

UTILITY CONSUMER PARTICIPATION BOARD
June 13, 2022|| 10:00 a.m.
CRA Building (previously MRA) – Sun Conference Room
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2407 N. Grand River Avenue
Lansing Michigan 48906
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Conference Code: 4803352

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

In Attendance: Paul Isley (Board Chair), Elise Matz (Board Vice Chair), Leah Wiste (Board Member), Sam Passmore (Board Member), Anshu Varma (LARA), Laura Kwiecien (LARA), Brenda Davis (LARA), Jamie Cutler (LARA), Chris Bzdok (MEC), Douglas Jester (CUB), Dan Dundas (MEGA)

Attending by phone: Shawn Worden, Colleen Mulligan (MEC), Brian Coyer (Public Resource Center), Jackson Koeppler (Soulardarity)

II. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of April 25, 2022 (Attachment 1)

Motion moved to approve by Elise; Seconded by Sam

Roll Call: Paul Isely, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore yes; Leah Wiste, Abstain

Motion to Approve Carried

II. Approval of Agenda

Chair Isely added an agenda item - "Annual Report discussion"

Motion moved to approve Agenda including amendment by Elise; Seconded by Leah

Roll Call: Paul Isely, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore yes; Leah Wiste, yes

Motion to Approve Carried

IV. State Administration Updates

A. LARA Updates

o Budget Update (Attachment 2)

- \$187,000 in carry forward funds currently available
- \$52,000 available to grant today
 - ~\$20,000 will be remaining if both grant requests are granted today
- We are asking for more legislative authorization to spend in FY23, increase in spending authority by \$100,000

o Calendar Year 2022 Annual Report

- Reminder: send Closeout Form at the same time as final FSR
- Grantees can contact Shay in advance of submission to confirm case balances

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

o Next Meeting August 8, 2022

- Due date for FY23 submissions is July 18, 2022
- Chair Isley requests that we only look at items that are required to begin around October 1st
- MEC's question: Does the board still want to see the whole year projection at the August meeting?
 - Detailed proposal only needs to include what grantee is applying for at this time

- Summary of whole plan, like a 1-pager, is helpful, but detail is not necessary in August
- We are on a fully rolling schedule
- Board will try to forecast when something major is coming to try to coordinate all related applications at the same time

B. Attorney General Update

- a. Michael Moody not on call, but has reviewed and has no concerns

V. New Business

Chair Isley led the discussion of the UCPB Annual Report for Calendar year 2021

According to the UCPB statute – the Board must submit the report to “the house and senate committees with jurisdiction over energy and utility policy issues . . .”

- Joe Bellino - current Chair of the House Energy Committee
- Dan Lauwers - current Chair of the Senate Energy and Technology Committee

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

- Chris Bzdok, MEC, opportunities from EWR dockets re: attempting to increase low income EWR programs as part of mitigation in the increases of cost
 - Additional funding to expand the scope of work concerning I&M’s low-income consumers
 - Increasing energy savings targets
 - Increasing low-income EWR programs that target customers with bill payment or shut off issues
 - Geo Targeted (Benton Harbor) and Payment-Troubled programs
 - Benton Harbor attended pre-hearing to identify city’s energy issue
 - I&M services SW corner of MI
 - Geo-Targeted program would be new in MI
- CUB, Douglas Jester, will submit final closeout forms on U-21081, returning ~20k, case was settled
 - NSP will file by June 30th,
 - CUB, Joint litigation agreement with AG
 - NSP has not had a consumer intervener in the last 2 rate cases
 - Should be a modest case
 - Service territory (gas and electric): WI, and extreme western end of UP, customers in 2 counties, small customer group
 - CUB thinks this request will not need to be amended after filing
- Souldardarity, Jackson Koeppel, had two additional people provide testimony, had a substantial bit of discovery re: selling of customer debt, focusing on the equity issue of the different systems

VII. Grant Requests

1. U-21189 – I&M IRP, Amendment

- Michigan Environmental Council (MEC): U-21189 for \$20,200

Motion moved to approve by Elise ; Seconded by Leah

Roll Call: Paul Isely, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore yes; Leah Wiste, yes

Motion to Approve Carried

2. U-21126 - Northern States Power (NSP) Company Gas Rate Case

- Citizens Utility Board (CUB): U-21126 for \$12,625

Motion moved to approve by Elise ; Seconded by Sam

Roll Call: Paul Isely, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore yes; Leah Wiste, yes

Motion to Approve Carried

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

- CUB Expects to request dollars for a new case in August

IX. Board Discussion on 2021 Annual Report

X. Next Meeting August 8, 2022

- Due date for FY23 submissions is July 18, 2022

XI. Adjournment

Motion moved to approve by Sam; Seconded by all

Roll Call: Paul Isely, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore yes; Leah Wiste, yes

Motion to Approve Carried