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Dear Commissioner:

By now you have read the attached article about how Alliant's Senior Executives have lost a few hundred million dollars more. This after they lost hundreds of millions on international investments, and after they lost hundreds of millions on uninsured flood and wind damages (In 2 different storms in 2 different years) because they failed to buy enough flood or wind damage insurance.

We the ratepayers want to know, at what point in time do you send in independent outside auditors to find out how many hundreds of millions of dollars have they lost? At what point of time do you replace the executives at Alliant who have enriched themselves with tens of millions of dollars while they lost hundreds of millions of dollars of ratepayer money at the same time?

When they say that their failures will not effect ratepayers in the attached article, at what point in time do you publically call a lie a lie?

When they recently laid off hundreds of employees and hundreds of contractors and consultants, and rates still didn't go down, at what point do we all wonder when will the PSC start to do its job and hold the Senior Executives at Alliant accountable by eliminating their entire salaries and removing them after repeated costly failures in leadership?

When the Senior Executives paid each other over a year's salary (severance) when they fired their fellow Senior Executives, but when at the same time they paid the lower level employees they fired weeks of salary (severance) when they got fired, when do you speak up about right and wrong?

When the Alliant leadership says its bonds are worth only tens of millions of debt on its accounting books (see article), but then they pay hundreds of millions of dollars for them (see article), at what time do you suspect accounting fraud?

Have these failed but rich executives already lost a billion dollars? When is it time for them to go?

Alliant avoids trial by buying $400M in debt

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Alliant Energy Corp. has bought back more than $400 million in debt, short-circuiting a trial that had been scheduled for February in U.S. District Court.

The case alleged Alliant violated terms of the financing obtained nearly 10 years ago.

The buyback of the debt, which was not due until 2030, could result in a charge of $125 million, or $1.13 per share, against third-quarter earnings for Alliant, parent of Wisconsin Power & Light, the Madison utility holding company said in a recent filing with federal regulators.

If Alliant had lost the lawsuit, though, the company has said its pre-tax loss could have been as much as $364.2 million.

The expense, which an Alliant spokesman said is not expected to affect taxpayer rates, could cut into earnings for Alliant shareholders. With the struggling economy and mild weather, the company's earnings in the April-June 2009 quarter were $29.1 million, down 52 percent from the same period last year.

At issue are 5.9 million senior notes -- a form of high-priority corporate debt -- that investors bought in 2000 at $67.75 each.

Alliant is offering to buy back the notes at $40 each, through Oct. 15. While that is less than the noteholders paid, it is a lot more than Alliant has valued the notes. They are being carried on the company's books at $6.60 each, or $39 million.

The buyback, if all the notes are turned in, will cost Alliant $236 million. As of Tuesday, the company said all but 2,300 of the notes have been tendered.

Alliant has used $68.8 million of cash on hand and $170 million borrowed under a term loan from Citibank and J.P. Morgan Chase Bank. The two financial institutions have agreed to provide up to $200 million at an undisclosed interest rate.

The financing dates back nearly a decade, to a time when Alliant was trying to diversify its holdings.

Alliant Energy Resources, a subsidiary that once included energy-related investments around the world, had used stock it owned in McLeodUSA, a Cedar Rapids telecommunications firm, as collateral to get the notes, which totaled $402.5 million in financing. The money was used for foreign acquisitions including a stake in electric distribution systems and hydroelectric plants in Brazil.

The Brazilian investments bled money as a result of problems that included drought and electricity rationing and were sold in 2006 at a loss of nearly $200 million.

U.S. Bank National Association, serving as trustee for the noteholders, claimed Alliant violated terms of the $402.5 million in financing because it sold the Brazilian holdings and other foreign investments to companies outside the U.S. that did not take on the debt. The default allegations became the basis of the U.S. District Court lawsuit.

McLeod, meanwhile, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and its stock sank from more than $20 a share to less than 20 cents a share. McLeod is now part of PAETEC, a publicly traded holding company in Fairport, N.Y.

Because McLeod's stock plummeted, the value of the notes was discounted on Alliant's books.

With the buyback, U.S. Bank has agreed to ask to dismiss its lawsuit, according to an Alliant filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

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Facing lawsuit, Alliant offers to buy back corporate debt

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Alliant Energy Corp.'s past investments in Brazilian electricity ventures, which tanked and were sold at a loss several years ago, are still affecting the company's bottom line.

Alliant is offering to buy back 5.9 million senior notes - a form of high-priority corporate debt - worth $402.5 million when it was obtained nearly 10 years ago to finance the purchase of the Brazilian assets. The notes are now valued by the company at one-tenth that amount.

The move comes as Alliant fights a lawsuit, scheduled for trial in U.S. District Court in Madison in February, alleging it violated terms of the debt.

Buying back the notes could result in a charge of $125 million, or $1.13 per share, on Alliant's third-quarter earnings, the company said in a recent filing with federal regulators.

But if Alliant were to lose the federal lawsuit, the pre-tax loss could be nearly three times that much, or $364.2 million, and other financing deals involving utility subsidiaries Wisconsin Power & Light and Interstate Power & Light could be jeopardized, as well, according to Alliant's quarterly earnings statement last June.

Alliant spokesman Rob Crain declined to comment on any issue involving the lawsuit.

Alliant Energy Resources, a subsidiary that once held utility-related assets around the U.S. and the world, obtained the $402.5 million loan in 2000 with the financing managed by Firstar Bank, which later merged with U.S. Bank.

The notes are not due until February 2030, but the U.S. Bank National Association claims that because Alliant sold its holdings to companies outside the U.S. that did not take on the accompanying debt, it violated terms of the arrangement.

U.S. Bank filed a notice of default in September 2008 and took the case to federal court in Minnesota. The lawsuit was transferred to U.S. District Court in Madison last January.

Alliant sold $1.2 billion in electricity-related assets in Brazil, China, Australia, New Zealand and Mexico starting in 2003, after the company's high level of debt and poor performance of some of the assets drew sharp criticism from shareholders.

