

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

### Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of Thursday, October 14, 2021

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

#### **Minutes**

The Commission approved the minutes of the open meeting of Thursday, October 7, 2021.

#### **5-BS-256 - Joint Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation and Madison Gas and Electric Company for a Certificate of Authority to Purchase the Red Barn Wind Energy Center Generation Facility in the Towns of Wingville and Clifton, Grant County, Wisconsin**

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

#### **120-CW-105 - Application of the City of Altoona, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct Well No. 8 and Well House, in the City of Altoona, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin**

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

#### **190-CW-122 - Application of the City of Appleton, Outagamie, Calumet, and Winnebago Counties, Wisconsin, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Provide Retail Water Service to Customers in the Area Bounded by Plank Road, Lake Park Road, Midway Road and Tahoe Lane in the Village of Harrison, Calumet County, Wisconsin**

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

#### **6690-DU-105 - Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for Certification of Depreciation Rates**

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

#### **270-WR-102 - Application of the City of Augusta, Eau Claire 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.

**5630-ER-106 - Application of the City of Spooner, Washburn County, Wisconsin, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Adjust Electric Rates**

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

**5-BF-2022 - FY 2022 Broadband Expansion Grants**

**Discussion of Comparative Merit of Applications Submitted in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Broadband Grant Round**

The Commission discussed the comparative merit of applications submitted in the American Rescue Plan Act Broadband Grant Round and made the following grant awards to the recipients/projects and in the amounts identified below:

Agency	Project	Award
24-7 Telcom, Inc	Town of Brunswick	\$ 869,545.00
24-7 Telcom, Inc	Town of Elk Mound	\$1,383,320.00
24-7 Telcom, Inc	Town of Howard	\$ 529,635.00
24-7 Telcom, Inc	Town of Lucas	\$ 857,915.00
24-7 Telcom, Inc	Town of Menomonie	\$1,069,815.00
24-7 Telcom, Inc	Town of Red Cedar - Phase 3	\$1,479,140.00

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24-7 Telcom, Inc	Town of Spring Brook	\$ 794,835.00
24-7 Telcom, Inc	Town of Stanton	\$1,506,790.00
24-7 Telcom, Inc	Town of Tainter	\$1,438,035.00
24-7 Telcom, Inc	Town of Weston - Phase 2	\$ 616,285.00
24-7 Telcom, Inc	Town of Wheaton - Phase 2	\$1,421,630.00
Amherst Telephone Company	Town of Dayton Phase 2	\$ 147,640.00
CCI Systems, Inc DBA Astrea	Town of Foster - Rock Dam Lake	\$ 179,048.00
Bloomer Telephone Company	Town of Eagle Point	\$1,216,759.00
Bloomer Telephone Company	Town of Tilden	\$ 663,340.00

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Bruce Telephone Company	Fireside Lake	\$ 66,225.00
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company	Town of Cross	\$2,100,000.00
Whitewater Wideband, LLC DBA Edge Broadband	Town of Lafayette	\$ 144,804.00
Farmers Independent Telephone Company DBA Grantsburg Telcom	Anderson	\$ 223,530.00
Farmers Independent Telephone Company DBA Grantsburg Telcom	Clam River Phase 1	\$ 251,545.00
Farmers Independent Telephone Company DBA Grantsburg Telcom	Sterling	\$ 403,324.00
LaValle Telephone Cooperative	Highway 58 Phase 2 (Route to Mauston)	\$ 624,750.00
LaValle Telephone Cooperative	Town of Woodland	\$ 949,500.00
Town of Liberty Grove	Northport FTTH Pilot	\$ 318,500.00
Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative, Inc	Town of Adams East	\$ 998,510.00

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Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative, Inc	Town of Adams West	\$ 538,645.00
Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative, Inc	Towns of Lewiston and Fort Winnebago	\$ 901,679.00
Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative, Inc	Towns of Packwaukee and Harris	\$ 324,091.00
Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative, Inc	Towns of Montello, Mekan and Shields	\$2,422,837.00
Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative, Inc	Town of Quincy	\$ 986,180.00
Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative, Inc	Town of Springfield	\$ 790,568.00
Chibardun Telephone Cooperative DBA Mosaic Technologies	Bear Lake / Oak Grove	\$3,625,483.00
Chibardun Telephone Cooperative DBA Mosaic Technologies	Big Chetac	\$4,093,321.00
Chibardun Telephone Cooperative DBA Mosaic Technologies	Four Corners	\$ 185,530.00

