

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of
Thursday, July 11, 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, June 27, 2024.

5-CU-106 - Application of the City of New Richmond, as Electric and Water Public Utilities, to Construct a New Utility and Public Works Building in New Richmond, St Croix County, Wisconsin

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

2751-CE-100 - Application of City of Jefferson, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Construct a New Underground Circuit and Remove Existing 3-Phase Distribution Lines, in the City of Jefferson, Jefferson County, Wisconsin

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

4110-BS-100 - Application of the City of New Holstein, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Purchase an Existing Shop Facility in the City of New Holstein, Calumet County, Wisconsin

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

5780-TE-112 - Application of City of Sturgeon Bay, as an Electric Public Utility, Door County, Wisconsin, for Approval to Modify its Schedule X-1 Tariff Regarding Transformer Installation

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

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

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

4850-WR-102 - Application of the City of Prescott, Pierce County, Wisconsin, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Adjust Water Rates

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

6240-CC-241226 - Request for Formal Review of Complaint Filed by Matthew Fernholz Against Waukesha Water Utility

Draft Order to Reopen on Remand

The Commission approved the draft Order to Reopen and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

9300-DR-106 - Verified Petition of Vote Solar of Distributed Energy Resource Systems in Wisconsin

Motion for Enlargement of Time to File Comments

The Commission approved the draft order granting Vote Solar's Motion for Enlargement of Time to File Comments and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

Commissioner Nieto abstained.

1-IC-560 - Application for Intervenor Compensation filed by Neighbors 4 Neighbors to Participate in Docket 137-CE-205

The Commission denied the request of Neighbors 4 Neighbors for intervenor compensation to participate in Docket 137-CE-205.

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

6630-CC-237934 - Request for Investigation of Complaint Filed by the City of Glendale Against Wisconsin Electric Power Company for Unscheduled Outages

Proposed Settlement Agreement

The Commission reviewed the application for approval of a Settlement Agreement entered into between Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO) and the City of Glendale (together, Parties) and made the following determinations:

1. The applicable procedural requirements of Wis. Stat. § 196.026(3) – (6) have been satisfied.
2. The parties to the proceeding have been given a reasonable opportunity to present evidence and arguments in opposition to the settlement as required by Wis. Stat. § 196.026(7)(a).
3. The public interest is adequately represented by the parties who entered into the Settlement Agreement.
4. The Commission approved, with the following conditions, the Settlement Agreement:
 - a. Approval of the Settlement Agreement is not a determination by the Commission of the recoverability in rates of the costs associated with implementation of the Settlement Agreement. The Commission, consistent with its past practice, shall review in a future rate proceeding the recoverability of costs associated with the Settlement Agreement.
 - b. WEPCO shall separately track and account for the costs associated with implementation of the Settlement Agreement, including all project costs associated with the incremental distribution projects resulting from the Settlement Agreement implementation.
 - c. The proceedings in this docket are stayed for a period of three years from the effective date of the Commission's order approving the Settlement Agreement, subject to the right of Glendale to make a request to the Commission that the stay be lifted consistent with the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement. If after three years from the effective date of the Order approving the Settlement Agreement, WEPCO is in compliance with the reliability performance or, the Parties agree that substantial compliance of the reliability performance has been met as set forth in the Paragraph 2 of the Settlement Agreement, the Parties shall make a joint filing no later than 30 days following the three year anniversary of the effective date of the Order approving the Settlement Agreement, a joint filing stipulating to the dismissal of the proceeding and closing of the docket.
 - d. Approval is based upon the specific facts of this case and the negotiated agreement of the Settling Parties, and has no precedential value and shall not be construed as being applicable to any other situation outside of this particular settlement.

Commissioner Nieto abstained.

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

3270-FR-2023 - Application of Madison Gas and Electric Company for Reconciliation of Actual Fuel Costs to the Authorized 2023 Fuel Cost Plan

The Commission accepted Madison Gas and Electric Company's (MGE) fuel reconciliation application and directed MGE to refund the 2023 over-collected fuel balance across October through December 2024, with interest, at MGE's authorized cost of short-term debt rate, using the flat rate allocation method at the uniform rate credit rate of \$0.01056/kWh each month for all customer classes.

Commissioner Nieto abstained.

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

4220-FR-2023 - Application of Northern States Power Company–Wisconsin for Reconciliation of Actual Fuel Costs to the Authorized 2023 Fuel Cost Plan

The Commission accepted Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin's (NSPW) 2023 fuel reconciliation application and directed NSPW to refund the 2023 over-collected fuel balance and the over-collection of the 2021 fuel reconciliation surcharge across October through December 2024, with interest at NSPW's authorized cost of short-term debt rate using the class-level allocation method shown in Appendix A Table A4 of the June 13, 2024 memorandum based on 2023 actual electricity usage to establish unique credit rates for each customer class.

Commissioner Nieto abstained.

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

6630-FR-2023 - Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company for Reconciliation of Actual Fuel Costs to the Authorized 2023 Fuel Cost Plan

The Commission accepted Wisconsin Electric Power Company's (WEPCO) 2023 fuel reconciliation application and directed WEPCO to refund the over-collection of the 2022 fuel reconciliation surcharge in September 2024, with interest at WEPCO's authorized cost of short-term debt rate, using the flat-rate allocation method at the uniform credit rate of \$0.00002/kWh for all customer classes.

Commissioner Nieto abstained.

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

6680-FR-2023 - Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company for Reconciliation of Actual Fuel Costs to the Authorized 2023 Fuel Cost Plan

The Commission accepted Wisconsin Power and Light Company's (WP&L) 2023 fuel reconciliation application, including the impact of the 2021 fuel surcharge over-collection, for a total deferred account balance credit of \$34,179,144 and directed WP&L to refund the 2023 over-collected fuel balance and the over-collection of the 2021 fuel surcharge, plus interest at WPL's authorized cost of short-term debt rate, from October 2024 through December 2024, using the flat-rate allocation method at the uniform credit rate of \$0.01296/kWh for all customer classes.

Commissioner Nieto abstained.

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

6690-FR-2023 – Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for Reconciliation of Actual Fuel Costs to the Authorized 2023 Fuel Cost Plan

The Commission accepted Wisconsin Public Service Corporation's (WPSC) 2023 fuel reconciliation application and directed WPSC to refund the 2023 over-collected fuel balance across October through December 2024, with interest WPSC's authorized cost of short-term debt rate, using the flat-rate method at the uniform credit rate of \$0.01181 k/kWh each month for all customer classes.

Commissioner Nieto abstained.

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

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.



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