The company also sold holdings in U.S. ventures such as low-income housing projects, Whiting Petroleum and McLeodUSA. Alliant held a large stake in McLeod, a Cedar Rapids telecom company, and used some of the stock as collateral to obtain the $402.5 million in financing for foreign acquisitions, primarily in Brazil. In 2002, though, McLeod filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and its stock sank from more than $20 to less than 20 cents a share.

For the current buyback offer, Citibank and J.P. Morgan Chase Bank have agreed to loan Alliant up to $200 million and Alliant will use cash on hand. The loan will have to be repaid by Dec. 31, according to documents filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The interest rate was not disclosed.

Alliant said it does not believe it has defaulted on the $402.5 million loan but said it is offering to buy back the 5.9 million notes, sold at $67.75 each. Those who turn in their notes by Monday will get $40 each; those who surrender the notes between Tuesday and Oct. 15 will get $38 each.

That's a lot more than the company values the notes, which are carried on Alliant's books at a rate of $6.60 each, or a total of $39 million, because of the sharp drop in value of the former McLeod stock. (McLeod is now part of PAETEC, a publicly traded holding company based in Fairport, N.Y.)

A lawsuit involving the same issue, accusing officers and directors of Alliant of breaching their fiduciary duties by approving the asset sales in violation of the terms of the loan, was filed in February by a shareholder of the company in Dane County Circuit Court. Alliant is fighting that lawsuit, as well.

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company
for Authority to Adjust Electric and Natural Gas Rates
Docket No. 6680-UR-117

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF RAYMOND W. VOSS
AND COPARTNER JEANIE R. JAHN
ON BEHALF OF COLUMBIA COUNTY CITIZENS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 @ 9:00 AM

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS AND TITLE.

A. My name is Raymond W. Voss. My business address is N6186 Dunning Road, Pardeeville, Wisconsin 53954. I am owner of the Lamp-Lite Motel and I also represent the Columbia County Citizens Committee.

My name is Jeanie R. Jahn. I Reside at N6186 Dunning Road and my apartment is # 1. I am Co-owner of the Lamp-Lite Motel although I am employed by WPS insurance company here in madison, wisconsin. My position is program analyst in the Medical Review department of the Medicare division My Education, I graduated from Portage Senior High School in 1972. I then worked seventeen years at Converter Concepts in Pardeeville, Wisconsin manufacturing electronic parts. During this time, I spent ten years in classes at Matc schools in Portage and Madison, Wisconsin. I have had management, Computer Programming and operations and human

17 relations training from these courses.

18 Q. ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE YOU TESTIFYNG ??

19 A. Myself and Ms. Jahn are here to testify on behalf of our

20 Columbia County citizens of which also includes ourselves.

21 Q. MR. VOSS, PLEASE STATE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND.

22 A. Your Honor, my educational history is quite lenghty. Do you

23 wish for me to go through my entire history, or do you wish

24 for me to highlight only the most important institutions I

25 have attended ??

26 In the full history of my education I graduated from the City

27 of Portage Wisconsin Senior High school year In 1954

28 At the age of nineteen I attended railroad school in Denver

29 Colorado training to be a depot agent operater. At my age of

30 twenty-one in year 1956 I worked in electrical training for

31 the Columbia County Highway Communication Center in Wyocena

32 Wisconsin. In 1957 I entered into Coyne Electrical Enineering

33 and electronic receiving and transmission college institution

34 in Chicago Illinois until graduation of 1962. In 1963

35 I entered the Zenith Corporation Institute for further

36 electronic training until 1965 when I entered a course

37 in advance trades school in Demoine, Iowa for

38 increased changes in modern times technology. In 1966 I

39 joined Admiral Corporation in designing new electronic

40 equipment and engineered electrical productions in their

41 sales and tech training facilities.

42 In 1971 through 1973 I taught and engineered the field of
43 electrical & electronics for the University of Wisconsin at
44 Madison Wisconsin.
45 There has also been several periodic training sessions I had
46 attended for other various sales and tech purposes.

47 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR WORK EXPERIENCE.

48 A. Except for the small positions I held as a teen, My adult
49 work experience includes the above written status of which
50 I have received with high honors.
51 Besides being involved with my education and the years
52 written above, I have been a self employed business owner and
53 operater most of my life.

54 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY ??

55 A. We are protesting WPLS request for a rate increase of natural
56 gas and also their request for an electrical rate increase
57 to their present customers usage and for the years
58 of 2010 and future years.
59 WPL has had rate increases in the past and many times they
60 have taken advantage of the citizens here in our own
61 county, There have been many cases where WPL has not been
62 honest with us citizens and we have suffered great losses
63 because of this, WPL has taken it upon themselves in past
64 years to overstep their bounds and take issues into their own

65 hands and citizens have been forced to forfeit the little bit
66 of assets they have had left just to pay their utility
67 charges. WPL had put in the wisconsin State Journal about the
68 time they were trying to get approval to expand the Cassville
69 Plant, That citizens should get prepared because their
70 electric rates were about to increase forty per cent. This
71 statement caused citizens to panic and worry because people
72 could not afford this great increase. Now a Forty per cent
73 increase ?? citizens were getting ready for the worst. That
74 this would have made a tragedy in citizens lifes. I told
75 citizens that WPL could not LEGALLY do this, that they were
76 overstepping their priority, that the Public Service
77 Commission had not authorized those rate increases. That WPL
78 had taken it upon themselves and put these percentage rates
79 into our local news papers scaring our American Citizens into
80 a state of confusion.
81 The overall picture was that WPL was trying to make citizens
82 believe that the cost of utilities have increased to the
83 point of a serious seriuos. Citizens did not realize that WPL
84 was trying to raise our home town elect rates to pay for the
85 construction of the Cassville plant they wanted to build and
86 have us pay for it. This would have done a lot of damage to
87 our citizens. The Public Service Commission realized what WPL
88 was doing and they cancelled the Cassville expansion plans.
89 Since the Cassville plans have been discontinued, The WPL
90 Rate threats went away for now. It has come down to the wire

