

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of
Thursday, October 10, 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, September 26, 2024.

2350-CW-110 - Application of the City of Green Bay, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct Lake Station Electrical and Water Filtration Plant Meter Improvements, in the City of Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin

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

6680-CE-187 - Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company for a Certificate of Authority to Construct and Operate the Riverside Enhancement Project, Consisting of Seven Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines Capable of Generating up to 17.5 MW Total, at its Riverside Energy Center Facility in the Town of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin

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

310-WR-102 - Application of the Village of Bagley, Grant 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.

710-WR-109 - Application of the City of Brillion, Calumet 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.

4139-ER-108 - Application of the City of New Richmond, 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.

4360-ER-110 - Application of City of Oconto Falls, Oconto 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.

2752-WI-100 - Investigation into the City of Jefferson, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, as a Water Public Utility, into Its Failure to Submit a 2023 PSC Annual Report

Draft Order Closing Docket

The Commission approved the draft order to close Docket 2752-WI-100 and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

6630-CC-244210 - Request for Formal Review of Complaint Filed by Joseph Duncan Against Wisconsin Electric Power Company

The Commission denied the request for formal review of the complaint filed by Joseph Duncan and later joined by Raymond Duncan against Wisconsin Electric Power Company.

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

9300-PLI-133 - Investigation of the Complaint of Wisconsin Power and Light Company against Rock Road Companies, Inc., Referred to the Commission Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 182.0175(3)(br)2.

The Commission agreed to dismiss the complaint of Wisconsin Power and Light Company against Rock Road Companies, Inc. (Respondent) by joint execution of a consent agreement between the Commission and the Respondent and accepted the consent agreement as drafted which requires the Respondent to pay a forfeiture of \$5,000 and a \$500 surcharge to Diggers Hotline, Inc.

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

5-FE-104 - Quadrennial Planning Process IV

Savings Attribution when Customers Stack Benefits from Focus on Energy and the Inflation Reduction Act Home Energy Rebate Programs

The Commission determined that Focus on Energy (Focus) shall receive full attribution of gross savings for projects and measures receiving co-funding from Focus on Energy and the Inflation Reduction Act Home Energy Rebate programs when determining the energy savings and associated benefits that can be claimed by Focus on Energy.

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

Promotion of Beneficial Electrification and Consideration of a Fuel Neutral Savings Goal

The Commission reviewed the operational considerations encountered in formulating an approach for Focus on Energy (Focus) to take on a larger role in promoting beneficial electrification statewide and made the following determinations:

1. Lower consumer costs shall be broadly interpreted and may consider both energy and non-energy costs over a project's lifetime.
2. Beneficial electrification shall be defined as strategies that: reduce energy consumption (total source Btu), lower consumer costs, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
3. The Evaluation Work Group shall examine the appropriateness of the current Focus on Energy cost-effectiveness framework in assessing beneficial electrification initiatives and provide guidance for the Commission's consideration prior to scoping for Quadrennial Planning Process V (QPP V).
4. Commission staff shall request public comment on appropriate key performance indicators for beneficial electrification as part of scoping for QPP V.
5. Commission staff shall request public comment for how Focus should consider grid impacts of beneficial electrification as part of scoping for QPP V.
6. The Quadrennial Planning Process IV energy savings goal shall be an overall MMBtu goal with minimum performance requirement thresholds of 70 percent for kWh and therm savings goals.

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

5780-TE-111 - Application of City of Sturgeon Bay, as an Electric Public Utility, Door County, Wisconsin, for Approval of Revisions to its Parallel Generation Tariff

The Commission discussed the record in this proceeding and determined additional evidence was necessary.

The Commission directed the Division of Energy Regulation and Analysis to draft an order to reopen the record in this proceeding to gather additional evidence consistent with the Commission's discussion and directed the Administrative Law Judge to convene a conference with parties to decide the process by which this additional evidence shall be received. Following the receipt of additional evidence, the matter shall be returned to the Commission for its further consideration.

Commissioner Nieto is recused from this proceeding and abstained.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cru Stubley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Cru Stubley
Secretary to the Commission

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