) provides an overview for CUB, including ROI, upcoming electric and gas rate cases, importance of distribution investment and maintenance plans, PSCR plan and reconciliation cases, and Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) advocacy

2. Michigan Environmental Council (MEC)

- Chris Bzdok (MEC) provides an overview for MEC, including MEC's team, driving priorities, and projected 2024 cases (one gas, 4 electric)

VIII. Approval of 2023 Meeting Schedule Revision

December meeting changed to December 18th

Consensus vote to approve 2023 Meeting Schedule Revision.

Motion to Approve Carried

IX. Approval of 2024 Meeting Schedule

2024 Meeting Dates: February 12, April 15, June 10, August 12, October 21, December 9

Motion to approve 2024 Meeting Schedule by Paul Isely, Seconded by Mike Troupos.

Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, yes; Mike Troupos, yes; Anne Polakowski, yes; Nishaat Y. Killeen, yes.

Motion to Approve Carried

X. Approval of 2022 Annual Report

- Current draft presented to Board members
- Meeting this week between Paul Isely and LARA to confirm some information
- Paul Isely will provide final draft to Board members for final review

Motion to conditionally approve 2022 Annual Report, pending final review by Mike Troupos, Seconded by Anne Polakowski.

Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, yes; Mike Troupos, yes; Anne Polakowski, yes; Nishaat Y. Killeen, yes.

Motion to Conditionally Approve Carried

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

Amy Bandyk (CUB): I&M case is the one request they have; this case hasn't been filed yet but the preview looks like it will be very expensive, so they will want to scrutinize it heavily. Vast majority of the cost will be in FY2024, so CUB could get by with \$500 for legal \$500 for expert to be used for initial intervening and review in FY2023.

Chris Bzdok (MEC): MEC's first request is to amend down the budget for DTE IRP; this case is over, so there were cost savings as the case settled early. This return of funds is independent from MEC's other request. Most of the work for DTE 2022 PSCR Plan will take place in FY2024.

XII. 2023 Grant Requests

I. U-21193 - DTE IRP – Amendment, Reduction

- Michigan Environmental Council (MEC): U-21193 for (\$10,100.00)

Motion to approve request by MEC for reduction of \$10,100 by Mike Troupos, Seconded by Anne Polakowski.

Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, yes; Mike Troupos, yes; Anne Polakowski, yes; Nishaat Y. Killeen, yes.

Motion to Approve Carried

2. U-21051 – DTE Electric 2022 PSCR Plan

- Michigan Environmental Council (MEC): U-21051 for \$ 82,500.00

Mike Troupos proposed that the Board take the \$10,100 returned to fund this MEC request. Nishaat Y. Killeen suggested that the remaining FY23 funds be split 50/50 between MEC and CUB.

Remaining FY23 funds to be split 50/50 between MEC and CUB requests, with remaining request amounts to be funded with FY24 dollars.

Motion to approve request by MEC for \$6,167 by Nishaat Y. Killeen, Seconded by Mike Troupos.

Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, yes; Mike Troupos, yes; Anne Polakowski, yes; Nishaat Y. Killeen, yes.

Motion to Approve Carried

3. U-21461 – I&M Rate Case

- Citizens Utility Board (CUB): U-21461 for \$88,000.00

Remaining FY23 funds to be split 50/50 between MEC and CUB requests, with remaining request amounts to be funded with FY24 dollars.

Motion to approve request by CUB for \$6,167 by Nishaat Y. Killeen, Seconded by Anne Polakowski.

Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, yes; Mike Troupos, yes; Anne Polakowski, yes; Nishaat Y. Killeen, yes.

Motion to Approve Carried

4. U-21051 – DTE Electric 2022 PSCR Plan

- Michigan Environmental Council (MEC): U-21051 for \$ 82,500.00

Motion to approve request by MEC for \$76,333 (FY24) by Mike Troupos, Seconded by Nishaat Y. Killeen.

Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, yes; Mike Troupos, yes; Anne Polakowski, yes; Nishaat Y. Killeen, yes.

Motion to Approve Carried

5. U-21461 – I&M Rate Case

- Citizens Utility Board (CUB): U-21461 for \$ 88,000.00

Motion to approve request by CUB for \$81,833 (FY24) by Nishaat Y. Killeen, Seconded by Anne Polakowski.

Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, yes; Mike Troupos, yes; Anne Polakowski, yes; Nishaat Y. Killeen, yes.

Motion to Approve Carried

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

Laura Kwiecien (LARA): A reminder that revised summary documents are needed following the meeting, one for FY23 and one for FY24 funds

Amy (CUB): Confirms with the Board that written updates provided have been helpful. Thanks the Board for continued support.

XIV. Next Meeting October 16, 2023

XV. Adjournment

Motion moved by Nishaat Y. Killeen and seconded by Anne Polakowski.