91 with WPL because THEY HAVE PLACED MISTRUST WITHIN the people
92 as their customers including the Public Service Commission of
93 Wisconsin. WPL has lied to the point that their customers do
94 not honor their word any longer. WPL was originally honered
95 the franchise to this area to provide electric and natural
96 gas to our properties for our citizens use. WPL has
97 overstepped their bounds of authority and taken it upon
98 themselves to lie, cheat and steal from our citizens for
99 their own greed.
100 Now these acts are finally catching up with this company and
101 they have very little to defend themselves with.
102 Citizens were not so conscientious of situations when jobs
103 were more plentiful. Now that our economy has taken a
104 downturn and the money people had earned and depended upon
105 from a job they once had is no longer there for citizens to
106 pay their expenses. Our economy is losing its value and
107 citizens are becoming frightened as they have no say or
108 control in moving forward to survive. Jobs are not there,
109 citizens money is gone, but yet these companies tell us
110 citizens their sad stories of their short falls. Us citizens
111 need to be able to tell of our short falls also and how we
112 struggled to pay those high utility charges when WPL was
113 taking it upon themselves to raise our uility rates to get
114 the money they needed for all sorts of foolish things of
115 which was never told to us citizens and we never knew what
116 our money was really being used for, and if any of this money

117 was left, it sure was not being returned to our citizens bank
118 accounts.
119 Rate payers receive no answers from WPL when we ask why
120 None of the money was credited back to our Citizens Accounts
121 accounts when not used for what it was intended and many
122 times our citizens were short changed by WPL and citizens had
123 to suffer because they did not know who to turn to so they
124 just stayed idle. It has come time for American Citizens to
125 speak out and fight back. It is time our citizens say no to
126 these people, that WPL has taken so much from us American
127 Citizens that they did not need to do. That we need to get
128 back into reality and stop paying the people who are giving
129 our hard earned money away to the wrong people
130 Citizens are losing their homes with no jobs for income.
131 They are suffering the agony of WPLS demands for more and
132 more rate increases after they have taken all citizens could
133 give and they still want more. We can see by the letters
134 citizens have filed on the PSC website that citizens are very
135 disturbed and are fighting back. These demands have taken
136 many people into a state of depression. Worse yet many Senior
137 Citizens have stopped taking their medicine so they could pay
138 their utility costs that have risen beyond their income.
139 When citizens don't pay their bills, it means they do not
140 have the money to pay. These people are then threatened by
141 WPL that their utilities would be turned off and they could
142 not have their electric or gas turned back on until a

143 satisfactory payment is met, of which is the order of WPL
144 leaving citizens and single parents stranded even if a
145 citizen is not in good health. This is not an American Way of
146 life. Does WPL get punished for the many things they HAVE
147 Done wrong causing people to get upset over 77, but yet WPL
148 has been doing everything they want to because they are WPL.
149 If these operations continue and WPL is allowed to produce
150 these actions under these circumstances, I will venture to
151 say that in the near future I fear a great citizen revolution
152 coming as citizens are now so on edge that our economy being
153 in the status it is, It has become upsetting to many people
154 and if this economy continues in this era we had better come
155 to an understanding before our economy collapses.
156 If this should happen, we all will suffer that pain.

157 Q. ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY EXHIBITS WITH YOUR TESTIMONY ??

158 A. YES. I am submitting Exhibit D-6.2 in reference to PSC

159 REF# : 116376

160 Which indentifies a six page letter I had written to the

161 Administrative Law Judge,

162 and the Public Service Commission on July 06, 2009

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164 Your Honor, my testimony I am about to give is based on the

165 information I have written to you in my July 06, 2009 letter

166 of which is recorded in the PSC

167 ERF SYSTEM REF# 116376 of what I need to give testimony on as

168 my letters include comments of not only Figures and Documents

169 as you and the Commission have requested from WPL. My

170 testimony will also give facts and identify necessary reasons

171 for disputes in regard to our U.S. Citizens as it will bring

172 forth verbal comments and opinions providing questions that

173 must be answered by the WPL staff.

174 My testimony shall include an explanation of why these

175 disputes from me and my fellow citizens came about.

176 Now your honor, I would like to

177 submit exhibit D-6.3 in reference to PSC REF#: 117482 which

178 indentifies an (eight) page letter I had written to Chairman

179 Mr. Callisto and the Commission Staff on July 29, 2009

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181 of which is recorded in the PSC ERF SYSTEM REF# 117482 of
182 what I have further need to give testimony on.
183 This letter includes additional comments of not only this PSC
184 REF# which is located in the PSC ERF system. This letter is
185 also considered a document which provides opinions, facts and
186 explanations involving this case with WPL and is why this
187 hearing is taking place.
188 At this time I would like to address the recognition that WPL
189 received from your commission regarding the giant wind farm
190 authorized to be built in southern Minnesota and opening the
191 door for Wisconsin rate payers to cover the cost of $ 500
192 million dollars costing us Wisconsin rate payers $91.7
193 million dollars to cover additional charges for just the
194 electric increases, and these figures do not even include the
195 natural gas rates specified to increase at more than 2.5
196 per cent.
197 These increases will put our American Citizens in a devasting
198 position especially with our economy being on the failing
199 downside and thousands of people out of work and not being
200 able to fulfill the demands upon them.
201 We feel WPL has not used professional judgement in
202 concentrating on the welfare of our economy which is dearly
203 affecting our survival.
204 We feel WPL could have preplaned for these circumstances and
205 kept a much guarded bank account from the money they had
206 already taken from us within the past years, but greed has

207 interfered and our money was used for other purposes, putting
208 WPL in jeopardy with themselves because of over charging
209 their utilities to us whom are their customers.
210 WPL will have to find a way to fix these costs from their own
211 assets as Americans have felt the pain of suffering
212 unregulated utility charge increases for many years, and Now
213 our economy has taken a suprisingly fast turn downward and no
214 one had prepared for this great fall, and WPL with a large
215 establishment is the Columbia Generating Plant whom hires
216 executive people to forsee these times and changes, has not
217 done their job to protect the citizens and customers that
218 have supported WPL all these years.
219 Citizens are tired of fighting a NO WIN battle, tired of the
220 foreign countries taking over our America, and tired of
221 going to bed each night wondering what the next day will
222 bring when they wake up. How can citizens be optimistic when
223 our country is falling apart.
224 Our lives are all based on money and luxury. We do not need
225 WPL as our utility vendor if they are going to continue to
226 lie and cheat us citizens any longer. We are human and we
227 trusted and expected WPL to be our friend and provide our
228 utilities with honesty.
229 Citizens have lost their faith in WPL and we do not want to
230 continue with them in the same path as in the past. We need
231 no more cost increases from WPL. We personally have paid
232 hundreds of times for the usage of the electric and gas

meters WPL uses to meter their own products of which have never been checked in the twenty five years we have resided at our present address. There are many things our citizens do not know of which is happening behind our back, but WPL does !!

