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Minutes of the Meeting of the Utah Committee of Consumer Services

Thursday, January 13, 9:00 a.m.
Electronic Meeting with Anchor Location

Committee Members in Attendance (electronic participation):

Francisca Blanc
Bruce Hutchinson
Craig Laub
Larry Skinner

Staff in Attendance:

Michele Beck (in person) Alex Ware (electronic)

Public in Attendance (electronic): Jordan Stephensen, Dominion Energy Utah

1. Welcome & Business

Mr. Larry Skinner welcomed the Committee members and called the meeting to order.

2. Minutes

Mr. Bruce Hutchinson made a motion to approve the draft minutes from September 22, 2021. Ms. Francisca Blanc seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

Mr. Skinner opened the meeting up to public comments. No public comment was made.

4. Case Updates

Ms. Beck provided an overview of ongoing and recently filed cases. She emphasized two recent, favorable orders from the PSC, some beneficial settlements reached, the ongoing Rocky Mountain Power Grid Modernization/Advanced Rate Design collaborative, and discussions regarding measurement of air quality savings associated with Dominion's STEP project. Ms. Beck also outlined recent additions to the OCS workload and anticipated upcoming case. Committee members asked clarifying questions about other issues and Ms. Beck responded.

5. Preview: 2022 Legislative Session

Ms. Beck indicated she is monitoring five numbered bills, none of which will impact the work of the OCS as currently drafted. She is also monitoring five bill requests and watching for another bill announced last year in a press conference. The Committee requested updated on legislation and notification of any new bills that would impact the work of the OCS. The Committee also agreed that it would schedule short meetings around noon during the legislative session if any issues arose that would benefit from discussion and Committee input.

6. Discussion: Emerging Issues

Ms. Beck provided additional information about anticipated and significant increases in energy prices and the need to get the word out to those who provide services to low income and vulnerable communities. She also gave updates on staffing, the expanding scope of regional issues, an emerging partnership with the Utah Farm Bureau and her limited knowledge of federal infrastructure and related funds that would be coming to Utah. The Committee provided some feedback on these issues and indicated their preference for future discussion items to focus on the issues that impact customer utility bills.

7. Other Business and Adjourn

The Committee members determined that the next meeting should be held in late March or early April after the legislative session concludes. Ms. Beck will send a poll to select a specific meeting date. Mr. Craig Laub made a motion to adjourn, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:23.