

UTILITY CONSUMER PARTICIPATION BOARD

November 13, 2023 || 10:00 a.m.

CRA Building – Sun Conference Room

Please use South Entrance

2407 N. Grand River Avenue

Lansing Michigan 48906

Call-In option: 888.278.0296 (US Toll Free, *6 to toggle unmute/mute)

Conference Code: 4803352

MINUTES

In Attendance: Paul Isely (Board Chair), Nishaat Y. Killeen (Board Member), Sam Passmore (Board Member), Laura Kwiecien (LARA), Chris Bzdok (MEC), Dan Dundas (MEGA), Dan Horn (LARA), Keith Cooley (CUB), Brenda Davis (LARA), Jamie Cutler (LARA)

Attending by Phone: Shawn Worden (LARA), Shay Gaffey (LARA), John Liskey

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Nishaat Killeen, Seconded by Sam Passmore

All in favor

Motion to Approve Carried

VI. Approval of Potential Conflict Disclosure Statement

Moved by Paul Isely, Seconded by Nishaat Killeen

Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, yes; Nishaat Killeen, yes; Sam Passmore, yes

Motion to Approve Carried

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

Douglas Jester for CUB – MISO/FERC, regional transmission organization for a large share of MI. Transmission planning, transmission costs, market rules, resource adequacy rules for capacity requirements are all included. CUB participates in the conversations when it is of particular interest to MI residential customers/when there is a filing to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the approval of tariffs or other cases and may help in those cases.

DTE Gas Rate Case, approximately annual rate case. Anticipated near double digit increases in delivery costs for natural gas. Delivery costs are going up because of continuing high level of investment in replacing pipelines. High percentage of those costs are paid by residential customers. CUB participating to ensure that return on equity, reasonable and prudent expenditures, and cost allocation considerations are addressed, as well as that investments are necessary and prudent for safety/reduced leaks, and are not a higher level of investment than is necessary.

IX. Grant Requests

1. U-21291 - DTE Gas 2024 Rate Case

- Citizens Utility Board (CUB): U-21291 for \$ 57,750.00

Moved by Nishaat Killeen, Seconded by Sam Passmore

Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, yes; Nishaat Killeen, yes; Sam Passmore, yes

Motion to Approve Carried

2. MISO/FERC 2024

- Citizens Utility Board (CUB): MISO/FERC 2024 for \$ 55,000.00

Moved by Nishaat Killeen, Seconded by Sam Passmore
Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, yes; Nishaat Killeen, yes; Sam Passmore, yes
Motion to Approve Carried

- X. Public Comment (Three (3) minute limit)
Board education on new legislation to be provided at December meeting.
Douglas Jester for CUB – package of 7 bills have been passed by the legislature.
SB502 contains new provisions and funding. Funding regarding utilities with fewer and 100,000 customer remains the same. Funding regarding utilities with more than 100,000 customers would be increased by \$2 million. Scope of case types is expanded. New language directs the board to seek to award grants to non-profit organizations that specifically represent environmental justice communities and communities with high energy burden.

- XI. Next Meeting December 18, 2023

- XII. Adjournment
Moved by Sam Passmore, Seconded by Nishaat Killeen
All in favor
Motion to Approve Carried