

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of  
Thursday, September 15, 2022

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed. Present were Chairperson Valcq and Commissioner Nowak. Commissioner Huebner participated via telephone.

**Minutes**

The Commission approved the minutes of the open meeting of Thursday, September 8, 2022.

**137-CE-198 - Application of American Transmission Company LLC, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Rebuild and Expand its Existing Granville Substation in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin**

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

**1125-RW-176 - Tolls to be Charged for the Chippewa and Flambeau Improvement Company for the Six Months Period Ending June 30,2022**

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

**5440-LS-100 - Application of the Village of Shorewood, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Implement a Financial Assistance Program for Customer-Side Lead Service Line Replacement, in the Village of Shorewood, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin**

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

**6650-PL-2022 - 2022 Pipeline Safety Enforcement for Wisconsin Gas LLC**

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

**6680-RD-2022 - Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company for Approval of 2022 Fall Reconnection Plan**

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

**9814-CE-100 - Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity of High Noon Solar Energy LLC to Construct a Solar Electric Generation Facility in the Town of Leeds, Town of Lowville, Town of Arlington, and Town of Hampden, Columbia County, Wisconsin**

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

**5-TN-112 - Investigation of Area Code Relief for the 608 Area Code**

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

**9300-PLI-122 - Investigation of the Complaint of Alliant Energy against James Peterson Sons, Inc. Referred to the Commission Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 182.0175(3)(br)2.**

The Commission agreed to dismiss the complaint by joint execution of a consent agreement between the Commission and James Peterson Sons, Inc. (Respondent) and accepted the proposed consent agreement as drafted, which directs the Respondent to attend the educational course under Wis. Stat. § 182.0175(3)(br)4. and pay all fees associated therewith, assesses a forfeiture against the Respondent of \$5,250 and directs payment of the required \$525 surcharge to Diggers Hotline.

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

**9300-GI-103 - Investigation into Beach-Aire Motel, as a Pipeline Operator, for Noncompliance with Pipeline Safety Regulations**

The Commission found that Beach-Aire motel has taken actions sufficient to address the source of its non-compliances. Beach -Aire Motel shall not reconnect those residual components left of its master meter system at any point in the future without prior notification to the Commission and subsequent approval following the completion of pipeline safety inspections with Commission staff. Should Beach-Aire Motel reconnect its master meter system without prior approval, it will be obligated to pay civil penalties up to the maximum amount of \$1,500,000.00

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

**3270-TE-115 - Application of Madison Gas and Electric Company for Approval of Three New Electric Vehicle Managed Charging Pilot Programs, as well as Proposed Updates to its Existing Home Electric Vehicle Charging Rider Program**

The Commission reviewed the application of Madison Gas and Electric Company (applicant) for approval of three new Electric Vehicle Managed Charging Pilot Programs, as well as proposed updates to its existing Home Electric Vehicle Charging Rider Program and made the following determinations:

1. The Commission granted the Joint Unopposed Motion to Present Additional Evidence.
2. The Commission approved the applicant's Home Electric Vehicle Charging Program (Charge@Home) as proposed, with the tariff modifications illustrated in the attachment to the Joint Unopposed Motion to Present Additional Evidence.
3. The Commission approved the applicant's Electric Vehicle Managed Charging Rewards (Charge Ahead) Pilot as proposed, with the tariff modifications illustrated in the attachment to the Joint Unopposed Motion to Present Additional Evidence.
4. The Commission granted the applicant's requested waiver of the following Wisconsin Administrative Code provisions in relation to billing adjustments for its Apartment and Workplace Electric Vehicle Managed Charging Experimental Pilot:
  - a. Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.0406(1)(a)3., 4., and 5., pertaining to information displayed on customer bills.
  - b. Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.0406(1)(c) and Schedule Ex.-15, Section 3.3, pertaining to marking bills based on usage measured by the EV charger, as estimated.
  - c. Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.0406(3) pertaining to identifying credits and original charges for meter inaccuracies, errors in billing, or misapplication of rates.

