

VPUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of
Thursday, November 21, 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, November 7, 2024.

5-BS-279 - Joint Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company and Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative for Approval of a Territorial Agreement in the Town of Paris and Village of Dickeyville, Grant County, Wisconsin

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

6630-TE-2025 - Wisconsin Electric Power Company Annual Tariff Updates beginning January 2025 through December 2025

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

6690-EI-121 - Request of Current Electrical Services, Inc., for a Temporary Waiver of Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.0803(3) Regarding Individual Electric Meters

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

6690-TE-2025 - Wisconsin Public Service Corporation Annual Tariff Updates beginning January 2025 through December 2025

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

9592-TI-102 - Application of Assurance Wireless USA to Expand the Area in which it is Designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

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

9663-TI-100 - Application of Prepaid Wireless Group, LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Wisconsin

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

11104-TI-101 - Application of DISH Wireless L.L.C. to Convert Its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation from Federal-Only to Both State and Federal Designation

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

4220-CE-183 - Application of Northern States Power Company–Wisconsin for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct the Ashland to Ironwood Transmission Line Relocation Project, to be Located in Ashland and Iron Counties, Wisconsin

Order for Limited Reopening, Notice, and Request for Comments

The Commission approved the draft order for Limited Reopening, Notice, and Request for Comment and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

4220-AF-113 - Application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin for Approval of Certain Accounting Treatment for 2025

The Commission reviewed the application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin (applicant) for approval of certain accounting treatments for 2025, and made the following determinations:

1. The Commission approved, as a threshold manner, the applicant’s proposed forecasted electric and natural gas revenue deficiencies.
2. The Commission approved the applicant’s request to discontinue the deferral of Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act (IIJA) impacts effective January 1, 2025 with the following conditions:
 - a. The applicant shall file a report by May 1, 2025 identifying an estimate of the 2025 nuclear Production Tax Credits (PTC) forecast amount that will be received.
 - b. The applicant shall also file a report by May 1, 2026 of the actual amount received of the nuclear PCT forecast.
3. The Commission approved the applicant’s request to allow amortization of the 2024 IRA deferral regarding the transfer/sale of PTCs in 2025 and to defer the benefits of the nuclear PTCs for 2024 to the next rate case proceeding.

4. The Commission approved the applicant's request to eliminate the deferral requirement for capacity purchased power cost decreases for 2025.
5. The Commission approved the applicant's request to allow deferral accounting treatment for the 2025 revenue requirement impacts of the natural gas meter module replacement and the Black Avenue boil-off gas compressor projects to the next rate case proceeding as filed.
6. The Commission approved the applicant's request to defer the incremental Electric Vehicle Service Infrastructure Operation and Maintenance costs related to the Commercial Electric Vehicle Service Program change to the applicant's next rate proceeding as filed.
7. The Commission approved the applicant's request to extend the authorization of the current Earnings Share Mechanism through December 31, 2025.

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

5-EI-161 - Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion to Review Resource Adequacy Standards and Requirements

Initial Scoping Memorandum

The Commission discussed the initial scope of the investigation, on the Commission's own motion, to review resource adequacy standards and requirements, and directed Commission staff to include the following topics as part of the initial scope:

1. Resource Adequacy Metrics. The Commission's investigation shall be informed by the reliability metrics and criteria being used and discussed in other forums external to the Commission, and it is not necessary to include an independent study of such metrics by Commission staff as part of this investigation.
2. Out-Year Reserve Margins. The Commission's investigation shall consider potential revisions or modifications to the out-year planning reserve margins based on MISO study results that rely upon the prompt year planning requirements and consider out-year estimates and other longer-term planning principles.
3. Commission Practices Relating to MISO's Resource Adequacy Framework. The Commission's investigation shall gather information that could inform potential changes to Commission processes so that such processes can better align with MISO's resource adequacy construct. The information gathering should consider policies and procedures relating to the following topic areas:

- a. Utility submission and access to regional data gathering tools;
 - b. Guidance for utilities to incorporate changes to utility planning processes arising from recent changes to MISO's resource adequacy construct;
 - c. Examination of cost recovery processes relating to capacity purchases; and
 - d. Review of processes for new generation projects that may be identified as eligible for "fast-track" treatment by MISO.
4. Future Planning and Requirements. The Commission's investigation shall examine the necessity of additional periodic reporting or planning guidance that could inform future planning, including potential modification to the Commission's application filing requirements, to ensure Wisconsin's resource adequacy process promotes affordability and flexibility. The Commission's investigation shall also examine ways to ensure that affordability and flexibility can be included and considered in the development of Wisconsin's resource adequacy standards.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

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Cru Stublely
Secretary to the Commission