WPL does not listen to citizens complaints when presented by phone or in person. They have had an excuse everytime we have called them.

One very good example is an emergency phone numbers. When their 800 number is called whether it be for electric or gas. minor or major, this number is answered by the billing department and a serious problem is delayed. We need action when a real emergency is an immediate situation. WPL staff has been presented with this complaint many times in the past five years. They have done nothing to change this problem.

Citizens have also complained about the air that God had given us to breathe has been contaminated with coal dust which has mercury and sulfur in it which comes from the WPL smoke stacks and we breathe this contaminated air into our lungs. A person can stand at residences within 0 to five miles and one can experience the air is so hard to breathe, people from other cities and states ask us what is wrong with the air around here and feel we should pursue action to clean it up. Also the paint on our buildings has been eaten off. and the wood siding has turned yellow from the sulfur and our neighbors are continually washing their buildings and

259 driveways to get the coal dust off so it is not tracked into
260 their home. Also the oil in the coal has carried into the air
261 and it settles on our vehicle and resident windows and the
262 only way we can get it off is by using denatured alcohol
263 which has to be used every day especially on vehicle windows
264 that are parked in the open outside. The excutives of WPL
265 must stand reponsible for the actions of their employees. Mr.
266 Davis should be brought back into this picture because we
267 feel he has been responsible for many of these wrong doings.
268 I understand He has now retired on $3000.000.00
269 annual pension. This money had to come from somewhere and we
270 believe it was the ratepayers who supported his retirement
271 and our money has gone to him to pay the three million he is
272 getting. He should be paying us back the majority of that
273 money because he was not worth that money. He couldn't even
274 answer the PSC'S Attorneys Questions when he asked Mr. Davis
275 what certain figures and diagrams were, and Mr. Davis kept
276 saying he didn't know, and the PSC Attorney said to him, Mr.
277 Davis, "I cannot believe a man in your position doesn't know
278 anything". Mr. Davis was not telling the truth and it showed.
279 If citizens only knew what went on behind their backs in the
280 system of WPL, I believe it would not be so pretty. We
281 decline WPL to get any increase as they have requestd until
282 they have admitted and showed 100% proof to our PSC and us
283 citizens to the fraud that has been done by their exrutives
284 and staff and money they have illegally charged and taken

285 from us citizens, and that it will be "returned, not just
286 credited to our accounts", but in cash form the way they too
287 that money from us. That WPL will experience the hardships u
288 citizens had to experience especially when times were down
289 and yet citizens were forced to pay higher rates with money
290 they did not have.
291 There is much more but my point has been made, but if more
292 needs to be said, I shall reveal.
293 WE CANNOT SURVIVE ANY MORE UNSECURED CHANCES.
294 WE CANNOT SURVIVE ANY MORE UNSECURED CHANGES.
295 WE CANNOT SURVIVE ANY MORE SCANDALS & DISHONESTY.
296 WE CANNOT SURVIVE ANY MORE UNEDUCATED LEADERSHIP.
297 WE CANNOT SURVIVE ANY MORE SURPRISES.
298 THIS CONCLUDES MY TESTIMONY.
299 THANK YOU YOUR HONOR !!

300 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY ??

301 A. YES.

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301 A. YES.

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Dear Judge, Ladies and Gentleman of the Wisconsin Public Service Commission.

In the past several years, I have attended nearly all of your hearings and video conferences regarding many serious matters with Judge Wittman, then his replaacement, Judge marion. I have been super pleased with the decisions that this commission and these Judges have made at these previous hearings in the past. We all know that it has been some devastating moments to be in this position when making many of these decisions as I have also been in many of those positions in my seventy four years of my life in the public service field. Thank you Judges and Commission for your Loyal, Honest, Educated and Honoriary Service.

In the recent letter I have received from your secretary, Sandra J. Paske on June 25, 2009 regarding Wisconsin power and light company's application dated may 8, 2009, for authority to increase its wisconsin retail electric rates by $85.5 million at (9.17 percent) and its natural gas rates by $ 6.2 million at (2.57 percent).

I understand the commissions approval for these rates are dependent upon wis. statues 196.20 and 196.37 and the publics request to become party to this WPL request in answer to our pros and cons of our wishes and the reasons for rate increases to be honored or denied. I understand that this letter shall be on file at the psc office as a request pursuant to wisconsin statues 227.44 (2m) and wisc. administrative code PSC 2.21 to be sent to your office within fourteen days from the date of this notice of which was date stamped and mailed to me on June 25, 2009, making the fourteen day deadline on July 09, 2009. Although the July 7, 2009 prehearing date does not coincide with the fourteen day notice date as you had in your letter of June 25, 2009, I did not want to cut myself short of having this letter and reply to your office to be documented into your files before the prehearing on July 7, 2009. I am faxing this letter to you as so this important information will be accepted, read and documented before the hearing.

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As specified in your June 25, 2009 letter that it will not be necessary to appear on this date, although our written letter shall be considered as a presentation to the commission in person and I trust my comments within shall be carefully understood and accepted.

