

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of  
Thursday, May 18, 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, May 4, 2023.

**5-AG-120 - Application for Approval of an Affiliated Interest Agreement between Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Wisconsin Gas LLC for a Gas Pipeline Capacity Release Transaction**

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

**4890-CW-101 - Application of the Village of Pulaski, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct a Water Main Extension Project Beyond the Village of Pulaski Limits, Brown County, Wisconsin**

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

**6680-AF-105 - Request of Wisconsin Power and Light Company for Deferral of Incremental Pre-Certification Costs and To Begin Accruing Allowance for Funds Used During Construction on Pre-Construction Costs Associated with Natural Gas Turbine Improvements at Neenah Energy Facility**

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

**6680-AF-106 - Request of Wisconsin Power and Light Company for Deferral of Incremental Pre-Certification Costs and To Begin Accruing Allowance for Funds Used During Construction on Pre-Construction Costs Associated with Natural Gas Turbine Improvements at Sheboygan Falls Energy Facility**

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

**5380-ER-103 - Application of City of Sheboygan Falls, Sheboygan 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.

**3270-UR-125 - Application of Madison Gas and Electric Company for Authority to Adjust Electric and Natural Gas Rates**

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

**4220-UR-126 - Application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin for Authority to Adjust Electric and Natural Gas Rates**

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

**6680-UR-124 - Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company for Authority to Adjust Electric and Natural Gas Rates**

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

**4190-AF-101 - Application of North Central Power Company, Inc. for Approval of Deferral Accounting Treatment of Storm Damage and Repair Costs**

The Commission authorized North Central Power Company, Inc's request for deferred accounting treatment of storm damage and repair costs, without carrying costs.

The Commission determined that for all future requests for deferral accounting treatment of events or expenses that take place in the month of December of a given year must be submitted within the first 45 days of the following calendar year.

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

**4280-AF-102 - Application of Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company for Approval of Deferral Accounting Treatment of Storm Damage and Repair Costs**

The Commission authorized Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company's request for deferred accounting treatment of storm damage and repair costs, without carrying costs.

The Commission determined that for all future requests for deferral accounting treatment of events or expenses that take place in the month of December of a given year must be submitted within the first 45 days of the following calendar year.

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

**6680-AF-104 - Request of Wisconsin Power and Light Company for Deferral of Incremental Pre-Certification Costs and To Begin Accruing Allowance for Funds Used During Construction on Pre-Construction Costs Associated with the Development of a Battery Energy Storage System Project at the Edgewater Generating Station Site**

The Commission denied the request of Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L) request to defer its pre-certification costs incurred after January 31, 2023 associated with the development of the battery energy storage system (BESS) at the Edgewater generation station site. The Commission also denied WP&L's request to accrue AFUDC on 100 percent of the pre-construction costs associated with docket 6680-CE-184.

Chairperson Valcq dissented and would have authorized WPL to accrue AFUDC on 100 percent of the pre-construction costs.

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

**5-BF-2023 - FY 2023 Broadband Expansion Grants**

**Award of State Broadband Expansion Grants for Fiscal Year 2023**

The Commission reviewed the applications for broadband expansion grants and determined the application to which funds should be awarded for Fiscal Year 2023.

The Commission selected the following grant recipients at the funding amounts noted:

<b>Grantee / Project</b>	<b>Award</b>
<b>Cirrinity (Wittenberg Telephone Company Inc.)</b> Langlade County - Town of Summit, Peck, and Vilas	\$520,000
<b>TDS Telecom (The Farmers Telephone Company, LLC)</b> Lancaster Exchange	\$1,555,174

<b>Solarus (Wood County Telephone Company)</b> Town of Carson	\$249,188
<b>Northwest Communications (AmeryTelcom, Inc.)</b> Beaver Township	\$550,000
<b>Siren Telephone Company</b> Town of Rusk, Burnett County	\$1,793,896
<b>Washington Island Electric Cooperative</b> Washington Island Final Phase	\$2,500,000
<b>Lakeland Communications (Lakeland Communications Group, LLC)</b> Deer Lake and Loveless Lake Project	\$335,973
<b>Frontier North</b> Town of Jacksonport	\$500,000
<b>Cirrinity (Wittenberg Telephone Company Inc.)</b> Town of Almon with Stockbridge Munsee Community	\$445,500
<b>Spectrum Mid-America</b> Town of Manitowish Waters	\$2,406,759
<b>Eau Claire County</b> Town of Fairchild	\$107,244
<b>Bevcomm (Indianhead Telephone Company)</b> Town of Couderay and Radisson	\$325,268
<b>Bloomer Telephone Company (BTC Communications)</b> Town of Tilden - Phase 2	\$131,000
<b>Ntera</b> Chippewa County Phase 2	\$635,966
<b>Nextgen Broadband (Nextgen Communications, LLC)</b> Towns of New Haven and Tiffany	\$1,328,944

<b>Norvado</b> Town of Bass Lake (Windigo)	\$522,959
<b>Citizens Connected (Citizens Telephone Cooperative, Inc.)</b> Chetek East Phase 2	\$193,003
<b>Tri-County Communications Cooperative</b> Town of Clear Creek	\$110,000
<b>Bruce Telephone Company</b> Island Lake Project	\$118,150
<b>Town of Pittsfield</b> Town of Pittsfield	\$123,628
<b>Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin</b> Menominee Tribal Broadband Deployment Project Phase 4	\$790,200
<b>Norvado</b> Town of Eileen	\$446,661
<b>Nextgen Broadband (Nextgen Communications, LLC)</b> Town of Forest	\$388,149
<b>Norvado</b> Town of Poplar	\$523,423
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$16,601,085</b>

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

**CLOSED SESSION – The Commission recessed the open meeting, went into closed session under Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) to discuss the litigation matters noted below with legal counsel, and reconvened the open meeting pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(2).**

Commissioner Huebner moved, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g), that the Commission convene in closed session to discuss the litigation matter listed below. Commissioner Strand seconded the motion. The motion was carried and the Commission went into closed session. After a discussion in closed session, the Commission reconvened in open session.

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**9709-FG-2009 - Clean Energy Manufacturing Revolving Loan Fund (CEMRLF) Funded  
by a Grant Awarded by the Department of Energy, SEP-Formula, on July 27, 2009**

Litigation and Settlement Options Related to GreenWhey Energy, Inc. *State of Wisconsin v. Timothy J. Peaster, Larry E. Peaster, Thomas F. Ludy*, Dane County Case No. 17CV2340

***Kaukauna Utilities vs. Public Service Commission of Wisconsin*, Case No. 2022-CV-000890  
(Outagamie County Cir. Ct.)**

During the discussion held in closed session, information was presented by legal counsel to the Commission regarding the above litigation matters. No motion was made with respect to these items. The Commission provided guidance to legal counsel

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cru Stublely', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cru Stublely  
Secretary to the Commission

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