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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of WPPI Energy for a Certificate of Authority to Upgrade the Air Quality Control System on Unit 4 at the Boswell Energy Center in Cohasset, Minnesota

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

THIS IS AN INVESTIGATION to consider the October 11, 2012, application of WPPI Energy (WPPI) for a Certificate of Authority to upgrade the air quality control system at Boswell Energy Center Unit 4, located in Cohasset, Minnesota, at a total estimated cost for WPPI of \$95,940,000. The Commission opens this docket by its authority under Wis. Stat. ch. 196. The Commission intends to conduct this investigation without a hearing.

WPPI intends to finance this project through a combination of short-term and long-term fixed-rate tax-exempt bonds.

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 <u>http://psc.wi.gov</u>, (2) enter "6685-CE-110" in the box labeled "Link Directly to a Case," and (3) select "GO."

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 Electronic Regulatory Filing (ERF) system.

To file such a request, go to the Commission's web site at <u>http://psc.wi.gov</u>, 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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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, Terri Kosobucki, at (608) 267-3595 or <u>Terri.Kosobucki@wisconsin.gov</u>.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 6th day of December, 2012.

By the Commission:

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