I regret to advise you that I will be unable to attend this hearing in person due to my ILLhealth, and because of a doctor appointment that day. If it is a necessity that my testimony need be in person, I will cancel my appointment that day if you notify me twelve hours in advance of this hearing. I wish to advise you that I am pursuing WPL/ALLIANTS request for such increases in utility rates, that me and my family do deny (all) requests from (WPL) to the commission because of the many serious matters that have risen and many incidences that have been learned about (WPL) and the many dirty things WPL has been doing unaware to our publics eyes, that have caused serious and costly investigations that have proven (WPL/ALLIANT) to be deliberately dishonest in many areas to the public and also to our psc commission and Judges. previous lawsuites had been filed time after time and WE, THE PEOPLE HAVE PAID THE PRICE) through our utilities of which we were never told the real truth of why or how these increased rates were happening and what our hard earned money was being spent on. It is very easy for these utility companies to cheat the public of their hard earned money and contiuue to rob our hard working people including senior citizens of their small bank accounts, food pantries, and medicine cabinets. WPL has not ever showed a concern of the many people whom have suffered and even died because of their greed and ignorance. WPL buys land on our money and gives it away to prospects whom pay Big utility prices and are big favorites of the utility company because we the people have paid for that land by being overcharged for our utility usage. Our utility charges were to pay for expenitures to keep the maintainence on the system to keep us in service for our daily needs. We the public were not supposed to be liable for anything else, but as time progressed, WPL took it upon themselves to tell lies to the psc and utility charges were raised and WPL bought many optional things that I could fill a two mile long list that WPL has not been authorized to use our utility money for, and the majority of us citizens never new what was happening because it was all happening behind our backs. If the psc would have confered with JON ATHENS, an official of the FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, he would tell you that WPL/ALLIANT was operating without a permit for many months of which is required for any utility company to operate its facility. some years ago WPL changed its name to ALLIANT and the real question is (WHY AFTER ALL THESE YEARS) ?? But WPL is still the owner and their name lies on all correspondences. They tell us Alliant is a subsidy of WPL. WHY ?? Did anyone know what went on here ?? This was all kept hush hush.

This company WPL has profited dearly from our high utility charges. They have bought land, put unnecessary ADS ON TV, and

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sponsored many other activities from our high utility charges. WPL HAS CHEATED US LONG ENOUGH, and its about time they are put down. We were happy in 2008 when our commission woke up to the fact of what WPL/ALLIANT was trying to do when trying to win over the cassville expansion operation. We were very enthused with the decision our psc, the Commission and Judge marion made when they finally looked deep into this mess and stepped hard on certain toes. We are americans, We are GODS people We are not the devils keeper and we need to get these mophias out of our world.

MR. DAVIS was in charge of operations of all WPL/ALLIANT for many years, but when a psc attorney asked him many questions on figures and operations, MR DAVIS'S ANSWERS WERE, (I DON'T KNOW), AND THE PSC ATTORNEY THEN SAID, (MR. DAVIS, I CAN NOT BELIEVE A MAN IN YOUR POSITION DOES NOT KNOW ANYTHING !!). MR. DAVIS RETIRED THE FOLLOWING MONTH AND TOOK WITH HIM A $ 3000.000.00 PER YEAR PAY CHECK. THIS MONEY IS COMING FROM OUR HARD EARNED MONEY DUE TO OUR UTILITY RATES BEING RAISED, and if us citizens do not pay these utility charges, we all stand the chance of them foreclosing on our property. Senior citizens plus many other citizens cannot afford their medicine and many cannot afford to put food in their mouths, and these utility companies are using us citizens to make their profits. A few years ago MR. DAVIS split the WPL stocks. He sold the best half to china, and he pulled a dirty and left our citizens with the worst half. Look where WPL stocks are today. There is so much wrong in this picture and citizens are confused of what is happening. They know that they do not have enough money to pay their bills, but yet they owe for the bills coming in their mail. Our citizens have been used, abused, stole from, lied to, and many have even lost their assets because of this terrible companys cooked operations. When our PSC Commission let this utility company into our area in pacific township, columbia county some years back, it was a good gesture to fullfill the communities utility needs and money was not the big factor at that time, but as time progressed and the money became an issue from the public utilities which began to look good and the greediness began to take the place of human relations and those greedy hands got more and more into our pockets and these utilitie companies began asking for more and more increases of the utility charges to the public. Then as this easy money became more plentiful to those companies, they started buying land, buying ads on tv, and buying extentions to their companys in china, mexico, and many other places where we need not be, but our citizens money is carrying that load, and it has gotton to the point of citizen destruction and today this has caused a near world collapse. Our ecomony is in deep jeopardy and our governments have let the ecomony over ride itself and this has brought us into a great dilemma of which could turn this economy into a great downfall and we could see the greatest revolution since god made earth. People are living today in a luxurious world and there will be a great tragedy if the economy causes people to lose what they are used to living with today, especially our children of which are not used to loosing these

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luxurious things in life. NO IN THIS WORLD WILL BE PREPARED FOR SUCH A TURNAROUND IN OUR LIFESTYLE. Some people are optimistic of our occonomys out come. This is fine if they have a definite and secured plan with guaranteed assurance of survival, but with the problems that are erupting in our world today, tells me we on our way to a downfall that no one will be expecting. That no one is preparing for, and unexpected things will start to happen in several unusual ways. This is all starting to come down to the wire that I have forseen coming some years back because of the mophias that have gotton greedy and took money that did not belong to them. We need to take a lesson.

I predicted twenty five years ago that the worlds economy would slowly falter and money would be the big problem and we would be headed for a great revolution. The 1929 depression was nothing like it will be in our future if this happens.

I have had my gas and electric meters on my building for twenty five years. they have never been checked, but I get a $22.00 charge every month for the usage of these meters. I feel I have paid for these meters hundreds of times of which WPL used to meter their own product into our home. They not only overcharged us for these meters, but they also robbed us on the use of utilitiies. WPL produced smoke from their stacks that caused many peoples health problems and I, myself nearly died ob december 12, 2005 because of a bacterial infection caused from the sulfer and mercury in the coal smoke that comes from their stacks, especially when they illegally turn off the resonators that catch this smoke before it goes into the air that god made for us to breathe. Our complaints to this company were ignored and many people suffered because our psc was not acting on these problems at that time beause I do not believe our psc was aware of this serious problem at that time, but now they are finally taking serious actions to protect us citizens.

