

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of  
Thursday, September 5, 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, August 22, 2024.

**5-EI-163 - Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion to Review Aggregation of Retail Customers to Form Demand Response Load Reduction Resources**

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

**1300-TE-111 - Application of City of Columbus, as an Electric Public Utility, Columbia and Dodge Counties, Wisconsin, for Approval of Updates to its Ms-1 Street Lighting Service Tariff**

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

**1455-TI-103 - Application of CTC Telecom, Inc. to Expand the Area in which it is Designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Service**

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

**2350-TW-101 - Application of the City of Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin, as a Water Public Utility, for Approval to Add Lead Service Line Tariff (Schedule LSL-2)**

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

**4540-WI-100 - Investigation into the Village of Pardeeville, Columbia County, Wisconsin, as a Water Public Utility, for the Unauthorized Construction of an Addition to the Public Works Garage**

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

**6630-RM-112 - Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company for its 2024-2027 Gas Risk Management Plan**

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

**6690-RM-112 - Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for its 2024-2027 Gas Risk Management Plan**

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

**350-ER-108 - Application of Village of Bangor, La Crosse 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.

**2600-WR-106 - Application of the City of Horicon, Dodge 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.

**5110-ER-106 - Application of City of River Falls, St. Croix 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-UF-2024 - Administration of the Universal Service Fund**

**Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2025**

The Commission modified and approved the Universal Service Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 as shown in Attachment B to Commission staff's memorandum dated August 14, 2025 ([PSC REF#: 513100](#)) and approved assessment of up to the full budget appropriation amount.

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

**4220-EE-2025 - Northern States Power Company Conservation Activities and Voluntary Utility Programs for 2025**

The Commission approved Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin's (NSPW) proposed Commercial Community Conservation Program and Residential Home Energy Assessment Pilot. NSPW shall submit an evaluation plan for its 2025 programs for Commission staff approval by December 2, 2024.

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

**6690-EI-119 - Request of Current Electrical Services, Inc., for a Waiver of Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.0803(3) Regarding Individual Electric Meters**

The Commission determined that the individual metering requirements of Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.0803(3) apply to Current Electrical's property.

The Commission denied the request of Current Electrical for a waiver of Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.0803(3) regarding individual electric metering.

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

**2620-CW-104 - Application of the Village of Howard, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct a Water Main Extension through the Town of Pittsfield, Brown County, to Serve Noncontiguous Consumers in the Village of Howard, Brown County, Wisconsin**

The Commission reviewed the application of the Village of Howard (applicant) for authority to construct a water main extension through the Town of Pittsfield, Brown County to serve noncontiguous consumers in the Village of Howard, Brown County, Wisconsin (Howard Project) and made the following determinations:

1. The Commission has complied with the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA) pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 1.11 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 4.
2. The Commission approved the third component of the Howard Project. The third component will not substantially impair the efficiency of the applicant's service, provide facilities unreasonably in excess of probable future requirements, and/or when placed in operation add to the cost of service without proportionately increasing the value or available quantity of service.

3. All of the following standard conditions are necessary for the approval of the third component of the Howard Project:
  - a. The Commission, consistent with its past practice, shall review in a future rate proceeding the recoverability of costs associated with the project. If it is discovered or identified that the project cost, including force majeure costs, may exceed the estimated cost by more than 10 percent, the applicant shall, within 30 days of when it becomes aware of the possible change or cost increase, notify the Commission of the accounts or categories where costs deviate from those authorized and shall itemize and segregate those costs by major accounts and provide sufficient documentation to support and explain the reasons for such deviations.
  - b. The applicant shall notify and obtain approval from the Commission before proceeding with any substantial change in the scope, design, size, or location of the approved project.
  - c. The applicant shall obtain all necessary federal, state, and local permits prior to commencement of construction.
  - d. If the applicant does not begin on-site physical construction within two years of the effective date of this Final Decision, the certificate authorizing the project shall become void unless the applicant: (a) files a written request for an extension of time with the Commission before the date on which the certificate becomes void; and (b) is granted an extension by the Commission.
  - e. If the applicant has not begun on-site physical construction and has not filed a written request for an extension before the date the certificate becomes void, the applicant shall inform the Commission of those facts in writing within 20 working days after the date on which the certificate becomes void.
  - f. The applicant shall submit to the Commission the final actual costs segregated by the Commission's uniform system of accounts within one year after the in-service date. For those accounts where actual costs deviate significantly from those authorized, the final cost report shall itemize and explain the reasons for any such deviations.
  - g. The Final Decision takes effect one day after the date of service.
  - h. Jurisdiction is retained.