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Chibardun Telephone Cooperative DBA Mosaic Technologies	Town of Otter Creek	\$ 878,700.00
Chibardun Telephone Cooperative DBA Mosaic Technologies	Town of Sarona	\$4,233,425.00
Nextgen Communications, LLC DBA Nextgen Broadband	Glenwood City	\$2,130,629.00
Somerset Telephone Company, Inc. DBA Northwest Communications	Town of Alden	\$ 333,200.00
Amery Telcom, Inc DBA Northwest Communications	Amery Exchange	\$ 980,000.00
Northwoods Communications Technologies, LLC DBA Northwoods Connect	Forest, Oneida and Vilas Counties	\$2,283,772.00
Norvado, Inc	Town of Barksdale	\$ 624,580.00
Norvado, Inc	Town of Lenroot	\$ 613,130.00

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Norvado, Inc	Lower Eau Claire	\$ 141,070.00
Price County Telephone Company DBA Norvado	Phillips East - Musser Lake	\$1,994,994.00
Norvado, Inc	Washburn North	\$ 483,365.00
Nelson Communications Cooperative DBA Ntec	Town of Mondovi	\$1,585,200.00
Ntera, LLC	Arnold	\$ 673,650.00
Ntera, LLC	Crescent - Colburn	\$ 436,403.00
Ntera, LLC	Delmar - Edson	\$1,065,000.00
Oconto County Economic Development Corporation	Mountain / Riverview	\$1,595,464.00
Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services	Clifton North	\$1,080,103.00

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Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services	Clifton South	\$ 537,725.00
Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services	Town of Ellsworth	\$ 627,174.00
Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services	El Paso	\$1,293,497.00
Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services	Esdaile NW	\$ 591,698.00
Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services	Oak Grove North	\$ 712,130.00
Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services	Oak Grove South	\$ 507,549.00
Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services	Town of River Falls Northeast	\$ 804,340.00
Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services	Trimbelle West	\$ 575,465.00
Reedsburg Utility Commission DBA LightSpeed	Happy Hill	\$2,362,500.00

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Reedsburg Utility Commission DBA LightSpeed	Iowa County	\$2,025,000.00
Reedsburg Utility Commission DBA LightSpeed	White Mound	\$3,757,500.00
Reedsburg Utility Commission DBA LightSpeed	Witwen	\$3,600,000.00
Richland-Grant Telephone Cooperative, Inc	Crawford County	\$2,364,000.00
Siren Telephone Company	Town of Jackson / Voyager Village Phase 2	\$ 421,948.00
Siren Telephone Company	Town of Oakland / West Yellow River Road	\$ 252,264.00
SonicNet, Inc	Town of Washington (Bass Lake)	\$ 349,658.00
Spectrum Mid-America, LLC	Town of Janesville	\$ 133,654.00
Spectrum Mid-America, LLC	Kenosha County	\$ 872,171.00

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Spectrum Mid-America, LLC	Racine County	\$ 629,616.00
Spectrum Mid-America, LLC	Walworth County	\$2,244,450.00
Starwire Technologies, LLC	Indian Creek South Phase 2	\$ 540,057.00
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians DBA Superior Connections	Rez Connect	\$6,041,269.00
Central State Telephone Company, LLC DBA TDS Telecom	Necedah	\$1,088,791.00
The Farmers Telephone Company, LLC DBA TDS Telecom	Potosi	\$ 943,333.00
Tri-County Communications Cooperative, Inc	Town of Alma (Jackson County)	\$2,177,500.00
Tri-County Communications Cooperative, Inc	Town of Naples	\$1,137,500.00
UpnetWI, LLC	Town of Pleasant Springs	\$ 90,346.00

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Vernon Communications Cooperative	Crawford County	\$5,697,500.00
Washington Island Electric Cooperative	Washington Island - Phase 3	\$1,060,178.00
Wittenberg Telephone Company, Inc DBA Wittenberg Wireless	Langlade County	\$ 544,850.00
Wittenberg Telephone Company, Inc DBA Wittenberg Wireless	Town of Norrie	\$ 150,000.00
Wittenberg Telephone Company, Inc DBA Wittenberg Wireless	Stockbridge Munsee	\$ 543,400.00

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

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.



Steffany Powell Coker  
Secretary to the Commission