

**UTILITY CONSUMER PARTICIPATION BOARD**

**August 23, 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

**Draft Regular Meeting Minutes**

Present: Paul Isely (Board Chairperson), Elise Matz (Board Vice Chair), Sam Passmore (Board Member), Chris Bzdok (MEC), Amy Bandyk (CUB), Kelly Jo Kitchen (Assistant to the Board), Dan Horn (LARA), Heather Johnston (LARA), Anshu Varma (LARA), Don Keskey (RCG, GLREA), John Freeman (GLREA)

By Teleconference: Mike Troupos (Board Member) Grand Rapids, MI

Douglas Jester (Five Lakes Energy, CUB), Shawn Worden (LARA), Mike Moody (AG), Shay Gaffey (LARA)

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

II. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of August 2, 2021 (Attachment 1)

Moved by Elise Matz, Seconded by Mike Troupos

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

**Motion to Approve Carried**

III. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Elise Matz, Seconded by Sam Passmore

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

**Motion to Approve Carried**

IV. State Administration Updates

A. LARA Budget Updates (Attachment 2)

Anshu Varma reviewed the budget update and stated that there was \$50,621.00 in available spending.

B. Attorney General Update

Michael Moody gave an update of the cases the Attorney General is participating: 10 Energy Waste Reduction (EWR) cases, Consumers Energy Company (CECo) Rate Case, DTE Gas Rate Case, CECo Integrated Resource Plan Case (IRP) working with Michigan Environmental Council (MEC) and Citizens Utility Board (CUB) on the IRP, working through the Power Supply Cost Recovery (PSCR) and Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) cases as well CECo depreciation case.

The Attorney General has joint litigation agreements with MEC and CUB in the CECo IRP Case (U-21090), and is working on joint litigation agreements with CUB and MEC in NSP Rate Case (U-21097), DTE Rate Case (U-20836), UPPCO PSCR Case (U-TBD), UMERG PSCR Case (U-TBD) and I & M PSCR Case (U-TBD)

V. New Business

- A. Board's Administrative Coordinator Position SOW (Attachment 3)  
Paul Isely gave a progress update on using graduating assistants through the Institute of Public Utilities to assist the Board in some of its administrative duties. Paul will be setting up a follow-up meeting with Janice Beecher, LARA, and himself.
- B. Board Discussion Policy (Attachment 4)  
Elise Matz gave an overview of the policy.

Moved by Mike Troupos, Seconded by Elise Matz

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

**Motion to Approve Carried**

Public Comment:

- Chris Bzdok asked for clarification about the October meeting.  
Paul Isely clarified that the grants that have already been submitted do not need to be resubmitted.
- Amy Bandyk requested that the Indiana Michigan Power Company's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) be tabled until the October meeting due to filing of case.  
Amy Bandyk also stated that the Power Supply Cost Recovery Plan Cases (PSCR) in CUB's be considered in this meeting for partial funding consideration.
- John Freeman gave an overview for funding for the CECO Integrated Resource Plan Case (IRP). John Freeman addressed concerns of some of the Board members about GLREA being a trade organization and receiving funding. He noted that GLREA's membership was majority residential rate payers.
- Don Keskey gave an overview of RCG's grant requests.

VI. Grant Requests (Attachment 5)

1. U-20209 – 21-05 Consumer Energy Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) appeal (356330)
- Residential Customer Group (RCG): U-20209 for \$6,363.00  
Motion to deny request by Paul Isely, Seconded by Elise Matz  
Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Mike Troupos, yes  
**Motion to Deny Carried**
2. U-21090 - Consumer Energy Company Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)
- Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association (GLREA): U-21090 for \$24,270.00  
Motion to approve request by Sam Passmore, Seconded by Paul Isely  
Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, yes; Elise Matz, no; Sam Passmore, yes; Mike Troupos, no  
**Motion Denied as majority vote was not met.**
  - Residential Customer Group (RCG): U-21090 for \$27,240.00  
Motion to deny request by Elise Matz, Seconded by Sam Passmore  
Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Mike Troupos, yes

### **Motion to Deny Carried**

3. U-21097 – Northern States Power Company (NSP) Rate Case
  - Citizens Utility Board (CUB): U-21097 for \$17,675.00Motion to approve request by Mike Troupos, Seconded by Sam Passmore  
Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Mike Troupos, yes  
**Motion to Approve Carried**
  
4. U-20836 – DTE Energy Rate Case
  - Michigan Environmental Council (MEC): U-20836 for \$15,150.00**Tabled**
  
5. TBD – Indiana Michigan Power Company (I & M) Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)
  - Citizens Utility Board (CUB): (TBD) for \$53,025.00**Tabled**
  
- Motion to Amend the Agenda to add (6, 7, and 8 grant requests for CUB) by Elise Matz, Seconded by Sam Passmore
  - **Consensus vote carried by board members.**
  
6. TBD - UMERC PSCR Plan Case
  - Citizens Utility Board (CUB): (TBD) for \$10,982.00Motion to approve request by Elise Matz, Seconded by Mike Troupos  
Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Mike Troupos,  
**Motion to Approve Carried**
  
7. TBD - UPPCO PSCR Plan Case
  - Citizens Utility Board (CUB): (U-TBD) for \$10,982.00Motion to approve request by Elise Matz, Seconded by Mike Troupos  
Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Mike Troupos,  
**Motion to Approve Carried**
  
8. TBD - I & M PSCR Plan Case
  - Citizens Utility Board (CUB): (U-TBD) for \$10,982.00Motion to approve request by Elise Matz, Seconded by Mike Troupos  
Roll Call Vote: Paul Isely, yes; Elise Matz, yes; Sam Passmore, yes; Mike Troupos, yes  
**Motion to Approve Carried**

VII. Public Comment

- All the grantees present thanked the board members for their time and hearing their request for funds put before the board.
- Amy Bandyk invited everyone to a retirement party for Kelly Jo Kitchen at Reno's North after the meeting hosted by CUB.

VIII. Next Meeting October 4, 2021

IX. Adjournment Motion by Sam Passmore, Seconded by Elise Matz