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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Investigation to Assess Wisconsin's Potential for the Development of Wind Energy Resources in Lake Michigan and Lake Superior — 5-EI-144

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

THIS IS AN INVESTIGATION to assess the potential for the development of wind energy resources in Lake Michigan and Lake Superior. The Governor's Task Force on Global Warming issued an interim report on February 19, 2008. The Task Force recommended that the state investigate the technical and economic potential for developing wind energy on the Great Lakes.

The Commission intends to work with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, and others to: (1) assess the current state of off-shore wind installations around the country and the world; (2) assess the underlying land-use/ownership issues for installations on Wisconsin's lakebeds; (3) assess the economic and financial parameters for off-shore wind installations in Wisconsin; (4) identify potential environmental impacts; and (5) identify the extent and scope of local, state, and federal agencies' authority and regulations that might come into play. Other issues may also be identified and investigated.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that 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 all electric 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 Dan Sage at (608) 267-9486.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, April 3, 2008

By the Commission:

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