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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Investigation into the Adoption and Achievement of Increased Conservation and Energy Efficiency Goals — 5-UI-115

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

THIS IS AN INVESTIGATION to consider matters related to adopting and achieving increased conservation and energy efficiency goals.

Pursuant to Executive Order 191, Governor Jim Doyle established the Global Warming Task Force (Task Force). On February 19, 2008, the Task Force released its interim report. This report includes recommendations that the Task Force recommends be implemented promptly, without waiting for the Task Force's final report. The Task Force believes that the most important first step to achieve early greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions is to dramatically increase energy conservation and efficiency. It costs much less to save a kWh of electricity than it does to produce that kWh, with no or low GHG emissions. Thus conservation and energy efficiency, in addition to reducing GHG emissions, also provide substantial economic benefits to the state. One of the Task Force recommendations is to significantly increase the state's conservation and energy efficiency programs undertaken pursuant to 2005 Wisconsin Act 141.

In response to this recommendation, the Commission hereby commences an investigation into the adoption and achievement of increased conservation and energy efficiency goals. This investigation may consider, among other issues:

- Conservation and energy efficiency goals to be adopted
- Appropriate funding level to achieve the goals
- Portfolio of approaches to achieve the goals
- Broadening the existing energy efficiency potential study

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. 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 the 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 Carol Stemrich at (608) 266-8174.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, April 3, 2008

By the Commission:

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