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BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion Regarding Innovative Utility Ratemaking Approaches that Promote Conservation and Efficiency Programs by Removing Disincentives that May Exist Under Current Ratemaking Policies — 5-UI-114

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

THIS IS AN INVESTIGATION to consider innovative utility ratemaking approaches that promote conservation and efficiency programs. The investigation will examine existing ratemaking policies that may discourage utilities from implementing their own programs or supporting statewide programs, and will provide in their place incentives for utilities to aggressively pursue conservation and efficiency opportunities.

The Governor's Task Force on Global Warming issued an interim report on February 19, 2008, recommending that the Commission establish a public proceeding to analyze the nature and extent of potential disincentives to utility support for energy conservation and energy efficiency initiatives. The interim report also recommends that the Commission identify and, if appropriate, take the steps necessary to address such disincentives. According to the interim report, this inquiry should include both the potential need to remove specific disincentives and the potential need for and design of effective mechanisms that would provide an incentive to utilities to support aggressive energy efficiency initiatives.

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

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.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Thomas J. Ferris at (608) 266-1124.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, April 3, 2008

By the Commission:

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