

Distributed Generation Board Meeting
Thursday, March 17, 2022
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Virtual Meeting

Board Attendees: Laura Bartsch, Nicholas Ucci, Sheila Dormody, Harry Oakley

Other Attendees: Chris Kearns, Shauna Beland, Jim Kennerly, Abigail Hasenfus, Ali Atash, Karen Stewart, Twiggy Hamilton

The Board meeting was called to order at 10:07am.

1. Approval of January Meeting Minutes

Ms. Bartsch requested a motion to approve the January meeting minutes. All voted in favor.

2. Update on 2022 REG Program Docket

Mr. Kearns provided a brief update on the status of the docket. The Program Docket hearing took place on February 24. During the hearing, Mr. Kennerly described testimony as it relates to ceiling prices and the megawatt allocation plan. The PUC is scheduled to vote on the 2022 Program Year the week of March 28th. Ms. Dormody noted the absence of any reference to the carport adder during the hearing. Mr. Kennerly confirmed, stating that PUC's main questions pertained to small solar tax I assumptions. These questions were later answered in a data request filed after the hearing.

3. Drafted 2023 Ceiling Prices Scope and Budget – Sustainable Energy Advantage Presentation and Initial Discussion

Mr. Kennerly presented the drafted 2023 Ceiling Price scope of work and budget request on behalf of Sustainable Energy Advantage. Ms. Bartsch posed a question about revisiting the Board's process, pertaining specifically to the timeframe and schedule of the board. Mr. Kearns answered, explaining that the program design uses 1st and 2nd enrollment results to make these determinations.

Mr. Kennerly explains there are no fundamental changes to the scope of work, with two minor exceptions in response to the 2022 PY process. First, the need for rebuttal testimony, and second, an additional round of stakeholder comments and ceiling price revisions. Overall, the 2023 request is substantially reduced from the 2021 and 2022 Program Years.

Mr. Kearns reminds the board that if any revisions to the drafted budget are necessary, the Board will reconvene in April to consider voting on the 2023 budget for ceiling price development before filing to the PUC in late April. Once filed, the PUC will have 60 days to review the funding request, meaning SEA would begin their work this summer.

4. Public Comment

Ms. Hamilton posed a question in the chat pertaining to the DG Board's letter to the PUC on the carport pilot program. Hamilton wrote, "are you all referring to the January 5, 2022 letter?" Ms. Bartsch confirmed the letter was sent on January 5.

5. Adjournment

Ms. Bartsch requested a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Dormody seconded it. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:33am.