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

**2620-WI-100 - Application of the Village of Howard, for Authority to Proceed with Installations within the Boundaries of the Town of Pittsfield, Brown County, to Serve Noncontiguous Consumers in the Village of Howard, Brown County, Wisconsin**

The Commission determined that the water main extension approved in Docket No. 2620-CW-104 is necessary or economically prudent for the Village of Howard to serve its customers and

approved the petition for the Village of Howard to install the water main extension within the Town of Pittsfield right-of-way.

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

**4890-CW-102 - Application of the Village of Pulaski, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct a Pumping Station, Pressure Control Station, and Transmission Main Connection to the Village of Hobart for Receiving Wholesale Water from the City of Green Bay; in the Villages of Hobart, Howard, and Pulaski; and the Town of Pittsfield, Brown, Oconto, and Shawano Counties, Wisconsin**

The Commission reviewed the application of the Village of Pulaski (applicant) for authority to construct a pumping station, pressure control station, and transmission main connection to the Village of Hobart for receiving wholesale water from the City of Green Bay in the Villages of Hobart, Howard, and Pulaski; and the Town of Pittsfield, Brown, Oconto, and Shawano Counties, Wisconsin (Pulaski Project) and made the following determinations:

1. The Commission has complied with the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA) pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 1.11 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 4.
2. The Commission approved the Pulaski Project as proposed. The Pulaski Project will not substantially impair the efficiency of the applicant's service, provide facilities unreasonably in excess of probable future requirements, and/or when placed in operation add to the cost of service without proportionately increasing the value or available quantity of service.
3. The following conditions are necessary for the approval of the Pulaski Project:
  - a. The Commission, consistent with its past practice, shall review in a future rate proceeding the recoverability of costs associated with the project. If it is discovered or identified that the project cost, including force majeure costs, may exceed the estimated cost, the applicant shall, within 30 days of when it becomes aware of the possible change or cost increase, notify the Commission of the accounts or categories where cost deviate from those authorized and shall itemize and segregate those costs by major accounts and provide sufficient documentation to support and explain the reasons for such deviations.
  - b. The applicant shall notify and obtain approval from the Commission before proceeding with any substantial change in the scope, design, size, or location of the approved project.
  - c. The applicant shall obtain all necessary federal, state, and local permits prior to commencement of construction.

- d. If the applicant does not begin on-site physical construction within one year of the effective date of this Final Decision, the certificate authorizing the project shall become void unless the applicant: (a) files a written request for an extension of time with the Commission before the date on which the certificate becomes void; and (b) is granted an extension by the Commission.
- e. If the applicant has not begun on-site physical construction and has not filed a written request for an extension before the date the certificate becomes void, the applicant shall inform the Commission of those facts in writing within 20 working days after the date on which the certificate becomes void.
- f. The applicant shall submit to the Commission the final actual costs segregated by the Commission's uniform system of accounts within one year after the in-service date. For those accounts where actual costs deviate significantly from those authorized, the final cost report shall itemize and explain the reasons for any such deviations.
- g. The applicant shall follow actions recommended in DNR's ER Review to avoid impacts to wetlands and waterways in the project area.
- h. The Final Decision takes effect one day after the date of service.
- i. Jurisdiction is retained.

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

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cru Stubley', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Cru Stubley  
Secretary to the Commission

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