

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of
Thursday, April 18, 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, April 4, 2024.

Commissioner Hawkins abstained.

5-AE-249 - Application for Approval of an Affiliated Interest Agreement between American Transmission Company LLC and Wisconsin Power and Light Company for Work Related to the Rock County Reliability Project

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

3270-FR-2023 - Application of Madison Gas and Electric Company for Reconciliation of Actual Fuel Costs to the Authorized 2023 Fuel Cost Plan

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

4139-CE-104 - Application of City of New Richmond, as an Electric Public Utility, to Construct Protection Upgrades at the Highview and Knowles Substations, in St. Croix County, Wisconsin

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

4220-AF-112 - Application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin for Approval of Certain Accounting Treatment due to the Interchange Agreement

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

4220-FR-2023 - Application of Northern States Power Company–Wisconsin for Reconciliation of Actual Fuel Costs to the Authorized 2023 Fuel Cost Plan

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

6630-TE-111 - Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company, as an Electric Public Utility, for Approval of Cooper Power Systems to Participate in the Dedicated Renewable Energy Resource Pilot Tariff

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

5-CE-154 - Joint Application of Maple Grove Solar I, LLC and Maple Grove Solar II, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a Photovoltaic Electric Generation Facility, Battery Energy Storage System, Project Substation, and 161 kV Generator Tie Line in the Towns of Barron and Maple Grove, Barron County, Wisconsin

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

2550-WR-108 - Application of the City of Hillsboro, Vernon 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.

5820-UR-117 - Application of Superior Water, Light and Power Company for Authority to Adjust Retail Electric, Gas, and Water Rates

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

1-IC-558 - Application for Intervenor Compensation filed by RENEW Wisconsin to Participate in Docket 5780-TE-111

The Commission approved the request of RENEW Wisconsin for intervenor compensation in the amount of \$8,000 for its participation in Docket 5780-TE-111.

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

9300-PLI-127 - Investigation of the Complaint of ANR Pipeline Company against Bloy Concrete Contractors, LLC, Referred to the Commission Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 182.0175(3)(br)2.

Proposed Consent Agreement

The Commission agreed to dismiss the complaint by joint execution of a consent agreement between Bloy Concrete Contractors, LCC (Respondent) and the Commission, accepting the proposed Consent Agreement as drafted, which required the Respondent to attend the education course under Wis. Stat. § 182.0175(3)(br)4. and pay a \$6,000 forfeiture to the Commission and \$600 surcharge to Diggers Hotline, Inc. within 45 days of the effective date of the Commission's Order approving the Consent Agreement.

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

1140-TG-109 - Application of City Gas Company for Approval to Implement a Renewable Natural Gas Pilot Program Tariff

The Commission approved the application of City Gas Company (applicant) for approval to implement a Renewable Gas Pilot Program (RNG) Tariff with the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall work closely with the Commission's Pipeline Safety Team to ensure Commission staff is adequately informed and receives timely results of the RNG testing.
2. The applicant shall work with Commission staff to develop standard reporting requirements related to safety and testing, including the frequency of reporting.

The applicant shall also adhere to the following additional reporting requirements:

1. Number of customers enrolled in the program;
2. RNG production by customer by month;
3. Number of customers interested in the program;
4. Production per customer compared to minimum production required;
5. Costs and incomes relative to forecasted budgets.

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

9705-FG-2024 - Project Year 2024 State Energy Program Formula Grant Awarded by the US Department of Energy

Proposed State Energy Program Project Year 2024 Annual Plan

The Commission approved the proposed State Energy Program Project Year 2024 Annual Plan.

