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Final Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Utah Committee of Consumer Services

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 9:00 a.m.
Rm. 210, 2nd Floor, Heber Wells Building
160 E. 300 S. Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Committee Members in Attendance:

Larry Skinner
Craig Laub

Bruce Hutchinson
Daniela Harding

Staff in Attendance:

Michele Beck
Jacob Zachary

Jennifer Dean
Béla Vastag

1. Welcome & Business

Ms. Beck informed the committee that Mr. Craig Laub will be leaving the committee and today would be his last meeting. Mr. Larry Skinner welcomed the Committee members and called the meeting to order.

2. Minutes

Mr. Larry Skinner made a motion to approve the draft minutes from January 11, 2023. Mr. Craig Laub seconded the motion, and it passed. Mr. Larry Skinner approved, Mr. Craig Laub approved and Mrs. Daniela Harding abstaining due to being new to the committee.

3. Case Updates

Ms. Beck briefly discussed case updates and highlighted the Centurylink petition to be relieved from COLR, PacifiCorp Integrated Resource Plan and Community Renewable Program. Ms. Beck also provided additional information on the ongoing cases.

4. 2023 Legislative Session Recap:

Ms. Beck gave an overview of potential interest that passed and didn't pass. SB0211 Net Metering Amendments, HB0425S04 Energy Security Amendments and SB0288 Utility Bill Assistance Program are the only bills that passed that directly impacts the work of the OCS. CCS members asked a few questions and Ms. Beck clarified.

5. Follow up on Low Income Discussion:
Ms. Beck provided data received from DWS that gave the percentage of income qualified Utah households that are currently served by utility assistance programs. Ms. Beck briefly discussed Schedule 3 low income Rocky Mountain Power and Schedule 1 customer's percentages and usage comparisons. Ms. Beck gave her recommendations.
6. Utility Pricing Update:
Ms. Beck discussed the Dominion Energy Utah latest rate increase that went into effect March 1. DEU is working with DPU and OCS to discuss options for collection of addition balances and short/medium/long-term solutions to reduce price risks for customers.
7. Guest Presentation on Natural Gas Prices: Will Schwarzenbach, Dominion Energy:
Mr. Will Schwarzenbach presented pricing updates on natural gas prices for the committee members and a few OCS staff.
8. Other Business & Adjourn
The Committee members determined that the next meeting will be held in May and in person. Ms. Beck will send a doodle poll to select a specific meeting date.

Mr. Larry Skinner made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Craig Laub seconded that motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. Larry Skinner voted yes, Mr. Craig Laub voted yes, Mr. Bruce Hutchinson voted yes and Mrs. Daniela Harding voted yes. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:17 am.