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James J. Schmitt
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Wisconsin Public Service Commission Members:

After meeting with Gale Klappa, Chairman and CEO of Wisconsin Energy Corporation, and his leadership team, I feel confident in their support and commitment to the Greater Green Bay area. Further, I believe the impending merger of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation and Wisconsin Energy Corporation will result in a positive impact on our community and their customers.

As a longtime beneficiary of Wisconsin Public Service's corporate giving and community involvement, the City of Green Bay recognizes the importance of maintaining a local presence. I am convinced this merger will maintain a positive presence in our community.

I encourage members of the Wisconsin Public Service Commission to support the efforts of Wisconsin Energy Corporation and Wisconsin Public Service as they strive to provide an affordable, stable and clean source of energy for our neighbors and businesses. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jim Schmitt, Mayor

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Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
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Dear Sir or Madam,
Recently we received via mail, a notice that We Energies is asking fir a 5% rate increase in 2015, plus penalties for those customers who install solar panels to generate electricity.They also proposed buying out the competitor who under priced them in the selling of electricity to 2 mines in upper Michigan.They wanted to close their Presque Ile plant at Marquette Michigan. When denied permission to close ,they then proposed buying out the competitor, which hopefully will be denied. Michigan has a more competitive policy to level the playing field. We Energies also proposed 2 year rate freeze for the state of Illinois customers as a sweetner . It seems as though the monopoly would be complete across many states. We Energies also owns some buildings in the failed Grand Avenue Mall in the city of Milwaukee under the Wispark name one of which may be the Boston store. Recently the city of Milwaukee paid the parent company , Bon Ton Stores, one million dollars to keep the store open for a year. Boston Store was not going to renew their lease. Perhaps it is time to go the route of other states in the Midwest to allow competition. Recently it was revealed We Energies did not generate the profit desired because of a cool summer, yet dollar wise and percentage wise they recorded record profits.
.Recently at Alliant Energy, an Iowa based utility, the new president proposed not increasing rates for 2 years. I am enclosing my latest bills from both utilities. Note the difference both in the days facilities rate(17%) and the per kilowatt hour (13%) plus for We Energies. We feel all their requests should be denied . Recently a television station in Milwaukee had an editorial suggesting We Energies may be getting greedy. When businesses and people loose income ,belt tightening is usually the order. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
James Wappenschmidt Sr.
Sincerely,
Marjorie Wappenschmidt

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December 10, 2014

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
PO Box 7854
Madison, WI 53707-7854

RE: Docket 9400-YO-100 (Acquisition of Integrys Energy Group by Wisconsin Energy Corp.)

I am writing today in support of the motion by various stakeholder groups to extend the schedule in this docket in order to give the Public Service Commission (PSC) more time to consider the issues before the Commission in the docket and to give the public and stakeholder groups more time to gather information and ask questions that may arise as a result of this proposed acquisition.

If the acquisition is approved, Wisconsin Energy and its subsidiaries will be the sole providers of electric and natural gas service to the majority of residents and businesses located in my district. The proposed acquisition would make significant changes to the regulatory landscape in Wisconsin, and the Commission must exercise its regulatory authority in the interest of protecting Wisconsin's residents and businesses by ensuring that the acquisition is thoroughly reviewed. In order to accomplish this goal, I believe it is appropriate and necessary for the Commission to extend the docket schedule and take a longer look at the complicated issues involved.

Wisconsin had been a state with lower-cost energy than many of our neighbors. Unfortunately, rate increases in Wisconsin have grown faster than our neighbors and we now find ourselves with the second highest energy rates in the Midwest. This has put a strain on our residential and business customers, particularly in the energy-intensive manufacturing sector, many of which I represent. Billions of dollars of capital and infrastructure expenditures will occur if the proposed acquisition is approved. This proposal needs to be carefully studied and considered in order to avoid further rate increases that will only serve to continue to erode our competitive position in the regional and global market.

The proposed acquisition of Integrys by Wisconsin Energy is possibly the largest, most complicated case the PSC has ever had before it. The effects of the decision will be felt by residential and business customers in my district for years. The PSC needs to take its time in order to get the decision right. I respectfully request the Commission approve the interveners' request to extend the docket schedule.

