

# UTILITY CONSUMER PARTICIPATION BOARD

October 4, 2021 || 12:30 p.m.

Constitution Hall – Conference Rooms A & B

525 W. Allegan Street

Lansing Michigan 48933

Call-In option: 888.363.4735 (US Toll Free)

Conference Code: 683488

## Meeting Minutes

Present: Paul Isely (Board Chairperson), Elise Matz (Board Vice Chair), Sam Passmore (Board Member), Chris Bzdok (MEC), Amy Bandyk (CUB), Emily Loder (Assistant to the Board), Michael Moody (AG), Dan Horn (LARA), Heather Johnston (LARA), Anshu Varma (LARA), Don Keskey (RCG), Rick Bunch (MI-MAUI), and Jackson Koeppel (Soulardarity)

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of August 23, 2021 (Attachment 1)

- Amend Mike Troupus to Mike Troupos

Motion moved to approve by Mike Troupos; Seconded by Elise Matz

Roll Call: Paul Isely, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Mike Troupos, yes

Motion Approved

III. Approval of Agenda

- Amend Add (MI-MAUI) to Case #2 as same case.

Motion moved to approve by Mike Troupos; Seconded by Elise Matz

Roll Call: Paul Isely, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Mike Troupos, yes

Motion Approved

IV. State Administration Updates

A. LARA Budget Updates (Attachment 2)

- FY22 Funds are at \$750,000 with \$37,500 allocated to administration costs.
- All requests before the board at this meeting are in the amount of \$380,00. It is normal to spend half the budget at the first meeting.
- Possible spending authority to consider for FY23 carry forward balance \$33,000
- Change Meetings to Mondays at 10:00 am (LARA to draft schedule for December)
- December 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting move to 10:00 am

Motion moved to approve by Mike Troupos; Seconded by Sam Passmore

Roll Call: Paul Isely, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Mike Troupos, yes

Motion Approved

B. Attorney General Update

- Electric Outage/Distribution Reliability Order U-21122
  - The AG, CUB and other intervenors filed multiple rounds of comments in response to order. The latest comments were filed this past Friday in response to six questions.
  - Three electric outages for this year in Wayne, Oakland, and Washtenaw counties.
  - The AG also filed a summary of over 4,00 comments they received from their online survey about the electric outages.
- DTE Gas Rate Case U-20940
  - The AG and CUB are working jointly on this one. DTE requests \$195 million and ALJ recommended \$68 million. RCG is also working on case and received some favorable discussion on some of the test year arguments.

- Consumers Energy Company Electric Rate Case – U-20963 – is due this week
- Consumers Energy Company IRP
  - The AG is working with CUB & MEC testimony at the end of month.
- Consumers Energy Company Depreciation Case
  - The AG is in the middle of working the case
- DTE Electric Rate Case
  - Case is coming any day now.

V. New Business

- A. Board’s Administrative Coordinator Position Update
  - Introduction to Emily
- B. UCPB Grantee Case Close Out Form (Attachment 3)  
Both Documents (3 & 4)
- C. UCPB Grant Application Screening Form for Board Members (Attachment 4)  
Motion moved to approve attachments 3 & 4 by; Elise Matz Seconded by Mike Troupos  
Roll Call: Paul Isely, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Mike Troupos, yes  
Motion Approved

VI. Public comment (Three (3) minute limit)

- A. CUB Project Update Status Report (Attachment 5)
- B. Other Project Update Status Reports
  - I. MEC provide a handout to the board before providing status update

**Past ROI Results for Michigan Environmental Council’s Intervention in DTE Electric Rate Cases**

	<b>U-18014</b>	<b>U-18255</b>	<b>U-20162</b>	<b>U-20561</b>	<b>U-20162 Appeal</b>	<b>U-20561 Appeal</b>
Grant Funding	\$33,855	\$44,043	\$85,384	\$110,148	\$10,100	\$5,050
Ratepaying Savings	\$2,771,375	\$3,100,700	\$3,500,000	\$11,943,198	\$1,500,000	\$1,697,059
Benefit to CostRatio	82 to 1	70 to 1	41 to 1	108 to 1	149 to 1	336 to 1