WPL has many acres of cooling pond on its property. The large pipes that carry the steam from the regulator for the turning of the electric generator, these pipes are continued and run through the many acres of pond to be cooled off to turn the steam into water and begin the process all over again through the hot coal fired furnace, heating the smaller pipes to well over 2000 degrees to produce steam which goes to the regulator to turn the generator and back to the coolong pond. These pipes in this pond had not been checked, repaired or replaced for many years and pit holes began accumulating in these pipes. As these pipes went through the pond, mercury and sulfur was leaking into the cooling pond where WPL had planted fish where people could fish. Dead fish began to surface on top of the cooling pond water because of the toxin chemicals in the coal. People were allowed to fish and eat these fish. WPL knew this was a happening and did nothing to stop it or even repair it.

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Because WPL/ALLIANT had accumulated the franchise in this columbia county area, they took it upon themselves to feel they were in the lead and they could do anything they wanted to do, until 2008 when our psc caught on to what they were doing when the cassville operation was to take place. At this time the hearing began to come alive and things began to develop. The people from the clean air wisconsin organization stepped into the picture and appeared at the hearings. I had personally appeared at these hearings and presented eighty pictured of WPL illegal smoke stack clouds all hours of days and nights. Plus I presented forty pictures of damage done to my buildings from the mercury and sulfur that came from the WPL stacks and demolished the paint on my buildings and tracked in on our carpets. Plus pictures of many of our neighbors in a one mile square area that showed the filthy coal dirt on their home and garage sidings and roofs and garage doors and buildings.

WPL/ALLIANT HAS DONE A LOT OF DAMAGE AND THEIR DAMAGE HAS CAUSED PEOPLE TO MOVE OUT OF OUR AREA AND TOURISTS WOULD COMPLAIN ABOUT OUR AIR AND WE LOST BUSINESS BECAUSE OF THIS.

WPL/ALLIANT SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF EVEN ASKING FOR MORE UTILITY INCREASES, after they know what they have done to our citizens. We have suffered enough all these years and we have lost most of our assets and much of our lives because of WPLS greedyness and the foolish spending of our money. We need mr.Davis to give back the big money he took from our citizens so we can live now before our time is up.

We cannot survive with WPL/ALLIANT any longer. We cannot trust their word any longer. We feel that for years there has been favortism being used as collateral to produce attention for their excutive unnecessary wants. We have experienced that at the PSC hearings in most evory case including the hearing at portage, wisconsin on Febuary of 2008 that WPL/ALLIANT had their executives along with the town of cassville executives pulling together to impress the public servie commission of the great necessity it was for WPL to build that cassville plant. The president of the cassville chamber of commerice was on the radio the following week and told the public that cassville did not need that plant built, that there were plenty of jobs in cassville and she did not know where that talk come from, Well mr. president the talk came from WPL/ALLIANT and the leaders in Cassville because Cassville wanted to expand their town, and WPL/ALLIANT had dollar signs in their eyes. During the meantime our citizens only visualized their bank accounts diminishing because WPL had put in the wisconsin state journal and the portage daily register that WPL utility users better become aware that WPL/ALLIANT were going to raise utility rates (forty per cent). This would have put my own business up to $ 36,000.00 per year when we are already paying that great sum to WPL and with the economy being where it is today, our business has gone to nothing. There will be a great war if WPL attacks any further because we are fed up with their dirty actions.

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WPL had no right to announce these increases to the public without the written authorization of the PSC. The psc had not even discussed these raises with WPL. This was a dirty and scary move to the public. This was not even a legal announcment.

WE, US CITIZENS ARE HAPPY THAT OUR PSC COMMISSION IS NOW INVESTIGATING THE COMPLETE SYSTEMS AND OPERATIONS OF THE WPL/ALLIANT APPLICANT, AS WE FEEL INJUSTICE HAS BEEN DONE FOR MANY YEARS AND THIS COMPANY IS ONE OF THE REASONS OUR UNITED STATES ECONOMY HAS LOST ITS GROUND. We want our america back. Us citizens need to be able to trust again. We need our psc to strongly tighten the ropes on these groups or companies, that no more of these things will happen, but we do not want WPL/ALLIANT to have any more chances. Its time WPL/ALLIANT pay us back the money they have taken from us and spent so foolishly so we can live again.

If the psc offers WPL/ALLIANT any part of an increase in utilities, it will delete our trust and faith with the people our state has hired to protect us from these kind of people, and a war will be evitable within our american citizens. I speak the truth as I feel and see this coming. We are at the beginning of a foreclosure on the luxuries in life that our citizens have become used to because so much has been taken away from us that we can't even call this america any longer, even though there it is better here than elsewhere in the world, we were promised america was our home and the land of the free, but america is loosing ground and our freedom will soon be gone the way these operations are taken it from us.

WE CANNOT SURVIVE ANY MORE UNSECURED CHANCES.
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WE CANNOT SURVIVE ANY MORE SCANDALS & DISHONESTY.
WE CANNOT SURVIVE ANY MORE UNEDUCATED LEADERSHIP.
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Dear Mr. Callisto and Commission Staff,

On June 25, 2009 you sent a letter to many citizens and Wisconsin Power and Light (WP&L) users "stamp dated", identifying that on may 8, 2009, (WP&L) filed an application with the PSC for authority to increase its Electric Rates BY $85.5 Million (9.17 percent) and its Natural Gas Rates by $6.2 Million (2.57 percent) The commission's approval for these rates is being sought pursuant to stat. 196.20 (2m) and 196.37., that our request was to respond within fourteen days. I responded to your request on Monday, July 06, 2009 by faxing my six page letter to docket coordinator, "Mary Mciiwee" at 608-266-3957 of which mary had immediately entered all six pages onto your psc website. This was very appreciative and I thank her for doing so. I do not know if your commission had read that letter, as I had explained many things that citizens held against WPL/ALLIANT, AND I did need the complete commission to read that letter so you would have had a better understanding of what my and our wisconsin citizens have complaints about WPL/ALLIANT. If you have not read my letter, I suggest you make a copy of that letter dated mon-July 06, 2009 of which was in answer to your June 25th letter with your PSC STAMPED date on it with REF#: 116376. I needed your entire commission to read it.

