PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of
Wednesday, October 12, 2022

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, September 29, 2022.

5-AE-238 - Application for Approval of an Affiliated Interest Agreement between Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for Joint Ownership and Operation of the Whitewater Power Station located in Jefferson County, Wisconsin

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

220-CW-102 - Application of the Village of Arena, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct a New Well No. 2, in the Village of Arena, Iowa County, Wisconsin

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

3270-RD-2022 - Application of Madison Gas and Electric 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.

4280-TE-102 - Application of Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company, as an Electric Public Utility, for Approval of Changes in Power Cost Adjustment Tariff Language

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

4850-CW-102 - Application of the City of Prescott, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct A New Water Treatment Plant Located at Well No. 3, in the City of Prescott, Pierce County, Wisconsin

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

5110-CW-109 - Application of the City of River Falls, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct a Water Main Loop and Install Reducing Valve on Dundee Avenue, in the City of River Falls, Pierce and St. Croix Counties, Wisconsin

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

5-TE-101 - Joint Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for Approval of Modifications to the Solar Now and Dedicated Renewable Energy Resource Pilot Tariffs and Approval of the Renewable Pathway Pilot Tariff and Deferral Requests

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

2210-CW-109 - Application of the Village of Germantown, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct a Booster Station and Elevated Storage Tank, in the Village of Germantown, Washington County, Wisconsin

Proposed Order to Reopen, Notice, and Request for Comment

The Commission approved the draft order to reopen, notice, and request for comment and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

3160-ER-109 - Application of the City of Lodi, Columbia County, Wisconsin, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Adjust Electric Rates

Proposed Order to Reopen, Notice, and Request for Comment

The Commission approved the draft order to reopen, notice, and request for comment and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

1-IC-543 - Application for Intervenor Compensation filed by RENEW Wisconsin to Participate in Docket 5-UR-110

The Commission approved the revised request of RENEW Wisconsin for intervenor compensation in the amount of $10,000 for its participation in docket 5-UR-110.

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

1-IC-544 - Application for Intervenor Compensation filed by RENEW Wisconsin to Participate in Docket 6690-UR-127

The Commission approved the revised request of RENEW Wisconsin for intervenor compensation in the amount of $10,000 for its participation in Docket 6690-UR-127.

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

5-UI-120 - Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion to Ensure Safe, Reliable and Affordable Access to Utility Services During Declared Public Health Emergency for COVID-19

Review of Remaining Delegations of Authority and Order Points Relating to Low-Income DPAs, Municipal DPAs, Medical Emergencies, Disconnection Plans, Waiver of Credit Card Convenience Fees, Waiver of Certain Tariff Provisions, and Meter Testing Deadlines

The Commission reviewed the remaining delegations of authority and order points remaining in this investigation and made the following determinations:

1. The Commission discontinued, as of November 1, 2022, the temporary requirement that utilities offer a Deferred Payment Agreement (DPA) to any low-income residential customer who is unable to pay a bill in full, prior to disconnecting service for nonpayment, including in situations in which the terms of the previous DPA were unfulfilled, without limitation.

2. The Commission discontinued, as of November 1, 2022, the temporarily altering of tariffs of municipal utilities to provide that municipal utilities may choose to offer a DPA to a customer who is a tenant at a rental dwelling unit.

3. The Commission discontinued, as of November 1, 2022, the temporary requirement that a positive COVID-19 test shall automatically be considered a medical emergency for the purpose of the 21-day extension of service.

4. The Commission discontinued, as of November 1, 2022, the temporary requirement to file disconnection plans and disconnection plan updates prior to disconnecting customers for nonpayment.

5. The Commission discontinued, as of November 1, 2022, the authorization of the temporary tariff provisions allowing utilities to waive credit card convenience fees. Utilities shall address the recovery of costs of credit card processing fees in accordance with the Order for docket 5-AF-105.

6. The Commission discontinued, as of November 1, 2022, the order provision delegating authority to the Division Administrators to approve, deny, or elevate appropriate requests for temporary waivers of certain tariff provisions.

7. The Commission discontinued, as of November 1, 2022, the delegation to grant deadline tolling and extension requests.

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

5-FE-104 - Quadrennial Planning Process IV

Phase III Goals, Targets, and Key Performance Indicators

The Commission reviewed goals, targets and key performance indicators (KPIs) of the Commission's Quadrennial Planning Process (Quad IV) for the Focus on Energy Program (Focus) and made the following determinations:

1. Focus shall set the KPI to increase the number of applications received by the Tier II Income-Qualified program by six percent by 2024 over an average baseline from Quad III. The Program Administrator shall use the first quarter of 2023 to test the new qualification tool.

2. Focus shall set the KPI to target 31 percent of incentive spending which is proportional to the 31 percent of rural customers in the designated zip codes for 2023 and 2024.

3. The Commission approved the proposed Focus on Energy gross savings as follows:

Proposed Focus on Energy Gross Savings Goal, 2023-2026

Type of Savings	Gross Lifecycle Savings Goal
Overall MMBtu Goal	185,692,431
Electric Savings Goal (kWh)	31,676,270,000*
Natural Gas Savings Goal (therms)	776,085,000*
Electric Demand Goal (kW)	293,900

*Figures are not adjusted to reflect 90 percent minimum performance requirement thresholds by fuel.

4. Regarding a net savings KPI, Focus shall maintain the status Quo from Quad III. SEERA's Quad IV proposed contract to the Commission for approval shall not factor the achievement of net savings into the performance bonus structure. The Commission sets a Quad IV net portfolio lifecycle savings goal for itself based on the portfolio gross savings

goals approved above. The portfolio net lifecycle savings goals shall be equal to the portfolio gross lifecycle savings goal multiplied by a net-to-gross ratio of 0.70.

5. The Commission did not direct at this time the performance of a mid-quad review of Focus' goals and measurable targets.

   Commissioner Huebner dissented.

The Commission directed the Division of Digital Access, Consumer and Environmental Affairs to draft and order consistent with its discussions throughout the Quad IV planning process.

9300-DR-105 - Petition of Midwest Renewable Energy Association to Determine Applicability of a Third-Party Financed Distributed Energy Resource Systems

Joint Interlocutory Appeal of Wisconsin Utilities Association, Fair Rates for Wisconsin's Dairyland, Customers First!, Coalition, Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association

The Commission denied the Joint Interlocutory Appeal of Wisconsin Utilities Association, Fair rates for Wisconsin's Dairyland, Customers First!, Coalition, Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association.

Commissioner Nowak dissented.

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

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

Joint Interlocutory Appeal of Wisconsin Utilities Association, Fair Rates for Wisconsin's Dairyland, Customers First!, Coalition, Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association

The Commission denied the Joint Interlocutory Appeal of Wisconsin Utilities Association, Fair rates for Wisconsin's Dairyland, Customers First!, Coalition, Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association.

Commissioner Nowak dissented

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

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.



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Secretary to the Commission

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