

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of
Thursday, March 16, 2023

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

Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes of the open meeting of Thursday, March 9, 2023.

5-UI-121 - Investigation of Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Wisconsin Gas LLC Development of Alternative Low-Income Assistance Programs, Including a Potential Percentage of Income Payment Pilot

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

6680-TE-110 - Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company for Approval of Renewable Energy Partner Program Contract

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

9300-GI-107 - Investigation into Grand Geneva, LLC d/b/a Grand Geneva Resort and Spa, as a Pipeline Operator, for Noncompliance with Pipeline Safety Regulations

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding 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 reviewed the joint application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO) and Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) (together applicants) for approval of modifications to the Solar Now and Dedicated Renewable Energy Resource (DRER) pilot tariffs and approval of the Renewable Pathway pilot tariff and deferral requests and made the following determinations:

1. The Commission approved WEPCO's Solar Now tariff language regarding the valuation of capacity accreditation methodology as filed for the existing program.

Commission Huebner dissented.

2. The Commission denied WEPCO's proposed Solar Now expansion.

Commissioner Strand dissented.

3. The Commission denied WPSC's request to implement the proposed Solar Now program. As the proposed program was denied, the Commission did not need to address the proposed tariff language regarding the valuation of capacity accreditation methodology.

Commissioner Strand dissented and would have authorized the program for WPSC and approved the proposed language regarding valuation of capacity accreditation as filed.

4. The Commission approved WEPCO's DRER tariff language regarding the valuation of capacity accreditation and proposed DRER program reduction as filed.
5. The Commission laid over consideration of applicants' proposed Renewable Pathway pilot programs, including its discussion regarding customer notifications, renewals, terminations and transfers, and waiver provisions.
6. As the Commission declined WEPCO's proposed expansion and WPSC's proposed implementation of the Solar Now program, and laid over consideration of the applicants' Renewable Resources Pathway Pilot program, it was not necessary to address the applicant's request for deferral accounting treatment for these programs.

The Commission directed Commission staff to obtain reply comments from the applicants regarding the proposed Renewable Pathways Pilot program and return the matter to the Commission for final action.

4220-TE-112 - Application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin for Approval of a Voluntary Renewable Energy Rider

The Commission reviewed the application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin (NSPW) for approval of a voluntary Renewable Energy Rider (RER) and approved the pilot program as filed, including NSPW's revised participation cap request of 200 MW and the proposed reporting requirements and directed NSPW to file a combined VRE-3 and Solar Solar*Connect CommunitySM annual report in dockets 4220-TE-101 and 4220-TE-112. Future contracts will be reviewed by the Commission pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.192 and any future RER contract must demonstrate benefits to the customer without causing harm to the applicant and non-participants. The Commission also approved NSPW's proposed waiver provision as filed.

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

4220-TE-113 - Application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin for Approval of Electric Vehicle Programs

The Commission reviewed the application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin (NSPW) for approval to modify its existing residential and commercial electric vehicle (EV) program tariffs and to commence a new Multi-Family House EV Service Pilot, and made the following determinations.

1. The Commission approved NSPW's residential EV program modifications, as proposed and with the conditions that it notify the Commission of any tariff suspensions; report in subsequent rate cases how many recalls have occurred and how many customers were affected (and how they were affected); and/or report back on meter accuracy standards as they relate to approved modified programs in this docket, by the earlier of September 1, 2023 or within 60 days of finalization of the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) standard and explain any differences between the final standard and NSPW's current accuracy and testing standards, and shall demonstrate how it will incorporate the final NIST accuracy and testing standards into the Residential EV Program. All conditions and previously authorized waivers from the Commission's approval of the residential EV program in docket 4220-TE-104 shall continue to apply to this approval.
2. The Commission approved the applicant's Commercial EV program modifications as proposed with the additional requirement that all applicable conditions and waivers the Commission's approval of the commercial EV program in docket 4220-TE-104 shall continue to apply to this approval.
3. The Commission laid over consideration of NSPW's proposed Multi-Family Housing Electric Vehicle Service Pilot.
4. The Commission declined to provide comments or take any action relating to NSPW's Public Charging proposal.

The Commission directed Commission staff to obtain reply comments from NSPW regarding the Multi-Family Housing Electric Vehicle Pilot, and that the matter be returned to the Commission for final action.

5-BS-258 - Joint Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, and Madison Gas and Electric Company for Approval to Acquire Ownership Interests in the Koshkonong Solar Electric Generation Facility in the Town of Christiana and the Town of Deerfield, Dane County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the proposed transaction in the joint application with all of the conditions identified by Commission staff in its memorandum dated February 23, 2023.

Commissioner Huebner did not participate in the Commission’s decision.

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

9709-FG-2022 - 2022 Energy Innovation Grant Program Funded by a Grant Awarded by the Department of Energy, SEP-Formula, on July 27, 2009

2022 Energy Innovation Grant Program Awards

The Commission found that the application of Vernon County Energy District’s is eligible for consideration of funding with a maximum possible award of 200 thousand dollars.

The Commission discussed the 2022 grant program applications and made the following award determinations:

Activity 1: Renewable Energy and Energy Storage

Grant Applicant	Award Amount
City of Sun Prairie	\$748,476.00
Madison Area Technical College	\$500,000.00
Southwest Wisconsin Technical College	\$500,000.00
Village of Viola	\$500,000.00
City of Antigo	\$490,000.00
Lac du Flambeau Chippewa Housing Authority	\$413,349.00
Village of McFarland	\$350,000.00
City of Appleton	\$498,000.00
Wisconsin Housing Preservation Corp-Tanglewood-Kenosha LLC	\$430,700.00

Activity 2: Energy Efficiency and Demand Response

Grant Applicant	Award Amount (*Partially Funded)
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Revitalize Milwaukee	\$500,000.00 *
ATI Ladish LLC	\$400,000.00
City of Sun Prairie	\$77,731.00
Foremost Farms USA	\$750,000.00
Washburn Iron Works	\$1,000,000.00
Dairyland Power Cooperative	\$187,500.00
City of Menomonee	\$141,025.00
Rockwell Automation Inc	\$766,000.00
Waukesha Foundry, Inc.	\$160,000.00
American Foods Group LLS	\$371,949.00
Lakeside Foods Inc.	\$58,750.00
Oshkosh Defense LLC	\$20,000.00

Activity 3: Comprehensive Energy Planning

Grant Applicant	Award Amount (* Partially Funded)
Vernon County Energy District	\$200,000.00 *
Osseo-Fairchild School District	\$50,000.00
Wisconsin Housing Preservation Corp	\$90,880.00
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians	\$100,000.00
Marquette University	\$200,000.00
Elevate Energy	\$160,650.00
City of Middleton	\$50,000.00
Common Wealth Development Inc	\$95,625.00
City of Altoona	\$84,000.00
Oregon School District	\$50,000.00
Aurora Health Care, Inc.	\$50,000.00

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

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

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Cru Stublely
Secretary to the Commission

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