That letter will give you a better understanding of my and other citizens understanding of our disputes with WPL and their requests for electric and gas rate increases of which they have had several times in the last three years.

After your commission had ASKED THAT ANY OF OUR CITIZENS WANTED TO BECOME PARTY TO, OR TO HAVE AN IMPUT AT THIS PREHEARING, and if anyone else that wanted to become a party to, should file a request pursuant to Wis. Stat. 227.44 and Wis. Admin. code psc 2.21 within fourteen days of your June 25th letter on approval or disapproval of WPLs request for rate increases docket # 6680-ur-117. This fourteen day deadline was to fall on July 09, 2009. I called docket coordinator, MARY MCIIWEE on monday, July 06, 2009 and told her I had a doctor appointment that day and the prehearing and my doctor appt were clashing, but if it need be that I would cancel my doctor appt because I needed to be a party of that prehearing and also the hearing on october 07, 2009. Mary told me that no I didn't have to be there, that The most important hearing for me to be at was the one for docket # 6680-ur-117 on October 7, 2009. That I would be notified, that there would be no decisions made at the July 07th prehearing, that there would be only discussions between the PSC and WPL.

There were many Citizens whom wrote to your document website with their rebuttals (against) the WPL Rate Request.

I was one of those citizens of whom Replyed to Your JUNE 25, 2009 letter as per my Conversation above. Your commission was to have a prehearing on tuesday, July 07, 2009, and the publics hearing involving WPL and their rate increases with the public being a party to have their imputs heard and recordered, and the issues to be heard concerning the matters as written on page (2) of the June 25th, 09 letter with the commissions proposed issues as in column (1) lettered a, b, c in docket # 6680-UR-117 with a class (1) proceeding.

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On Friday-July 10th, 2009, the Wisconsin State Journal newspaper had written an article (ENCLOSED), showing wind turbines in full bloom simular to the ones to be installed in minnesota, but yet passing the cost onto Wisconsin utility users of $ 500 million dollars. I was told that no decisions were to be made at the July 07th prehearing but evidently there was a decision made for WPL/ALLIANT to begin building those wind turbines in minnesota after that states approval. Us citizens were disappointed to see this article as per the big hassel and termoil our citizens went through and all the time we spent on hearings and arguments during the cassville situation, and all the letter writting and all the devastating anxiety we had to go through. I believe in febuary of 2008 when WPL had pulled many of their excutives from all over the country to testify of which turned out to be their amunition toward us in front of PSC Judge marion (WHOM HAS SINCE RETIRED IN 2009) held at the VFW hall in portage, Wisconsin. After all our testimonys, your Commission denied WPL the right to take on any further operations or the building of further utilities because they found WPL had been lying to your commission and us citizens. I am writting this letter to our PSC COMMISSION in fear of our present and our future. I am very knowledgeable of what Is going on in our states, cities, towns, villages. I have have been the chairman of the columbia county citizens committee since 1989. I was swore into office at the columbia county sheriffs board room in 1989 by our assemblyman Mr. Robert Thompson. I have attended the majority of your PSC meetings and hearings in regard to my position. I have kept up with and followed the happenings mainly in our countys of Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Sauk, and Marquette. I have attended all the summit meetings put on by Kathy Haas of the U/W Extension at the anex building in portage, wisconsin, of whom joined together with Debra Wopat, Chair of the Columbia County Board Of Supervisors.

These years of 2008 and 2009 have been very trying years for the state of wisconsin as we all have experienced a more than average downfall in our cities, towns, villages and in our county of columbia. Surviving businesses suffer with operational expenses and residents which are loosing ground in trying to survive because our Economy has taken a toll downward which proves america is loosing ground fast. Most leaders do not want to admit or believe these downfalls are beginning to hurt our human forces, and if they are not put under control we could see the beginning of a dangerous point in our economy. As I told our Columbia County Common Counsel

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that they had better prepare for the great fall before it hits them head on. If the economy would better it will we will not have much to loose. although if it worsens, it could become disaster over night just as it did during the great depression in 1929 when the banks closed their doors and people lost all their money and grit was issued in paper form to verify that the government owed you only ten per cent of the money you lost in that depression and to be paid only when the gov't got back on its feet of which it was 1929 to 1944 when the economy started to turn around again. It was approximently sixteen years before that grit was paid 10% back to the people whom lost their money. At that time many of those people had died and the gov't kept that money because there was no one to pay it to. It has gotton to the point that we need to trust our leaders, and if we cannot trust them, we have lost america. We have always believed that our PSC has been working for our american citizens defense. It has been a tough position to be in, but with our economy at its lowest since that depression sixty five years ago, we do not know what people are going to do with no income, loss of their homes, no healthcare, and the job status is nearly depleated. Our Economy is failing I am sorry to say, and I feel we may end up in a serious revolution if this crisis continues. Us citizens cannot take anymore abuse. We cannot take anymore. We have been hit with more than four times our share of taxes, and again all of you want to keep piling the burden on us Citizens when there are no decent jobs to help people survive. Many have lost their homes, and many are on the verge of loosing their homes and still owe big bills, and people are having their hard earned assets depleted because of these companies like WPL whom have gotton away with dirtying up our world and cheating on the system with no care of our citizens getting burn't so bad that they don't feel life is any longer of value. Families are fighting and many domestics are already surfacing. The police have their hands full of disturbances all night long. Social Servics are over loaded with domestic cases. Hope and cesa organizations are asking for help because of child and adult abuse cases, of which the funding for these places has dropped to zero. Churches and Salvation Army do not have the funds anylonger to help homeless people survive. Food pantries are struggling, and the senior citizen meals have nearly come to a standstill because of no funds. All facilities in our Countys,
Cities, Towns, and Villages complain they are in FINIANCIAL trouble and our Schools are also complaining. Many grocery shelfs are becoming empty because of costly inventory and if stores do get inventory shipped in, the products are one half the size for the same money.