Sincerely,

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Hubert, Lois - PSC

From: Jennie Farber Lane <jennie.lane@bilkent.edu.tr>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 1:47 AM
To: Hubert, Lois - PSC
Subject: Public comment case 9400-YO-100
Attachments: Public comment. 9400-YO-100. Letter of support for KEEP.pdf

To: Lois Hubert, Wisconsin Public Service Commission
Date: 13 February 2015
Re: Significant contribution of KEEP to educational regional development

I am overjoyed to write this letter of support to fund KEEP for five years (a copy of this letter is also attached). What wonderful news to learn about this opportunity for Wisconsin Energy Corporation with their acquisition of Integrys Energy Group to continue their 20-year investment in making Wisconsin a national leader in energy education. I was honored with being a part of KEEP's first 17 years beginning as a curriculum developer and then becoming program director; I have been amazed at the ongoing achievements of the program. The program continues to empower teachers to provide students and their school community with knowledge, skills, and attitudes that lead to effective and sustainable energy saving practices. KEEP's well-rounded program addresses energy use at the home, school, and work. Furthermore, the program targets teachers who develop students' career skills. Through KEEP teachers receive professional development in building science, energy management and monitoring, and renewable energy technologies. Teachers and students view their energy-providers as a source for collaboration and innovation to ensure a sustainable future for energy reliability and responsibility. Utility support is further enhanced by partnerships with the university, environmental groups, government agencies, and businesses. What a sense of pride the utilities must feel knowing they have contributed to the energy literacy development of over three million students! Children who grow up in a state knowing they have the capacity to manage their energy use efficiently, saving money and resources, enabling them to ensure a healthy and sustainable future.
Students who are prepared to enter the workforce in energy-related careers and trades. I am extremely grateful for the support utilities provided KEEP during my tenure with the program and am heartened by their interest in continuing to promote energy literacy in Wisconsin.
Sincerely,

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February 23, 2015

From:

Fred Erwin Chairman
The Town of Fern
PO Box 290
Florence, WI 54121

To:

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

Re: The proposed acquisition of Integrys Energy Group Inc. parent company of Wisconsin Public Service Corp (WPS) by Wisconsin Energy Corp. (WEC).

Dear Commission Members:

Please find attached a resolution adopted by the town board of the Town of Fern regarding the above-mentioned subject.

The town board of the Town of Fern thanks you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Fred Erwin

Fred Erwin
Town of Fern Town Chairman

RESOLUTION 10-2014

Adopted October 13, 2014

A Resolution Adopted By the Town Board of the Town of Fern, of Florence County, Wisconsin.

A resolution addressed to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

This resolution concerns the proposed acquisition of Integrys Energy Group Inc. parent company of Wisconsin Public Service Corp (WPS) by Wisconsin Energy Corp. (WEC).

Whereas WEC has proposed acquiring WPS, and

Whereas there exist issues in this acquisition which the town board of the Town of Fern deems to be of importance to the rural areas of Wisconsin, as well as to the Town of Fern specifically, and

Whereas both WPS and WEC are regulated monopolies which require the input of opinions and facts from the public which they serve, and

Whereas the town board of the Town of Fern considers the attendant issues to this proposed acquisition of WPS by WEC to be of substantial importance to the constituents of the Town of Fern,

THEREFORE THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FERN HEREBY ADOPTS THIS RESOLUTION IN ORDER TO STATE ITS OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF WPS BY WEC AND TO URGE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN TO DENY THE REQUEST FOR THE ACQUISITION FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

* When WPS merged with People's Gas to create Integrys Energy Group Inc. there was a noticeable degradation in response time to power outages. We can only expect that should the proposed acquisition be approved, service for outages will be further degraded. We can expect that service to the ratepayers after the acquisition will not improve.

* Both of above stated corporations are already large electric monopolies in their current form. There is no reason to believe that larger monopolies will provide more efficient service to the customers.

* The rate structure of WEC shows that the electrical rates of WEC are currently about 20% higher than those of WPS. Why should the rate payers of WPS be forced to pay for the management mistakes of WEC? We can only expect that the rates for current customers of WPS will go up substantially.

* The resulting megamonopoly will be substantially more urban than it currently is. Repairs after storms and outages will take more time. When the choice is whether to repair the facilities in an urban setting versus a rural setting, the urban will always win and the rural outages will be longer. No amount of assurances that service will not change or even get better can be relied upon to actually provide that service.

