

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of  
Thursday, September 7, 2017

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed. Present were Chairperson Nowak, Commissioner Huebsch and Commissioner Roberts.

**Minutes**

The Commission approved the minutes of the open meeting of Thursday, August 17, 2017.

The Commission approved the minutes of the open meeting of Thursday, August 31, 2017. Chairperson Nowak abstained in the vote as she did not participate in the meeting of August 31, 2017.

**5-BS-223 – Joint Application of American Transmission Company LLC and the Village of Mazomanie, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Transfer Transmission Assets from the Village of Mazomanie to American Transmission Company LLC, Located in the Village of Mazomanie, Dane County, Wisconsin**

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

**6630-CG-136 – Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company for Authority to Construct and Place in Operation Replacement Natural Gas Distribution Facilities along West Grange Avenue and North 51st Street in the Village of Greendale and City of Franklin in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin**

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

**420-WR-106 – Application of the Village of Belleville, Dane and Green Counties, Wisconsin, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Adjust Water Rates**

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

**6420-WR-103 – Application of the Village of Weston, Marathon County, Wisconsin, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Adjust Water Rates**

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

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**6650-TG-102 – Application of Wisconsin Gas LLC for Five-Year Compensatory Review of its Contract with Badger State Ethanol**

The Commission approved the proposed modifications to the contract between Wisconsin Gas LLC and Badger State Ethanol.

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

**6690-EI-112 – Request of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for a Waiver of Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.0803(3) Regarding Individual Electric Metering for a Renovated Building**

The Commission granted the request filed on behalf of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for a waiver of Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.0803(3) regarding individual electric metering for a renovated building.

The Commission delegated authority to the Administrator of the Division of Water, Telecommunications and Consumer Affairs to grant waivers of Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.0803(3) in situations where individual metering would not be required under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.0803(4) if the renovated building were new construction.

The Commission directed the Division of Water, Telecommunications and Consumer Affairs to draft an order consistent with its decision.

**5-BF-2018 – FY 2018 Broadband Expansion Grants**

**Challenge of Charter Communications to the Grant Award to CenturyLink for its City of Baraboo project.**

The Commission denied the challenge of Charter Communications to the grant award of \$167,300 to CenturyTel of the Midwest-Kendall, LLC, d/b/a CenturyLink, for the City of Baraboo project.

The Commission directed the Division of Business and Program Management to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

**4220-GF-123 – Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin Voluntary Utility Programs**

The Commission approved the request filed on behalf of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin (NSPW) to implement its 2018 Voluntary Energy Efficiency Programs consisting of the

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Residential Community Conservation program and the Commercial Conservation program (including the Mid-Market Program pilot), subject to the following conditions:

1. NSPW shall be required to report to the Commission by December 1, 2017, on its contacts with Focus on Energy (Focus) staff regarding coordination between Focus and NSPW's new Mid-Market Program Pilot and provide any formal documented coordination plans.
2. NSPW shall be required to submit an evaluation plan for its 2017 programs for Commission staff approval by December 1, 2017.

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

#### **6630-GF-136 – Wisconsin Electric Power Company Voluntary Utility Programs**

The Commission approved the 2018-2019 Voluntary Program Proposal submitted on behalf of Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Wisconsin Gas LLC to implement a Residential Assistance Program, which provides weatherization services for low-income customers, and to expand its offerings to encompass LED lighting.

The Commission directed the Division of Business and Program Management to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

#### **5-UR-108 – Joint Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Wisconsin Gas LLC for a Base Rate Freeze for Test Years 2018 and 2019**

#### **Modification of Real Time Market Pricing Tariff to Include 500 Kilowatt Minimum Growth**

#### **5-UR-108 – Joint Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Wisconsin Gas LLC for a Base Rate Freeze for Test Years 2018 and 2019**

#### **6690-UR-125 – Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for a Base Rate Freeze for Test Years 2018 and 2019**

The Commission discussed the tariff items in docket 5-UR-108 relating to the modification of the Real Time Market Pricing Tariff (RTMP) and approval of the Real Time Pricing (RTP) tariff, together with its consideration of the draft Final Decision approving the joint application of

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Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO), Wisconsin Gas LLC, and Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) (together the WEC Utilities) for a base rate freeze for test years 2018 and 2019 in dockets 5-UR-108 and 6690-UR-125.

The Commission affirmed its preliminary determination to require WEPCO to further modify the RTMP tariff to include a 500 kilowatt minimum load growth provision, but delayed the implementation of this requirement until the end of the rate freeze period.

The Commission accepted the revised RTP tariff filed on behalf of WEPCO on August 24, 2017, and required that the RTP tariff be further modified to harmonize the Minimum Monthly Charge provisions of the RTP with the Monthly Minimum Charge language contained within the Cp1 tariff, to clarify that the “minimum on-peak demand as stated in a contract” used in determining the customer’s monthly minimum charge is equal to the Cp1 firm load amount nominated under the RTP tariff, and to revise the RTP tariff provision relating to incremental energy and incremental demand charges to use base rate “costs resulting from a future rate case” to determine a per unit recovery and/or refund of existing escrow account balances, as opposed to “estimates.”

The Commission affirmed its earlier determination that a full review of the costs and benefits of WEPCO’s RTMP, WPSC’s New Load Marking Pricing tariff, WEPCO’s RTP, and any megawatt (MW) load caps currently in place shall occur as part of the WEC Utilities’ test year 2020 base rate cases, and clarified that the WEC Utilities shall file a summary of the costs and benefits of these market-based rate programs, as well as the MW load caps currently in place, at the same time they file their test year 2020 applications, which shall be no later than April 1, 2019.

The Commission directed the Division of Energy Regulation to modify the draft Final Decision proposed in dockets 5-UR-108 and 6690-UR-125 consistent with its discussion on the tariff issues, approved the Final Decision as modified, and directed the Final Decision be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

**CLOSED SESSION – The Commission recessed the open meeting, went into closed session under Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) to discuss the litigation matters noted below with legal counsel, and reconvened the open meeting pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(2).**

Commissioner Huebsch moved, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g), that the Commission convene in closed session to discuss the litigation matters listed below. Commissioner Roberts seconded the motion. The motion was carried and the Commission went into closed session.

After a discussion in closed session, the Commission reconvened in open session.

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**9200-GI-100 – Commission Staff Monitoring of FERC Docket No. RP17-598-000 Related to  
the Great Lakes Gas Pipeline**

**FERC Docket No. RP17-598-000 – Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership  
General Section 4 Rate Case**

During the discussion held in closed session, information was presented to the Commission regarding the above litigation matters. No motion was made with respect to this item.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.



Sandra J. Paske  
Secretary to the Commission

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