These waivers are granted with the condition that the applicant provide customers information on the range of possible bill impacts and include specific language in its tariff explicitly informing customers that over or under-registration of charging use will result in more or less usage being billed and that bill adjustments will not be made for charging unit sub-meter inaccuracy.

5. The Commission denied the applicant's request for a waiver of Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.0407, relating to the customer dispute process.

6. The Commission granted a limited waiver of the following metering and testing Wisconsin Administrative Code provisions for the Applicant's Apartment and Workplace Electric Vehicle Charging Experimental Pilot, on the condition that the applicant work with Commission staff on alternative accuracy and testing standards:
  - a. Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.0406 pertaining to meter accuracy requirements.
  - b. Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.0811 pertaining to meter accuracy standards
  - c. Wis. Admin. Code §§ PSC 113.0901, 113.0904, 113.0905, and 113.0924 pertaining to meter testing standards.

The applicant shall come back to the Commission with the alternative accuracy and testing standards by the earlier of the date of (1) one year from the date of the issuance of the Final Decision in this docket, or (2) the date of installation of the first charging station in this program takes place.

7. The Commission accepted the applicant's proposed Apartment and Workplace Electric Vehicle Managed Charging Experimental pilot with conditions as described above.
8. The Commission accepted the applicant's Electric Vehicle Managed Fleet Charging Pilot as proposed.

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

**3270-TE-114 - Application of Madison Gas and Electric Company for Approval of Proposed Changes to its Parallel Generation Tariffs**

The Commission reviewed the application of Madison Gas and Electric Company (applicant) for approval of proposed changes to its parallel generation tariffs and made the following determinations:

1. The Commission modified and approved the applicant's proposed replacement of its existing PV Connect (PV-1) Tariff with its proposed Direct Connect (DC-1) Tariff which includes the removal of a participation limit and a front of the meter (FTM) option for all parallel generation types. The applicant shall modify to DC-1 tariff to change the phrase "less any capacity adders" located in the "Rate" sections to "excluding any capacity adders." The avoided energy cost rate, avoided capacity cost rate, and the avoided

transmission cost rate for the applicant's tariffs were separately considered by the Commission and are addressed in Items 2, 3 and 4 below.

2. The Commission approved the applicant's proposal for determining avoided energy costs using forecasted locational marginal prices (LMPs) for behind the meter (BTM) resources as proposed.

Commissioner Huebner accepted the proposal to use forecasted LMPs for BTM resources, but dissented as he would have also required for contracted front of the meter (FTM) resources the use of fixed avoided energy payments based on long-run forecasted LMPs.

3. The Commission modified and approved the applicant's proposal to compensate customers for avoided capacity. For FTM resources, the Commission approved the applicant's proposal which ties capacity accreditation to Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (MISO) accreditation.

For BTM resources, the Commission modified the applicant's proposal and removed an avoided capacity credit.

Commissioner Huebner dissented and would have included a capacity credit for BTM resources as proposed by RENEW.

4. The Commission approved the avoided transmission cost tariff language as proposed, which sets the avoided transmission cost rate at \$0 but includes, as a placeholder in the tariff sheets, a billing determinant for which an avoided transmission cost customer credit rate can be established if and when customer-owned generation enables the utility to avoid transmission costs.

Commissioner Huebner dissented.

The applicant shall file with the Commission by August 1, 2023, further analysis on a calculation for avoided transmission costs, which shall include analysis of the impact of distributed generation on transmission.

Commissioner Nowak dissented.

5. The Commission approved the applicant's proposal in its DC-1 tariff to offer a 10-year service agreement, with 5-year renewal options as proposed.

Commissioner Huebner dissented.

6. The Commission approved the use of average line losses as proposed by the applicant.

Commissioner Huebner dissented.

7. The applicant shall submit additional parallel generation tariff revisions in response to future MISO and/or FERC proposals.
8. The applicant shall revise its tariff language to clarify that DC-1 is available to third-party-owned qualifying facilities (QFs).

Commissioner Nowak dissented.

The Division of Energy Regulation and Analysis shall draft an order consistent with the Commission's discussion.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cru Stubley".

Cru Stubley  
Secretary to the Commission

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