

UTILITY CONSUMER PARTICIPATION BOARD

12:30 p.m.

Michigan Library & Historical Center

1st Floor, Lake Superior Room

702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday August 5, 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), John Liskey (CARE), Shawn Worden (LARA), Amy Bandyk (CUB of MI), Pat Poli (MPSC), Cathy Cole (MPSC), Kwafo Adarkwa (ITC), Mike Moody (AG), John Freeman (GLREA), Robert Nelson (CUB), Conan Smith (MEC)

I. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

a. Approval of Agenda (including consent items)

Moved: Sam Passmore, Seconded: Paul Isely

Motion Carried

b. LARA Budget Update

LeAnn Droste provided the update. Reviewed the monies that would be coming in next fiscal year. Walked through the UCRF budget as presented. 2020 state budget is pending legislative passage and signing by the governor. Reminder to submit budget invoices on a monthly basis.

II. Business Items

a. Attorney General Update

AG reviewed what cases they are in and the coordination with the grantees that has taken place.

Question about the IRP cases and how that has impacted their work load in relationship to their budget. The IRP cases are huge in regards to the discovery items. The MPSC also works very hard on the IRP cases.

Discussion about rate cases and the turn around time is 10 months which gives the utility a big advantage.

b. MPSC Report on Resiliency:

MPSC staff presented their study.

Public question regarding line 5. The UP-Energy Task Force is looking at line 5 and its effects on propane acquisition.

Question about the Commission and which recommendations they are focusing on. The final report will contain directives for utilities and understanding the value of having diversity within the energy mix. Discussion of the modeling being used to select the energy sources in the IRP cases and the need for them to be updated, this gets very complicated. There is some other software that is being explored.

Discussion about capacity needs and whether that should be updated.

MPSC encouraged people to voice their opinions on the public comment section of their study.

c. Cub Report: Electric Utility Performance

Michigan's electric utilities perform well below average compared to utilities in the rest of the country on the important metrics of: reliability, affordability and environmental impacts.

Michigan ranked 4th worst in the nation in 2017 in terms of the average time to restore power to a customer after an outage. When extreme weather days are excluded Michigan falls to 2nd worst in the nation.

Michiganders pay the 16th highest residential bills for energy out of the 50 states and DC and the highest in the Midwest. Residential customers' average cost per kWh is 15.4 cents which is the 12th highest in the country.

Michigan has the highest expenditures regarding consumer bills.

CUB will update report when new data is available, it is a data report and not a solution report.

Discussion

d. CARE

- Grant Request – UPPCO 6t IRP (U-20350) for \$20,000
Amendment to grant for \$10,000 contingent upon funds being returned to UCRF.

Moved: Bali Kumar, Seconded: Elise Matz contingent on funds to cover request are returned to UCRF.

Motion carried

e. MEC

- Grant Request – CECO 6t IRP (U-20165) for \$5,050
Request will be moved to FY 2020.
- Grant Request – DTE Rate Case (U-20561) for \$15,150
Request withdrawn by MEC.

f. CUB

- Grant Request – SEMCO Rate Case (U-20479) for \$20,000
Amendment to grant for \$13,000 because of the work load that is occurring soon, contingent on funds to cover request are returned to the UCRF.

Moved: Bali Kumar, Seconded: Paul Isely contingent on funds to cover request are returned to UCRF.

Motion carried

g. GLREA

- Grant Request – DTE Rate Case (U-20561) for \$9,091
Request will be moved to FY 2020.
- Grant Request – Indiana Michigan Power (U-20359) for \$9,091
Amendment to grant for \$3909 up to \$9091 contingent upon the funding of U-20350 and U-20479 and contingent on funds to cover request being returned to the UCRF.

Moved: Bali Kumar, Seconded: Paul Isely contingent on funds available in UCRF and after the funding of U-20350 and U-20479. Granted amount is an amount not to exceed \$9,091 with prior notification to the board.

III. Reports

a. Grantees

MEC: The new CEO, Conan Smith, re-introduced himself spoke and what projects that MEC is involved with and what MEC is looking toward.

CARE: has just started with I&M case. Gave an update on the UPPCO IRP.

GLREA: gave an overview of the work they are doing and the impact on policy they are having. Discovery in DTE IRP, DTE PURPA cases will go right to commission.

RCG: there is a long list of cases that they are involved in.

CUB: is a new grantee for the UCPB, they gave an update on the cases they are intervening in and who they are working with.

IV. Public Comment

a. MEC introduction of their new CEO, Conan Smith.

V. Next meeting: August 26th, 2019

VI. Adjournment 3:40

ATTACHMENT 1
Correspondences Received and Filed List
UCPB Meeting 8/6/2019

1. CARE Grant Request
2. MEC Grant Request and Memos
3. CUB Grant Request and background information
4. GLREA Grant Request
5. Minutes of UCPB meeting 6/3/2019
6. Board education:
<https://www.energycentral.com/c/cp/russell-gold-and-his-new-book-“superpower-one-man’s-quest-transform-american>

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mpsc/Sea_Initial_Report_with_Appendices_070119_659452_7.pdf

<https://energynews.us/2019/06/27/midwest/illinois-smart-meter-data-illustrates-demographic-divides-in-electricity-use/>

https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/cubofmichigan/pages/15/attachments/original/1563405525/CUB_of_MI_Electric_Utility_Performance_Report_2019_Edition_Final_for_Website.pdf?1563405525

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mpsc/Sea_Initial_Report_with_Appendices_070119_659452_7.pdf