* This acquisition has been the subject of numerous articles in various media outlets. No mention in news releases by the companies mentions any benefit to the customers/rate payers of either WPS of WEC. Golden parachutes are nevertheless mentioned.

This resolution was adopted by the town board of the Town of Fern at an open meeting held on October 13, 2014, by a vote of 3 in favor and 0 opposed.

Fred Erwin

Fred Erwin Chairman

George Pakos Town Clerk

DOCKET #: 9400-YO-100 DATE: 2/27/2015

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Position on the Proposal:

Support ☐ Oppose ☒ Undecided ☐

Participation at the Hearing:

A) SPEAK NOW? Yes ☒ **YOU MUST CHECK "YES" TO SPEAK.**

OR

B) WRITE A COMMENT: **If you do not wish to speak you may write a comment at the hearing in the space below and on the back of this form. Up to five additional pages may be attached.**

Submitting this form affirms that your comment is correct and complete to the best of your knowledge.

I am opposed to the proposed merger of WPS and WE Energies. The resulting utility, WEC Energy Group, would have rates much higher than what WPS currently provides. WE Energies much higher rates are a direct result of their purchase power agreement to buy power from the Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant, which ought to be permanently closed. I am also opposed to this proposed merger because it would very negatively effect utility competition in the State of Wisconsin. I am concerned other Wisconsin utilities

like Alliant (Wisconsin Power + Light), Madison Gas + Electric, and Xcel Energy ~~(Northern~~ (in Wisconsin) would have a very hard time competing against such a large utility.

I have been a ratepayer of WPS for many, many years. I live in Menominee, MI., which will soon become part of the service area for UPPCO, according to Governor Snyder of Michigan. However, I also plan on buying a home in Green Bay in about a year. Then I'll own two homes. I am convinced deregolation of Wisconsin's electric and natural gas utilities is inevitable and will occur in the next several years.

Mitchell Marrique

Alliant only has one million customers in a three state area. MG+E has 143,000 electricity and 149,000 natural gas customers.

The proposed utility merger creating WEC Energy Group would have 4.3 million customers in four states. Only Xcel Energy is of comparable size, with 3.3 million electricity and 1.8 million natural gas customers, and Xcel Energy's Wisconsin service area is very small.

Mitchell Marrique

Embrittlement of the reactor vessel of Unit 2 at the Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant may cause it to be shut down by the end of 2017. It is questionable as to whether or not the present owner of the nuclear power plant, NextEra Energy, would replace it. What WE Energies will do in anticipation of this has not been under consideration in the public as of yet

Mitchell Marrique

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Position on the Proposal:

Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided ☒

Participation at the Hearing:

A) SPEAK NOW? Yes ☐ **YOU MUST CHECK "YES" TO SPEAK.**

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I am a resident of NE Wisconsin and INTEGRYS shareholder. I would be in favor of biomass ~~generation~~ digestion for generating electricity, and phasing out of coal.

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Position on the Proposal:

Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided ☒

Participation at the Hearing:

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Position on the Proposal:

Support ☐ Oppose ☐ Undecided ☑

Participation at the Hearing:

A) SPEAK NOW?
Yes ☐

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I am providing this statement to reflect the cooperation + support WE Energies provided to Milwaukee County in automating the accounts payable process for WE Energies billing. The project automated a time intensive, heavy paper based process which resulted in a greener more staff efficient process. The WE Energies team was responsive, knowledgeable + committed to a successful outcome. In partnership w/ the Milwaukee

County team a 3 week process with over 600 paper invoices ~~was~~ became a 2 day process in an electronic format.

Maurice E. Stabe
Rates Supervisor
Rates and Budgets
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Wisconsin Public
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Commissioners -

My Name is MAURICE E. STABE. I Worked for Wis Pub Ser Corporation Feb 1960 through Dec 31. 1992. I was Gas Rates Supervisor for most of that time in Charge of Gas Extension to Prev. Unserved Areas, Changes in the Level of Gas Rates, up or down, as necessary, and determining Budget requirements on an annual Basis.

I Have a Degree in Utility Economics from U of W Madison plus 10-15 post grad credits in Utility related items.

I testified before this Commission, the Michigan Public Service Commission and the Federal Power Commission as required in various natural gas matters.

