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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN**

Investigation of Parallel Generation Purchase Rates

5-EI-157

**NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION - SECOND**

**THIS NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION-SECOND** updates the Notice of Investigation ([PSC REF#: 391581](#)) by providing additional information as to the status of the investigation and providing an additional opportunity for public participation.

The Commission opened this investigation on July 11, 2020. ([PSC REF#: 391581](#).) Following an initial investigation, the Commission issued an Order on May 3, 2021, directing the five large, investor-owned electric utilities to file applications for parallel generation rates in separate contested case proceedings, while allowing further investigation into net metering issues, legally enforceable obligations, and the parallel generation technology and terms of service to continue in this investigation docket. ([PSC REF#: 410850](#).) On February 25, 2022, Commission staff issued for public comment an informational paper prepared by the Regulatory Assistance Project, as well as Commission staff's own memorandum, on issues related to the determination of net metering rates. ([PSC REF#: 431687](#).) Members of the public and parties to the docket submitted comments.

Since then, two electric utilities have proposed modifications to its net metering programs as part of its rate case applications, in dockets 3270-UR-125 and 6680-UR-124. In both rate cases, various parties identified the need for additional analysis on net metering and called upon the Commission to further investigate net metering in this docket. The Commission agreed and ordered additional investigation of net metering to proceed in this docket with a scope including, but not limited to, conducting a Cost-Benefit Analysis study and/or conducting a Value of Solar study. ([PSC REF#: 487247](#) and [PSC REF#: 487254](#).)

Commission staff will issue an informational memorandum to summarize the analysis and issues identified thus far and to solicit comments on the scope of this continuing investigation.

**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 <https://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.

**INTERVENTION. All electric utilities are parties to this docket and need not request intervention. Additionally, several parties have already been granted intervenor status in this docket and need not intervene again.** Any additional person who has not previously intervened 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 of Investigation-Second using the ERF system.

To file such a request, go to the Commission's E-Services Portal at <https://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](mailto: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  
P.O. Box 7854  
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. Pursuant to the Administrative Law Judge's Order on Requests to Intervene in this docket, issued July 27, 2020, any future requests for intervention will be granted without further order, unless an existing party files an objection by 1:30 p.m. three days after the filing of a request. ([PSC REF#: 394344](#).) 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.

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**CONTACT.** Please direct questions about this docket or requests for additional accommodations for the individuals with disabilities to the Commission's case coordinator, Jennifer Heaton-Amrhein at (608) 267-9766 or [jennifer.heatonamrhein1@wisconsin.gov](mailto:jennifer.heatonamrhein1@wisconsin.gov).

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

By the Commission:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cru Stublely". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Cru Stublely  
Secretary to the Commission

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