

Community Renewable Energy Agency Board Program Design Committee Special Meeting Minutes

The Community Renewable Energy Agency Program Design Committee met in a special public meeting on **Monday, April 25, 2022**, at Millcreek City Hall, located at 3330 S. 1300 E., Millcreek, UT 84106 and participated electronically via GoToMeeting.

PRESENT:

Board Members

In person

Emily Quinton, Summit County

Electronic

Dan Dugan, Chair, *Salt Lake City*

Angela Choberka, Vice Chair, *Ogden*

Christopher Thomas, *Salt Lake City*

Drew Quinn, *Holladay City*

Roger Burke, *Alta*

Ann Granato, *Salt Lake County*

Michael Shea, *Salt Lake County*

Holly Smith, *Holladay*

Samantha DeSeelhorst, *Cottonwood Heights*

Kalen Jones, *Moab*

Randy Aton, *Springdale*

Pamela Gibson, *Castle Valley*

Sarah Stock, *Grand County*

Jeremy Rubell, *Park City*

Patrick Schaeffer, *Kearns Metro Township*

Cheri Jackson, *Millcreek*

Chris Cawley, *Alta*

Luke Cartin, *Park City*

Mila Dunbar-Irwin, *Moab*

John Guenther, *Grant County*

Mara Brown, *Ogden*

Glenn Wright, *Summit County*

In Person Attendees: Andrew Clark, *Millcreek*; Alex Wendt, *Millcreek*

Electronic Attendees: Sam Owen, Lucky Morse, Clay Monroe, Lisa Romney, Sara Montoya, Irene Heng, Zack Darby, Janene Eller-Smith, Ross Watkins

Minutes by Alex Wendt, Millcreek Deputy Recorder.

REGULAR MEETING – 10:00 a.m.

TIME COMMENCED: 10:04 a.m.

1. Welcome, Introduction, and Preliminary Matters

1.1 Purpose and Overview of Meeting

Board Member Thomas explained this is a publicly noticed meeting of the Community Energy Board Program Design Committee.

2. Business Matters

2.1 Educational Presentation On Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) Energy Efficiency Programs

Clay Monroe, Rocky Mountain Power, gave a presentation on Rocky Mountain Power Programs regarding energy efficiency. First he spoke about Wattsmart Homes. This is a residential program for single family and multifamily homes. Homeowners are offered energy savings calculations like better light bulbs, more efficient appliances, new windows that give energy savings. These allow the customer to get a rebate from RMP. Incentives are offered in several ways. Some are rebates submitted by the customer or their contractor. RMP tries to transform the market by offering incentives at the point of sale like for evaporative coolers or LED light bulbs. Participating retailers and distributors are an important part of this. Instant rebates in the form of getting a barcode on a smartphone is a powerful tool for customers to save money. Wattsmart kits are energy kits mailed to customers as an outreach effort. The kits are available on the RMP website. RMP offers home energy reports. RMP reports show a customer their specific energy use and how the customer compares to other homes in their area. Reports are emailed to more than 450,000 customers.

The Wattsmart Business program offers custom energy analysis and incentives to new construction and major renovations for business customers. Energy management incentives are low cost or no cost changes to buildings. Customers typically do not have to invest in large pieces of equipment to take advantage of energy savings. Instant incentives are offered to businesses in similar ways to families. This helps businesses install the most efficient air conditioner or other equipment. Within the Wattsmart Business program there is a small business direct program. Strategic energy management is an in-depth journey that RMP offers to large energy users. RMP offers coaching on how to save energy.

Chair Dugan asked if RMP is seeing small business engagement. Mr. Monroe said yes. The Cool Keeper program is installed on the Wasatch Front. RMP has built a network of gateways that can shut off air conditioner compressors along to Wasatch Front that is equivalent to shutting down or turning on an entire power plant. This saves energy on hot summer days because RMP does not have to buy energy on the open market. Program incentives include a \$30 credit to residential customers, they receive \$5 credit on each monthly bill from May to September. Air still moves from the air conditioner, but it is not as cold. Commercial customer incentives are a \$60 bill credit annually. Another program is irrigation load control. There are 50 customers in Utah, 239 irrigation pumps, 39 megawatts are enrolled. Irrigators are paid \$25 per kilowatt. Irrigators make the choice on whether to shut off pumps.

RMP will create a custom load shedding program. They plan to file with the energy commission by April 30th. The plan is designed for large customers in Utah and will be custom made.

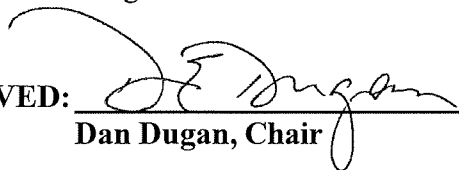
Wattsmart batteries are extremely popular among solar/battery contractors and customers. Approximately 1,300 batteries are enrolled. Thousands of batteries are in the pipeline. The enrollment incentive is \$400 per kw for new solar, \$600 per kw with existing solar and has a 4-year minimum commitment. RMP has instant control the of the batteries as part of the grid. Batteries are a excellent resource for flattening loads. Board Member Wright asked if battery capacity can be reserved for emergency purposes. RMP does not drain battery capacity completely and reserves power for emergencies. Board Member Aton asked if the battery program is operational all through Utah. Mr. Monroe replied yes.


Mr. Monroe explained the Utah Communications plan. The Utah Commnication plan is filed annually in November. It includes research findings, the annual RMP strategy, and RMP messaging approach. In Utah RMP spends \$1.5 million on outreach for the Wattsmart Program. Outreach methods to customers include bulk mailings, web and email communications, social media, and media campagins. External communications related to specific programs will be direct mailings, email commuication and program trainings and events.

Wattsmart program implementation at RMP is lean and uses industry experts. Vendors and contractors often run the programs for RMP. Funding for Wattsmart programing is funded through customer billing. Wattsmart funding is regulated by the Public Service Commission. The percent charge is based on monthly power charge, energy charge, and facilities charge. The anticipated budget is filed annually in November. A mid-year update is filed annually in June. Mr. Monroe spoke about program design. RMP looks at services across all six states they operate in. PacifiCorp serves 1.9 million customres in six states. They look at energy efficiency as a resource. RMP conducts a study called the conservation assessment. This is published on their website. RMP reviews goals and break those goals down to long-term and short-term goals. During this process RMP determine the cost effectiveness of the goals. Eventually the goals become programs and they go to market. Mr. Thomas asked how he can pass questions to Mr. Monroe from the Program Design Committee. Mr. Monroe explained that the questions can be emailed.

3. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 11:00 am due to loss of quorum.

APPROVED:  _____ Date
Dan Dugan, Chair

ATTEST:
 _____
Emily Quinton, Secretary