**Total Savings: \$25,512,332 - Total Return on Investment: 85 to 1**

- 2. Rick Bunch - MI-MAUI
  - Founded association 3 years ago
  - Focused on municipal operations, broadened agenda
  - Submitted with CUB on DTE’s covid refund proposal
  - Submitted jointly with other entities for storm issues
  - Wants to get witnesses/experts who work in city/local gov.
- 3. Jackson Koeppel – Soulardarity
  - Inform the board on projects he was working on
  - Expects to submit something in December to get involved in rate case
  - Keep bringing in direct witnesses who are low-income pre-payers
  - Potentially sending something to get prepay case consolidated into a rate case
  - New evidence on clean energy and it’s benefits to low-income communities
    - Benefits to utilities payer

## VII. Grant Requests

1. U-20526 – Consumers Energy Company (CECo) Power Supply Cost Recovery Reconciliation (PSCR -R) 2020 (AG working on case prehearing was May of 2021)
  - Residential Customer Group (RCG): U-20526 for \$27,270.  
Motion moved to approve by; Elise Seconded by Mike  
Roll Call: Paul Isely, no; Elise Matz, no; Sam Passmore, no; Mike Troupos, no  
Motion denied
2. U-20836 – DTE Energy Rate Case (big case big lift, AG will likely work MEC on case)
  - Michigan Environmental Council (MEC): U-20836 for \$106,050  
Motion moved to approve by Elise Seconded by Mike  
Roll Call: Paul Isely, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Mike Troupos, yes  
Motion Approved
- [AG: Michigan Municipal Association for Utility Issues (MI-MAUI) falls within the statute.]
  - Michigan Municipal Association for Utility Issues (MI-MAUI): TBD- for \$26,360.  
Motion moved to approve by; Elise Seconded by Mike  
Roll Call: Paul Isely, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Mike Troupos, yes  
Motion Approved
3. U-21050 – DTE Electric 2022 Power Supply Cost Recovery (PSCR) Plan (AG intends to intervene in.)
  - Michigan Environmental Council (MEC): U-21050 for \$50,500  
Motion moved to approve by Mike; Seconded by Sam  
Roll Call: Paul Isely, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Mike Troupos, yes  
Motion Approved
4. TBD - Upper Michigan Energy Resources Corporation (UMERC) Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) (AG to work jointly with CUB)
  - Citizens Utility Board (CUB): (TBD) for \$27,775  
Motion moved to approve by Mike; Seconded by Sam  
Roll Call: Paul Isely, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Mike Troupos, yes  
Motion Approved
5. TBD – Indiana Michigan Power Company (I&M) IRP (AG to work jointly with CUB)
  - Citizens Utility Board (CUB): (TBD) for \$53,025.00  
Motion moved to table by Paul Isely, Seconded by Mike  
Roll Call: Paul Isely, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Mike Troupos, yes  
Motion Moved to Table December meeting
6. U-21087 – DTE Voluntary Prepay Billing Program Case (AG to work jointly with CUB)
  - Citizens Utility Board (CUB): U-21087 for \$12,625.  
Motion moved to approve by Mike; Seconded by Elise  
Roll Call: Paul Isely, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, abstain; Mike Troupos, yes  
Motion Approved
7. U-21408 - Consumers Energy Company (CECo) PSCR 2022 Plan (AG intends to intervene in.)
  - Residential Customer Group (RCG): (TBD) for \$27,270.00  
Motion moved to approve by Mike; Seconded by Paul  
Roll Call: Paul Isely, no; Elise Matz, no; Sam Passmore, no; Mike Troupos, no  
Motion Denied

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

- Chris Bzdok from MEC thanked board members and LARA for their professionalism, and their efforts to streamline and improve meeting proceedings.

IX. Next Meeting December 6, 2021

X. Adjournment

Motion moved by Sam Passmore and seconded by Elise Matz