I do not support ~~you~~ the request of Wis Energy in this matter - I do not have access to all the financial data filed but asking rate payers to

1- Pick up the tab for "previous" investment Costs in the UP Coal fired Power Plant -

Over -

2- Accepting Brian Manthey's statement that Utility Customers will see "savings" without providing backup to such statement, and

3- His statement that a "... lot of numbers could change between now and..." then

4- and particularly "... golden parachute severance payments totaling more than $30 million to Integrys's "present" executives who in my opinion know little or "0" about Utility financing etc, without any calculation as to what Integrys rate payers will receive

is more than enough to deny this present proposal —

I support Rejecting it as filed.

Sincerely

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March 4, 2015

Concerning Presque Isle Power Plant:

WE Energy customers should not have to pay anything toward the investment costs of this power plant.

Gayle Klappa CEO and other administrators are responsible for this money, cost of investment, as they are the ones doing the ~~investment~~ investing over the years.

They can afford to cover these costs. We cannot.

Sincerely,
Rosemary McCarthy

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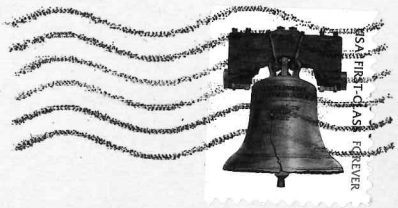

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Ms. Lois Hubert
Public Service Commission
PO Box 7854
Madison, WI 53707

Re: Application of Wisconsin Energy Corporation for Approval to Acquire the Outstanding Common Stock of Integrys Energy Group, Inc. (9400-YO-100)

Dear Ms. Hubert:

On behalf of the Wisconsin Engine Manufacturers and Distributors Alliance (WEMDA), we are writing to express our concerns regarding the proposed acquisition by Wisconsin Energy Corporation ("WEC") — parent of Wisconsin Electric Power Company — of Integrys Energy Corporation ("Integrys") — parent of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation. We urge the Commission to provide a thorough analysis and any approval should include strong conditions to ensure customers are both protected from financial harm and realize cost savings.

For brief background, WEMDA is a trade alliance organized by industry to provide a unified and focused voice for engine manufacturers & distributors in Wisconsin. It represents all applications in Marine, Power Generation, Industrial/Home Gas & Diesel Engines/Generators, Mining, Utility, Agriculture, Recreation and Heavy-Duty Truck. WEMDA's mission is to foster a positive legislative and regulatory climate for companies engaged in these industries.

If this docket is approved, WEC and its subsidiaries will be the sole providers of electric and natural gas service to the majority of Wisconsin residents and businesses. The new combined company would also have a 60% majority ownership — a controlling interest — in the American Transmission Company (ATC). The acquisition must meet the state law that requires the transaction to be in the "best interests" of utility ratepayers, investors and the public.

WEMDA
P.O. Box 1532 Madison, WI. 53701-1532
Phone 608 698 0707

Wisconsin had long been a state with low-cost energy. But rates have risen in part due to needed investments in generating and transmission infrastructure and now, Wisconsin has outpaced other states and has the second highest rates in the Midwest. Under the proposed acquisition, roughly $10 billion in capital expenditures are planned in new infrastructure projects for WEPCO, WPSC and ATC. That is in addition to the hundreds of million dollars in deferred transmission costs that are currently in escrow for WEPCO alone. Clearly, if this proposed acquisition is not carefully scrutinized, our rates are almost certain to increase and further harm our competitive position.

The PSC should not approve the proposed acquisition without conditions to protect customers and the economy. WEC has not performed any analysis to quantify the costs and benefits of the acquisition. WEC has rejected many hold harmless provisions or conditionally accepted them in a way that renders them meaningless. It appears as if Wisconsin's ratepayers may be end up paying for regulatory concessions made in other states, particularly in Michigan. WEC has also rejected all proposals that would ensure customer savings, such as immediate bill credits. There are few details to show how customers will actually benefit from the current proposal, and it appears customers may even be harmed if strong protections are not part of the final decision in this case.

In summary, there are a number of factors creating rate pressure in the near term and the long term. As large manufacturers that contribute significantly to Wisconsin's economy, we don't believe the proposed acquisition has yet met the best interest standard. On behalf of WEMDA's members, we respectfully ask that the PSC exercise its regulatory authority to hold customers harmless and guarantee cost savings.

Sincerely,

Marc Bentley
President

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