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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Investigation of Parallel Generation Purchase Rates

5-EI-157

**NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION
AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

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| <p>Comments Due:</p> <p>Tuesday, July 14, 2020 – 12:00 noon</p> | <p>Address Comments To:</p> <p>Steffany Powell Coker Secretary to The Commission Public Service Commission P.O. Box 7854 Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854</p> |
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THIS IS AN INVESTIGATION to consider parallel generation purchase rates. The Commission opens this docket by its authority under Wis. Stat. ch. 196. A hearing may be scheduled at a later date.

In its Order in docket 6690-CC-223720, the Commission determined to open a separate generic docket to broadly examine the treatment of utility avoided energy and capacity costs, including in parallel generation tariffs and purchase rates for qualifying facilities, as defined by the Public Utilities Regulatory Policy Act.¹

Initial comments are requested in this Notice to help identify priorities for further investigation. Subsequent steps in the investigation will provide additional opportunities for input and dialogue, including through at least one public workshop.

DOCUMENTS. All documents in this docket are filed on the Commission's Electronic Records Filing (ERF) system. To view these documents: (1) go to the Commission's E-Services Portal at <http://apps.psc.wi.gov>, (2) enter "5-EI-157" in the box labeled "Quick Single Docket Search," and (3) select "Documents." To receive electronic notifications when new documents are filed in this docket, go to ERF - [EZ Subscriptions](#) and follow the instructions to subscribe to this docket.

¹ Commissioner Nowak dissented from the Commission's decision in that docket opening a generic docket.

COMMENTS. The Commission requests comments on the following questions:

1. What factors or methods should inform the determination of appropriate avoided costs from distributed generation facilities? How are those factors and methods considered in current utility purchase rates?
2. What ongoing or anticipated market or regulatory changes related to distributed generation and avoided cost calculations are relevant to this investigation?
3. What ongoing or anticipated changes to distributed generation technology and operations are relevant to this investigation?
4. How do purchase rates under current parallel generation tariffs affect customer decisions to invest in distributed generation? What barriers to installing and operating distributed generation are relevant to this investigation?

Comments are due no later than Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 12:00 noon. Please limit the length of responses to all questions to no more than 5 pages in total. The Commission asks that the responses not include supporting documentation or links to outside resources, but instead focus on providing one's own perspective or that of one's organization regarding the questions.

To file such a comment, go to the Commission's E-Services Portal at <http://apps.psc.wi.gov>, and click on the "ERF Upload Documents" link on the left side menu bar. On the next page, log on if you are a registered ERF user, create a new account if you do not have an existing account, or contact PSC Records Management staff at (608) 261-8521 or via e-mail at PSCRecordsMail@wisconsin.gov for assistance.

Any members of the general public shall file only one comment either through the Commission's web site or by mail as follows:

- **Web Comment.** Go to the Commission's web site at <http://psc.wi.gov>, click on "File a Comment" button. On the next page, select the "File a comment" link that appears for docket number 5-EI-157.
- **Mail Comment.** All comments submitted by U.S. mail shall include the phrase "Docket 5-EI-157 Comments" in the heading, and shall be addressed to:

Docket 5-EI-157 Comments
Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 7854
Madison, WI 53707-7854

The Commission will not accept comments submitted via e-mail or facsimile (fax).

Any material submitted to the Commission is a public record and may appear on the Commission web site.

INTERVENTION. All electric utilities are parties to this docket and need not request intervention. Any other person desiring to become a party shall file a request for party status, known as a request to intervene, under Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.21 no later than 14 days from the date of service of this notice using the ERF system.

To file such a request, go to the Commission's E-Services Portal at <http://apps.psc.wi.gov>, click on the "ERF Upload Documents" link on the left side menu bar. On the next page, log on if you are a registered ERF user, create a new account if you do not have an existing account, or contact PSC Records Management staff at (608) 261-8521 or via e-mail at PSCRecordsMail@wisconsin.gov for assistance.

A person desiring to become a party who lacks access to the internet shall make a request to intervene by U.S. mail addressed to:

Docket 5-EI-157 Intervention Request
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
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Madison, WI 53707-7854

At the time of filing, the person making the request to intervene shall serve a copy of the request on existing parties. An existing party may respond to the request within 5 days of service. A party wishing to request intervenor compensation should do so as soon as practicable.

WISCONSIN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT. This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). The Commission will review the potential environmental effects of the project. Type III actions normally do not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 or an environmental assessment.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this docket or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the docket coordinator listed below. Any hearing location is physically accessible to individuals with disabilities. The Public Service Commission is located in the Hill Farms State Office Building, which is also physically accessible to individuals with disabilities through the entrances on the first floor. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the ground floor of the parking garage. There is also limited, free handicap visitor parking at the front of the Hill Farms State Office Building.

CONTACT. Please direct questions about this docket or requests for additional accommodations for the disabled to the Commission's docket coordinator, Joe Fontaine, at (608) 266-0910 or Joe.Fontaine@wisconsin.gov.

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Commissioner Nowak dissents on the issuance of this Notice.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, the 11th day of June, 2020.

By the Commission:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steffany Powell Coker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "By the Commission:".

Steffany Powell Coker
Secretary to the Commission

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