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## PSC Seeks Applications for Critical Infrastructure Microgrid and Community Resilience Center Pilot Grant Program

Applications will be accepted through August 6, 2021

MADISON – The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin's (PSC) is seeking applications for the Critical Infrastructure Microgrid and Community Resilience Center Pilot Grant Program. The PSC will be awarding up to \$985,000 by the fall of 2021 for projects that focus on innovative predisaster mitigation through critical infrastructure microgrids and other resilient building strategies. Applications for the pilot program will be due on August 6, 2021.

The PSC plans to award grants to public and private entities in Wisconsin that meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the <u>Application Instructions</u>. Eligible applicants include Municipalities, Universities, Schools, Hospitals, and Like Entities (MUSH Market): cities, villages, towns, counties, K-12 school districts, tribes, municipal water, and wastewater utilities, municipal electric utilities, municipal natural gas utilities, University of Wisconsin System campuses and facilities, Wisconsin Technical College System, public or nonprofit hospitals, and 501(c)(3) nonprofits.

"I am thrilled to continue moving forward with this pilot program and to support projects that will provide equitable access to the benefits of clean energy across the state," said PSC Chairperson Rebecca Cameron Valcq. "We know that those who face barriers to adopting clean energy solutions and the benefits they provide are often disproportionately impacted by the negative effects of traditional fossil fuel and inefficient energy systems. It is important to provide not just resilient infrastructure for all communities, but also innovative ways to access clean energy."

The Office of Energy Innovation (OEI) will hold an informational webinar on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. for interested parties. You can join the webinar here.

For more information about the pilot program visit <u>here</u>. For more information about the Office of Energy Innovation visit <u>here</u>.