

ITEM 5A



DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY

Special Board Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Desert Community Energy Board was called to order by Chair Kaplan at 11:17 a.m. on August 15, 2018.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Members Present

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan, Chair
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan (by phone)
Councilmember Geoff Kors

Agency

City of Cathedral City
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs

Others Present

Kim Floyd
Ryan Stendell

Palm Desert Resident
City of Palm Desert

Ex-Officio / Non-Voting Member Absent

Vacant

City of Desert Hot Springs

DCE Staff and Consultants

Tom Kirk
Katie Barrows
Benjamin Druyon
Erica Felci
Don Dame (by phone)
Jeff Fuller (by phone)

DCE Consultant
The Energy Authority/TEA

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kim Floyd commented on a recent story in the Desert Sun newspaper and a letter he wrote complimenting the Board on its responsible decision to postpone launch.

4. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Discussion of DCE Launch Delay

Tom Kirk briefly summarized the result of the last board meeting. Don Dame presented an update on current market conditions. Vice Chair Jonathan asked for an explanation of why gas prices affect electricity prices; he also asked why SCE can propose to lower prices if we are all affected by gas prices. Councilman Kors asked about the impact of the Resource Adequacy commitment if DCE should move forward. Tom asked consultant Jeff Fuller for clarification on the financial impacts if DCE were to plan to launch in 2019 and have to delay again.

The Board gave direction to staff to delay the launch of the DCE Community Choice Energy program until 2020.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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