

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of
Thursday, August 31, 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, August 24, 2023.

3860-CW-102 - Application of the City of Montreal, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct a New Water Treatment Facility to Remove Manganese from Wells No. 3, 4, and 5, in the City of Montreal, Iron County, Wisconsin

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

1300-ER-107 - Application of City of Columbus, Columbia 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.

1510-ER-106 - Application of Dahlberg Light and Power Company 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.

5370-WR-111 - Application of the City of Sheboygan, Sheboygan 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.

1-IC-554 - Application for Intervenor Compensation filed by Walnut Way Conservation Corp. to Participate in Docket 5-TU-100

The Commission approved the request of Walnut Way Conservation Corp. for intervenor compensation in the amount of \$15,750 for its participation in docket 3270-UR-125.

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

1-IC-555 - Application for Intervenor Compensation filed by Walnut Way Conservation Corp. to Participate in Docket 5-UI-121

The Commission approved the request of Walnut Way Conservation Corp. for intervenor compensation in the amount of \$36,750 for its participation in docket 3270-UR-125.

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

3320-TE-115 - Application of City of Manitowoc, Manitowoc County, as an Electric Public Utility, Wisconsin, for Approval of Revisions to the Voluntary Community Solar Service Pilot Tariff

The Commission approved the request of Manitowoc Public Utilities to increase its Community Solar Service Pilot Program cap from 1,000 kW to 1,500 kW.

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

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

The Commission denied the request for formal review of the Complaint filed by Matthew Fernholz against Waukesha Water Utility.

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

9300-SI-126 - Complaint of City of Kaukauna against Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District Concerning Sewer Rates

Sufficient Cause Determination

The Commission determined that there does appear to be sufficient cause for the complaint of City of Kaukauna against Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District (HOVMSD) alleging that the cost allocation methodology for HOVMSD's interceptor project is unreasonable and unjustly discriminatory. The Commission instructed Commission staff to proceed with a hearing on all counts.

The Commission directed the Division of Water Utility Regulation and Analysis to draft a Notice of Proceeding, and that the Notice signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

**9713-FG-2022 - Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid
Formula Grant funded by The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Awarded by the US
Department of Energy**

Grid Resilience Program Design and Budget

The Commission reviewed the proposed structure and budget for the Department of Energy's formula grant program established pursuant to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Section 40101(d), *Preventing outages and enhancing the resilience of the grid*, and made the following determinations: .

1. With regard to eligible applicants in the inaugural grant round, allow all IIJA eligible applicant types to apply.
2. With regard to eligible activities in the inaugural grant round, allow all IIJA-eligible activity types to apply and establish the following list of priority eligible activities, in no particular order:
 - weatherization technologies and equipment
 - fire-resistant technologies and fire prevention systems
 - monitoring and control technologies
 - Use or construction of distributed energy resources for enhancing system adaptive capacity during disruptive events, including microgrid proposals
 - adaptive protection technologies
 - Hardening of power lines, facilities, substations, and other systems
 - Training, recruitment, retention, and reskilling of skilled and properly credentialed workers in order to perform the work required for the particular resilience activities in this program
3. With regard to funding, approve a subrecipient budget of \$9.73 million for its inaugural grant round offering.
4. Set aside 75 percent of the approved budget to eligible entities that fall within the small utility threshold.

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 10:56 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Kelly", written in a cursive style.

Secretary to the Commission

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