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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Petition to Open a Rulemaking Docket to Consider Amending
 Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 119 and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.10
 Related to Distributed Resources Interconnection Rules

5-GF-233

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

Comments Due: Monday, June 17, 2013 - 12:00 noon	Address Comments To: Sandra J. Paske, Secretary to The Commission Public Service Commission P.O. Box 7854 Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854
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THIS IS AN INVESTIGATION to review the petition to open a rulemaking docket to consider amending Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 119 and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.10, related to the distributed resources interconnection rules. The Commission opens this docket by its authority under Wis. Stat. ch. 196. The Commission intends to conduct this investigation without a hearing.

DOCUMENTS. All documents in this docket are filed on the Commission's Electronic Regulatory Filing (ERF) system. To view these documents: (1) go to the Commission's web site at <http://psc.wi.gov>, (2) enter "5-GF-233" in the box labeled "Link Directly to a Case," and (3) select "GO."

COMMENTS. The Commission requests comments from each investor-owned utility, the Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin, and any other interested person, group, association or cooperative on the following issues:

1. Do you think that the Commission should open a rulemaking docket to consider amending Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 119 and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.10, related to the distributed resources interconnection rules?
2. Which, if any, of the amendments proposed by RENEW Wisconsin in its petition ([PSC REF#: 181263](#)) do you think should be considered by the Commission?

3. How many distributed generation interconnection requests, on average, does your utility receive in a given year? Please provide a breakdown, by class (residential, commercial and industrial) and size.
4. For your utility, what is the current trend for distributed generation interconnections? Is the number of distributed generation interconnection requests growing, slowing, or flat? Please provide a breakdown, by class, for the trend data (residential, commercial and industrial).
5. Is it common practice for your utility to require external disconnect switches in relation to distribution generation facility interconnections?
6. To what extent do external disconnect switches increase facility costs for distributed generation systems?
7. Is it the position of your utility that external disconnect switches are necessary for safety?
8. For those utilities that provide service in other states, are external disconnect switches required in connection with distributed generation interconnections?
9. In practice, for your utility, how long does the current distributed generation interconnection process take? Does the current time it takes to process these requests, in practice, substantially differ from what is proposed by petitioners? What changes, if any, would improve the efficiency of the interconnection process?
10. Are there cost implications for your utility, positive or negative, associated with implementing a “fast track” interconnection process for distributed generation facilities, as proposed by petitioners? How will/should these costs be allocated?
11. In practice, how common is it for your utility to require communications link equipment associated with distributed generation interconnection that would not be considered “least-cost”?
12. How common is it for your utility for subsequent customers to connect to a line extension already paid for by a distributed generation facility? If a new customer is connected to an existing line extension previously installed for a distributed generation facility, how should costs be allocated?

Comments are due no later than Monday, June 17, 2013, at 12:00 noon. Utilities, organizations, or interest groups shall file one comment using the Commission’s ERF system.

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To file such a comment, go to the Commission's web site at <http://psc.wi.gov>, and click on the "ERF - Electronic Regulatory Filing" graphic on the side menu bar. On the next page, click on "Need Help?" in the side menu bar for instructions on how to upload a document.

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 the "Public Comments" button on the side menu bar. On the next page select the "File a comment" link that appears for docket number 5-GF-233.
- **Mail Comment.** All comments submitted by U.S. mail shall include the phrase "Docket 5-GF-233 Comments" in the heading, and shall be addressed to:

Docket 5-GF-233 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. Any 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 this notice using the ERF system. A person desiring only to file the comment requested above, need not become a party.

To file such a request, go to the Commission's web site at <http://psc.wi.gov>, click on the "ERF - Electronic Regulatory Filing" graphic on the side menu bar. On the next page, click on "Need Help?" for instructions on how to upload a document.

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:

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Madison, WI 53707-7854

At the time of filing, a copy of the request must be served on existing parties, which may respond to the request within five days. Parties 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.

ASSESSMENT. The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission that are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

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 accessible to people in wheelchairs. The Public Service Commission Building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building.

CONTACT. Please direct questions about this docket or requests for additional accommodations for the disabled to the Commission's docket coordinator, Scot Cullen, at (608) 267-9229 or scot.cullen@wisconsin.gov.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 16th day of May, 2013.

By the Commission:



Sandra J. Paske
Secretary to the Commission

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