

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of Thursday, December 19, 2024

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed. Present were Chairperson Strand, Commissioner Nieto and Commissioner Hawkins.

Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes of the open meeting of Thursday, December 12, 2024.

5-BS-276 - Joint Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, and Madison Gas and Electric Company for Approval to Acquire Ownership Interests in the High Noon Solar Electric Generation Facility and Battery Energy Storage System in the Towns of Leeds, Lowville, Arlington, and Hampden, Columbia County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

3270-EI-107 - Request of Vivo Living Madison, for a Waiver of Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.0803(3) Regarding Individual Electric Meters

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

3270-TU-100 - Application of Madison Gas and Electric Company for Approval of Arrearage Management Program

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

4220-AF-114 - Northern States Power Company - Wisconsin Notification of Receipt and Deferral Treatment of Fifteenth Settlement Payment from the Department of Energy

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

4220-SB-142 - Application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin for Authority to Amend and Extend the Credit Facility and Authorization Period

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

4220-SB-143 - Application of Northern States Power Company – Wisconsin, For Authority to Issue and Sell up to \$750 Million Aggregate Principal Amount of Debt Securities in One or More Series

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

6240-CW-118 - Application of the City of Waukesha, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct a New Utility Operations Center, in the City of Waukesha, Waukesha County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

6260-CW-107 - Application of the Village of Waunakee, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct Replacement Well No. 6, Elevated Storage Tank and Well House, in the Village of Waunakee, Dane County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

137-CE-212 - Application of American Transmission Company LLC, as an Electric Public Utility, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct and Operate the Mill Road-Granville Transmission Line Project, Consisting of Two New 138 kV Transmission Lines, Rebuilding Two Existing Double-Circuit 345/138 kV Transmission Lines, and Constructing the 345 kV Mill Road Substation Located Primarily in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, and the City of Brookfield and the Village of Menomonee Falls, Waukesha County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

5-UR-111 - Joint Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Wisconsin Gas LLC for Authority to Adjust Electric, Natural Gas, and Steam Rates

The Commission approved the draft final decision and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

6690-UR-128 - Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for Authority to Adjust Electric and Natural Gas Rates

The Commission approved the draft final decision and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

9300-PLI-128 - Investigation of the Complaint of Wisconsin Power and Light Company against Forward Contractors, LLC, Referred to the Commission Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 182.0175(3)(br)2.

The Commission reviewed the proposed Final Decision of the Administrative Law Judge and accepted the decision as drafted and directed the Division of Energy Regulation and Analysis to finalize the Commission's Final Decision to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

1-AC-258 - Revision of Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter PSC 135 Gas Safety to Adopt Updates to the Federal Gas Pipeline Safety Code

Order Adopting Proposed Rules and Associated Legislative Report

The Commission approved the draft order adopting proposed rules and the associated report to the Legislature that updates Wis. Admin Code ch. PSC 135 regarding the safety of gas pipelines, directed the Commission Secretary to sign the Order, and directed Commission staff to make the necessary filings to finalize the rule.

5-DEC-2025 - Digital Equity Capacity Program

Initial Scoping Memorandum

The Commission discussed the Digital Equity Capacity Program (DEC) program design and initial scoping for Round 1 and made the following determinations:

1. All entity types eligible under NTIA's guidance apply in the inaugural Wisconsin DEC grant round.
2. The Commission established a budget of \$9.5 million for the initial grant round.
3. The Commission declined to establish specific budget allocations by track for the initial Wisconsin DEC grant round.
4. The Commission established a maximum grant award amount of 10 percent of the program funding available for the initial Wisconsin DEC grant round.

The Commission directed the Division of Digital Access, Consumer and Environmental Affairs to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

9714-FG-2024 - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in a Department of Energy Grant

Rural Energy Startup Program Proposed Design and Budget for Round 2

The Commission discussed the Rural Energy Startup Program (RESP) program design and budget for round 2 and made the following determinations:

1. The eligible applicant types are those types consistent with RESP Round 1 to local governments that have not received direct allocations of Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) federal formula funding that qualify as rural, with priority given to those also located with a Disadvantaged Community (DAC) or have a DAC located within the planned project area.
2. The Commission established the RESP Round 2 eligible activity types and maximum grant requests consistent with the table below.

Eligible Activity	Maximum Grant Request	2 or more applicants
1. Comprehensive Energy Planning	\$75,000	\$150,000
2. Renewable Resource Planning	\$75,000	\$150,000
3. Energy Audits and Building Upgrades	\$125,000	\$250,000

3. The available funds in the overall budget for 2025 shall be \$1,032,572.

The Commission directed the Division of Digital Access, Consumer and Environmental Affairs to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

6680-AF-108 - Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company for Recovery of ANR Pipeline CIAC Investment in the Heartland Expansion Project

The Commission reviewed the application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company (applicant) for recovery of ANR Pipeline contribution in aid of construction (CIAC) investment in the Heartland Expansion Project (project) and made the following determinations:

1. Beginning with the quarter ending – to begin at the end of the first full quarter after the final decision in this docket is served - and within 30 days of the end of each quarter

thereafter, and continuing until the project is fully operational, the applicant shall submit quarterly progress reports to the Commission that include all of the following:

- a. The status of the Federal Energy Regulation Commission approval process.
 - b. The date that construction commences.
 - c. Summaries of the status of construction, the anticipated in-service date, and the overall percent of physical completion.
 - d. The actual project costs to-date.
 - e. Once each year, a revised total cost estimate for the project.
 - f. The date that the facilities are placed in service.
 - g. Once each year until two years following the in service date of the project, the capacity values for Neenah and Sheboygan Falls Generating Stations.
2. This authorization is for accounting purposes only and does not bind the Commission to any specific treatment in any future proceeding.
 3. The Commission denied the request for approval of carrying costs.

The Commission directed the Division of Energy Regulation and Analysis to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cru Stublely', with a stylized, flowing script.

Cru Stublely
Secretary to the Commission

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