

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of
Thursday, September 2, 2021

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed. Present were Chairperson Valcq, Commissioner Nowak and Commissioner Huebner.

Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes of the open meeting of Thursday, August 26, 2021.

6725-RW-174 - Tolls to be Charged for the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company for the Six Months Period Ending June 30, 2021

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

5370-CW-117 - Application of the City of Sheboygan, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Construct a Raw Water Intake Pipeline, Shore Well and Pumping Station, in the City of Sheboygan, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin

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

2850-WR-102 - Application of the City of Kiel, Calumet and Manitowoc Counties, 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.

1450-WR-104 - Application of the Village of Cross Plains, Dane 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.

2360-WR-105 - Application of the Village of Greendale, Milwaukee 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.

6450-WR-103 - Application of the City of Weyauwega, Waupaca 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.

137-CE-195 - Application of American Transmission Company LLC, as an Electric Public Utility, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a New 138 kV Transmission Line from the Howards Grove Substation to the Erdman Substation located in Sheboygan County, Wisconsin

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

5440-PFP-100 - Application of the Village of Shorewood, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, as a Water Public Utility, for Authority to Change its Method of Cost Recovery for Providing Public Fire Protection Service

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

1480-WR-107 - Application of the City of Cudahy, Milwaukee 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.

5370-WR-110 - Application of the City of Sheboygan, Sheboygan 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.

630-WR-104 - Application of the Village of Bonduel, Shawano 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.

5-EI-158 - Roadmap to Zero Carbon Investigation

The Commission reviewed the status of the Commission's investigation into a roadmap to Zero carbon and made the following determinations on the following issues based upon the information gathered to date in this investigation:

1. With regard to utility resource planning, the Commission directed Commission staff to collect more information on utility resource planning and decisions as part of the next Strategic Energy Assessment (SEA), and directed Commission staff to explore incorporating independent, statewide resource planning analysis in the next SEA.

Commissioner Nowak dissented.

2. Regarding performance-based regulations, the Commission decided to conduct a workshop on the subject.
3. The Commission decided to take no action in this docket to address utility pilot programming.
4. With regard to energy efficiency, the Commission directed Commission staff to consider the following issues as part of the Quadrennial Planning process in docket 5-FE-104:
 - a. Aligning Focus performance goals and program offerings with decarbonization goals;
 - b. Electrification programs and offerings;
 - c. Programs and offerings for low-income customers;
 - d. Collaboration between Focus and utility demand response programs; and
 - e. Utility voluntary programs.

5. Regarding customer affordability, the Commission directed Commission staff to conduct further analysis on the issue.

In addition, the Commission decided to include this topic in the workshop relating to performance-based regulations. Commissioner Nowak dissented.

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

1-IC-531 - Application for Intervenor Compensation filed by Citizens Utility Board of Wisconsin to Participate in Docket 3270-UR-124

This matter was laid over.

4220-TE-104 - Application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin, as an Electric Public Utility, for Approval of Electric Vehicle Home Service Programs

The Commission approved the application of Northern-States Power Company-Wisconsin to modify the tariff language associated with the Commercial Electric Vehicle Service Program.

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

5820-TE-101 - Application of Superior Water, Light And Power Company for Approval of an Arrears Management Program

5820-TG-101 - Application of Superior Water, Light And Power Company for Approval of an Arrears Management Program

5820-TW-101 - Application of Superior Water, Light And Power Company for Approval of an Arrears Management Program

The Commission modified and approved the application of Superior Water, Light and Power Company (SWL&P) for approval of an Arrears Management Program (AMP), and made the following additional determinations:

1. SWL&P shall modify its program design to allow for budget billing on current bills for customers on the AMP and shall report back prior to implementation with an updated tariff indicating this option.

Commissioner Nowak dissented.

2. Commission staff shall analyze reported AMP data as required by the Commission as summarized in Item 5 below, and report back to the Commission should data indicate inability of low-income customers to access program benefits.
3. SWL&P shall place a defined limitation on the number of times a customer may enroll in the AMP per a specific time period, and report back to the Commission prior to implementation with an updated tariff with this requirement.

Commissioner Nowak dissented.

4. SWL&P shall revise its program correspondence to address accessibility concerns, and shall report back to the Commission prior to implementation.

Commissioner Nowak dissented.

5. SWL&P shall work with Commission staff to finalize the performance and reporting requirements identified at page 22 in the Commission's memorandum dated August 16, 2021 ([PSC REF#: 418806](#)). SWL&P shall report to the Commission on the agreed-upon metrics every two years.
6. The Commission approved the AMP as a pilot program for three years. SWL&P shall report back to the Commission prior to the end of the third program year and may request continuation or modification of the AMP at that time.

Commissioner Nowak dissented.

7. SWL&P is authorized to use deferral accounting treatment and shall implement escrow accounting treatment for bad debt expense.

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

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.



Steffany Powell Coker
Secretary to the Commission