

## UTILITY CONSUMER PARTICIPATION BOARD

April 9, 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), Douglas Jester (CARE), John Liskey (CARE) Paul Lang (CARE), Jim Ault (Michigan Electric and Gas Association), Lydia Barbash-Riley (MEC), Michael Moody (AG)

### I. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members 12:38

- a. Approval of Agenda (including consent items) and minutes from 2/12/2018.

Moved: Paul Isely, Seconded: Brian Vilmont  
Motion carried

### II. Business Items

- a. LARA Budget Update: Available \$122,139;  
CARE is returning unspent monies from (U-18406) \$5,500.95
- b. Attorney General  
Mike Moody on behalf of the AG; the AG intends to intervene in tax cases and will pick and choose which cases to use experts, the AG anticipates using experts in the DTE and CECO cases, gas and electric. They will be in the PSCR cases, but not sure the resource allocation. Coordination with the grantees is important to not overlap issues. The FERC/MISO cases are important for interveners to be in since the AG doesn't commit a lot of resources to it. AG does not have an expert lined up for the tax cases yet. AG will be in the DTE shut-offs case.
- c. MEC:
  - Grant #10 request DTE PSCR-R (U-20069), \$40,400  
Total costs vs. total revenues issues are gaining traction with the MPSC and will be pursued. Discussed the history of the initial issues focused on regarding Promod modeling and the outcomes. The AG will be in this case, but will be dealing with different issues. MEC is following the lead of the MPSC and the orders it has issued regarding when it will give relief on the issues presented by MEC, in the past which aligns with the issues that MEC will focus on in this case.

Moved: Paul Isely, seconded: Brian Vilmont  
Discussion: **\$30,000** for DTE PSCR-R (U-20069) as amended  
Motion carried

- Grant #11 request CECO 6t IRP (TBD will be filed in June), \$15,150  
MEC has been in the DTE IRP case and will look at similar issues in the CECO case. Looking at transmission issues and imports, MEC feels MPSC made

movement toward looking at importing more power from outside of Michigan at a lower cost. This case will straddle FY 18/19.

Moved: Paul Isely, Seconded: Sam Passmore  
Discussion: **\$15,150** for CECO 6t IRP (U-TBD)  
Motion carried

- MEC would like to expand grant in U-18402 to encompass more issues than was initially requested to allow the use of funds to include U-20134.

Moved: Paul Isely, Seconded: Sam Passmore  
Discussion: Expand issues in U-18402 and include use of funds for U-20134  
Motion carried

d. CARE:

- Grant request Part 2 of MISO, \$17,500. Grant would benefit the entire state.

Moved: Paul Isely, Seconded: Brian Vilmont  
Discussion: **\$17,500** for Part 2 MISO grant  
Motion carried

- Grant request UPPCO (U-20111), \$14,544  
Case is on an expedited time frame, the AG will be in this case. Issue: how UPPCO wants to use the refund from the tax law change, the percentages UPPCO is using to allocate refunds to each class of rate payer and UPPCO's use of a cost of service study that has not been through MPSC analysis. The pre-hearing is April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Moved: Paul Isely, seconded: Brian Vilmont  
Discussion: **\$14,544** for UPPCO (U-20111)  
Motion carried

e. RCG

- Grant amendment (CECO electric TBD, CECO gas U-20103, DTE electric TBD, DTE Gas U-20106), \$30,300.  
There is commonality in the tax issue in these cases. The electric cases won't start until the end of April for CECO; DTE will start 30 days after the final order may be in May. For the part B of the MPSC order, the look back to January 1, there is an interest calculation that should be applied to this. The AG will be in these cases.

Moved: Paul Isely, seconded: Brian Vilmont  
Discussion: **\$15,000** for(CECO electric TBD, CECO gas U-20103, DTE electric TBD, DTE Gas U-20106) as amended, original motion failed amended  
Motion carried 3-1

- Grant request DTE Service Shut offs (U-20084), \$13,635  
Public comments may be off track and may not be helpful in moving their argument forward. Interviews of affected rate payers are planned. The case may not have an impact on rates.

Moved: Sam Passmore, seconded: Paul Isely

Discussion: Board needs clarification whether this case fits under the purview of the statute and will ask the AG for clarification.

Motion carried 3-1 **\$13,635** (U-20084) pending statutory compliance.

### III. Reports

#### a. Grantees

Discussion about what the status is on the current cases and how the money was allocated and when it is being spent.

### IV. Public Comment

Energy Cost Reduction meeting at the MPSC for low income individuals, task force.

### V. Next meeting: June 4, 2018

### VI. Adjournment 4:45

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