

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of Thursday, March 14, 2024

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed. Present were Chairperson Strand and Commissioner Nieto.

Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes of the open meeting of Thursday, March 7, 2024.

5-AE-246 - Joint Application for Approval of Project Commitment Agreements between American Transmission Company LLC and Wisconsin Electric Power Company

Commissioner Nieto is recused from participating in this docket.

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

5-EI-157 - Investigation of Parallel Generation Purchase Rates

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

160-CW-102 - Application of the Village of Amherst, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct an Ultraviolet Water Treatment System at Well No. 1 and a Well Pump Replacement at Well No. 2, in the Village of Amherst, Portage County, Wisconsin

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

210-CE-109 - Application of City of Arcadia, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Replace the Controls for Generators 7, 8, 9, and 10, in the City of Arcadia, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin

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

1990-CW-110 - Application of the City of Fitchburg, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct a New Well No. 12 and Well House and Make Improvements to Existing Water Supply Facilities, in the City of Fitchburg, Dane County, Wisconsin

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

1990-CW-111 - Application of the City of Fitchburg, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct a New 600,000 Gallon Elevated Storage Tower D, and Make Improvements to Elevated Storage Towers C and E and the Camp Badger Reservoir, in the City of Fitchburg, Dane County, Wisconsin

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

2630-CW-106 - Application of the City of Hudson, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct a Meter Vault and Lake Mallalieu Water Main Crossing, in the City of Hudson, St. Croix County, Wisconsin

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

3595-CW-103 - Application of the City of Mequon, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct a Metering Station and Water Main at North Swan Road and West County Line Road to Receive Wholesale Service from Milwaukee Water Works, in the City of Mequon, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin

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

3930-TE-105 - Application of City of Mount Horeb, as an Electric Public Utility, Dane County, Wisconsin, for Approval of an Rg-3 Optional Three Tier Residential Time-of-Day Rate Tariff

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

5380-CW-101 - Application of the City of Sheboygan Falls, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct Fond du Lac Avenue Booster Station Improvements, in the City of Sheboygan Falls, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin

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

5630-CE-106 - Application of City of Spooner, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Construct Protection Upgrades at the North and West Beaver Brook Substations, in the City of Spooner, Washburn County, Wisconsin

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

6630-AF-101 - Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company for Approval of Deferral Accounting Treatment of Increased Forestry Activity in Response to Continued Severe Storms

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

6630-AF-102 - Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company for Approval of Accounting Treatments for Investments to be Made in Distribution Facilities to be Installed in the Village of Mount Pleasant in Racine County, Wisconsin

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

11247-TI-100 - Application of TruConnect Communications, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

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

137-CE-205 - Application of American Transmission Company LLC, as an Electric Public Utility, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a New Double-Circuit 138 kV Transmission Line to Serve a New Plymouth Utilities' Distribution Substation in the Towns of Lyndon and Mitchell, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin

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

340-WR-102 - Application of the Village of Balsam Lake, Polk 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.

4450-WR-104 - Application of the Village of Orfordville, Rock 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.

6630-GI-100 - Investigation into Wisconsin Electric Power Company – Gas Operations, as a Pipeline Operator, for Potential Noncompliance with Pipeline Safety Regulations

Proposed Consent Agreement

Commissioner Nieto is recused from participating in this docket.

Chairperson Strand agreed to dismiss the proceeding by joint execution of a consent agreement between the Commission and Wisconsin Electric Power Company – Gas Operations (WEGO) and accepted the proposed consent agreement as drafted which includes a forfeiture against WEGO of \$40,000 in addition to the procedure revisions outlined in Commission staff's memorandum dated February 13, 2024.

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

6650-GI-112 - Investigation into Wisconsin Gas, LLC, as a Pipeline Operator, for Potential Noncompliance with Pipeline Safety Regulations

Proposed Consent Agreement

Commissioner Nieto is recused from participating in this docket.

Chairperson Strand agreed to dismiss the proceeding by joint execution of a consent agreement between the Commission and Wisconsin Gas and accepted the proposed consent agreement as drafted which includes a forfeiture against Wisconsin Gas of \$70,000 in addition to the procedure revisions outlined in Commission staff's memorandum dated February 13, 2024.

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

9714-FG-2023 - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in a Department of Energy Grant

Rural Energy Start Up Program Awards

The Commission reviewed the grant applications for the Rural Energy Startup (RESP) grant applications and found that applications of Town of Lake (#651) and Town of Fairfield (#650) are not eligible for consideration at this time but will be eligible for consideration in a future batch of applications that will be reviewed after the extended deadline of March 29, 2024.

Additionally, the City of Edgerton (#655) and City of Evansville (#653) are ineligible at this time, however they may be considered in a future batch of applications due by the extended deadline provided that they respond or file supplemental information regarding a revised response to Question 12 of the application related to their proposed project under Activity 3 – Energy Audit Requirement for Building Upgrades and Retrofits.

The Commission reviewed the eligible applications for RESP grant awards and awarded grants to the following entities in the amounts listed below:

Grant Applicant	Activity Type	Award Amount
Village of Mount Horeb	Activity 1: Comprehensive Energy Planning	\$70,000.00
City of Beaver Dam	Activity 1: Comprehensive Energy Planning	\$72,800.00
City of Ashland	Activity 2: Renewable Resource Planning	\$75,000.00
Oneida County	Activity 3: Energy Audits and Building Upgrades	\$75,000.00
Jefferson County	Activity 3: Energy Audits and Building Upgrades	\$75,000.00
City of Prairie du Chien	Activity 3: Energy Audits and Building Upgrades	\$10,602.00
Town of Draper	Activity 3: Energy Audits and Building Upgrades	\$30,754.00
Town of Breed	Activity 3: Energy Audits and Building Upgrades	\$61,300.00
Village of Hammond	Activity 3: Energy Audits and Building Upgrades	\$75,000.00
Town of East Troy	Activity 3: Energy Audits and Building Upgrades	\$3,950.00
Florence County	Activity 3: Energy Audits and Building Upgrades	\$18,875.00
Town of Hill	Activity 3: Energy Audits and Building Upgrades	\$22,908.00
Town of Wilson	Activity 3: Energy Audits and Building Upgrades	\$11,300.62
Town of Russell	Activity 3: Energy Audits and Building Upgrades	\$22,200.00
Village of La Farge	Activity 3: Energy Audits and Building Upgrades	\$52,928.40
Town of Kickapoo	Activity 3: Energy Audits and Building Upgrades	\$28,080.00

The Commission delegated authority to make subsequent eligibility and award decisions to the delegated Commissioner for the Office of Energy Innovation and directed the Delegated

Commissioner to grant awards through comparative review of all applications, prioritizing projects that will benefit disadvantaged communities in the event of limited funds.

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

9813-CE-100 - Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity of Silver Maple Solar, LLC to Construct a Solar Electric Generation Facility in the Townships of Eldorado and Rosendale, Fond du Lac County, and Nekimi Township, Winnebago County, Wisconsin

Commissioner Nieto is recused from participating in this docket.

Chairperson Strand approved the draft final decision and directed it to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

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

Cru Stubley
Secretary to the Commission

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