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

5-NF-2024 - Universal Service Fund Grant Program for Telecommunications Access Programs or Projects by Nonprofit Groups

USF Nonprofit Access Grant Program Awards

The Commission reviewed the applications for the 2024 Nonprofit Access Grant Applications and made the following determinations:

1. The Commission determined that the application from Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was not eligible for funding pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 160.125(2)(c)1.
2. With regard to other eligibility issues such as those associated with the appropriate match ratio, the Commission took note of the concerns regarding eligibility of the applications identified in Table 1 of the memorandum date April 8, 2024, but found it unnecessary to make specific eligibility determinations. The Commission directed staff, in the future, to work with applicants on potential eligibility issues at the time of submission.
3. The Commission reviewed the 2024 applications for the Nonprofit Access Grant Program and grants to the following amounts to the applicants listed below:

Grant Applicant	AWARD
Benedict Center	\$66,609.00
Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh	\$26,051.78
Boys & Girls Club of the Wausau Area	\$43,696.80
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse*	\$52,146.42*
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Greater Chippewa Valley	\$16,780.00
Foundation for Rural Housing, Inc.	\$33,375.00
Street Angels Inc.	\$50,000.00
United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County	\$42,630.00

United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley, Inc.	\$32,415.00
United Way of Wisconsin	\$75,887.00
Workforce Resource, Inc.	\$60,409.00
Total	\$500,000.00
*Partially funded	

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

9709-FG-2023 - 2023 Energy Innovation Grant Program Funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in a Department of Energy Grant

EIGP Grant Awards

The Commission determined that applications #738 (Vernon County Energy District) and #742 (Walnut Way Conservation Corporation) were ineligible for consideration for 2023 EIGP funding.

The Commission found that application #741 of Walnut Way Conservation Corporation is eligible for consideration of funding as a consortium of 4 or more eligible applicants for a maximum grant award amount of \$200,000.

The Commission discussed the 2023 grant program applications and made the following award determinations:

Activity 1: Renewable Energy and Energy Storage

Grant Applicant	Award Amount
Hope Village – Tiny Housing Alternatives, Inc	\$85,682
Town of La Pointe	\$142,310
WHPC-Villa West-Green Bay, LLC	\$386,750
Lac du Flambeau Chippewa Housing Authority	\$500,000
Couleecap, Inc.	\$277,876
Northeast Wisconsin Technical College	\$250,000
Lake Mills Area School District	\$416,899
Bayview Foundation, Inc.	\$500,000

Aurora Health Care, Inc.	\$486,900
Habitat for Humanity of the Greater La Crosse Region, Inc.	\$294,000 * Conditional Partial Award
Cooperative Educational Service Agency 10	\$86,440 Partial Award

*Habitat for Humanity of the Greater La Crosse Region, Inc. shall work with staff to develop a grant agreement based upon actual allowable costs, with the total award amount up to but not exceeding \$294,000.

Activity-2: Energy Efficiency and Demand Response

Grant Applicant	Award Amount
City of La Crosse	\$755,875
Lac du Flambeau Chippewa Housing Authority	\$523,894
Revitalize Milwaukee, Inc.	\$1,000,000** Conditional Award
City of Kaukauna	\$1,000,000
ATI Ladish LLC	\$125,000
City of Racine	\$22,087 Partial Award

**Revitalize Milwaukee, Inc. shall establish full compliance with requirements due in previously existing awards prior to execution of the grant agreement for the current round. The current round award will be rescinded if said compliance is not established within 60 days of the date of the order in this docket.

Activity-3: Comprehensive Energy Planning

Grant Applicant	Award Amount
Midwest Renewable Energy Association	\$135,034
La Crosse County	\$100,000
Walnut Way Conservation Corp	\$200,000
Milwaukee Board of School Directors	\$50,000
City of Stevens Point	\$178,672
Ho-Chunk Nation	\$100,000

City of Racine	\$50,000
Aurora Health Care, Inc.	\$30,000
Wisconsin Housing Preservation Corp	\$77,674
City of Madison	\$50,000
City of Oshkosh	\$55,477 Partial Award

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

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

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

Cru Stubleby
Secretary to the Commission

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