Citizens are at their limit and are at a nervous standstill. People are becoming scared and we feel the beginning has just begun where we will see more and more destruction developing in our state before the end of this year. With the many big companys that have survived in our U.S.A. for 50, 60, and 100 years or more, have now closed their doors or have moved out of our state and many have moved out of our country within the last year because of no funds to operate, and other countries are much cheaper for them to operate.

America is going down and soon other countries will own America.

Much of our downfall was because of poor management, but then again our downed economy points to our leaders taking our money and doing what they want with it and also by putting demands on each of our individual citizens. The g[illegible] has caused the devil to survive and good citizens are feeling the pain.

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Us Citizens are very DISAPPOINTED in our leadership of this country of america, and our problems started in america started way before our present president began thinking about the turmoil he was about to get himself into, that people in america knew ~~that~~ what they were doing to aggravate this economy but they wanted the luxury of the world but didn't realize that the wants they desired would someday take us all down. Now that our over spending and not letting go of the thrills and ego trips americans are so used to is coming to that real danger point. We could all see these tough times were coming because of the way our american minds have ignored the warning god gave us and wrote it on stone that money is the roots of all evil and the coment god wrote into the bible that man will destroy himself. Americans do the damage, but when they get in trouble they expect a new born president to put the fire that someone else has started to be put out overnight. It is sad that americans have so much ignorance and cause so many heartaches for its own people of which they are a part of. For many past years and right up to today our leaders have not looked at what our country needed to survive, but their thoughts have been on the money they put in their pockets and the badges they put on their shirt with their name on it. Then they will not admit it. Luxury has taken the place of gods love and human relation and man has become so accustomed to their own luxury wants, that they have forgotten that man and women were put on this earth by our god for a reason. To be human and a part of each other. I am sorry to say that much of this bad economy has been caused by the greed of people in their own way, but they were taught those ways as our superiors became more and more luxurious and greed became more of a desire until man has used everything up and now we have nothing much to look forward to. I feel money will no longer save us. You seen what the stimulas money did for our economy. It was either stolen, or it was given to the wrong people, and its gone. We are GOING TO HAVE A ROUGH ROAD AHEAD for many years until people come to their senses and work together and the mophia has to go. "Face The Nation" on channel 15 (NBC) Sat-7-18-2009 Was a very critical program with real and live people on it who's comments proved to be thoughts of our economizes situation just like I have mentioned above, and the reason our County is Falling Apart. This again is many experts opinions of our Countrys Situation.

Getting back to our problem with WPL, our citizens cannot survive any more increases in utility rates. Our citizens can not even afford the utility rates they are paying now because WPL through out the years have driven the utility rates up to the point of nonsurvival for many citizens. The problem is that citizens do not know where to go with their complaints. When they went to WPL

with their complaints wpl either ignored a citizens complaint or they were told the cost of the product has risen and they can not do anything about it, but yet WPL can buy and give land away, run unnecessary tv ads, pay people like Mr. Davis $3000,000.00 per year for not being able to ever answer Questions and at the hearings and now since his retirement, Wpl gives Mr. Davis that same $ 3000,000.00 retirement money. This money could have helped many people survive. This money has to come from from somewhere and it all points to us taxpayers and we are tired of suffering because there is FAVORTISM IN THE MAFIA.

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I personally have suffered quite some disasterious times, expense and anxiety because of WPL/ALLIANT. Last year I had taken my precious time and money to send you eighty pictures of the damage WPL/ALLIANT was doing to my property, along with a thirty two page letter I had written to your commission of which only the first thirteen pages were given to you because you had told us at the portage, wisconsin hearing that the cassville hearing would be at your whitney way address in December of 2008. Then the state journal announced that the hearing would be moved up to NOVEMBER, Just two days before the hearing of which gave us citizens no time to complete our reports to you. I called your secretary and docket coordinator only to be told that the psc had the right to make that decision within twenty four hours. I told your coordinator that we were never notified and I wondered if the PSC was working for us citizens or the mafia, that this was a Ridiculous and unfair move the commission did to us. I was then told to drive to madison to THE PSC OFFICE AND HEARING ROOM building at 610 WHITNEY WAY RIGHT AWAY and get my pictures and letter material into them before the hearing began at 10.30 the following morning. It was almost as though our citizens comments were being ignored. I did feel that the PSC had turned its back on us citizens at that time. Then, after I had received the final report of the commission rejecting WPL/ALLIANT energies from building a new facility in cassville because of WPL lying to PSC Commission and each time a conference or a hearing was scheduled, WPL/ALIANT had increased their charges several million dollars within a three year period we felt more comfortable that the PSC was right on track with their punishment to WPL/ALLIANT. Pictures I had taken of which were showed to the PSC were of coal with mercury and sulfer in it that floated through the air we breathe from their chimney stacks and landed on and ate the paint off our buildings, vehicles and other propertys, roofs, and driveways and tracked this coal dust into our homes and onto our carpets. Pictures I had personally taken of the black smoke coming out of the smoke stacks of the WPL/ALLIANT power plant at different hours of each day, showed that WPL would turn off their resonators at approximently three a.m. when people were sleeping so no one noticed that these electrically activated resonators were shut off in order to save some dollars but didn't care how much damage was being done to the people breathing this junk into their lungs that gods air was given to us to breath and not to contaminate. There was a reason the law made these power plants install resonators in these coal powered power plant smoke stacks to keep that black and filthy

smoke from entering the air or the atmosphere, even though these resonators did not keep our air clean clean, and people were still breathing this filthy coal dust into their lungs and causing long term illnesses that ended up in long term lung and throat desease. I have since taken several pictures of many of my neighbors homes, garages, padios, and driveways. This is very devastating Knowing that us citizens are being forced to pay for the things that are killig us and destroying our hard earned property assets. It IS a worthless liFE for people whom cannot be happy because nothing is being done about those that care less about their fellow citizens welfare, and wish to look away when compaints are presented because the evil side of money has taken over their ego's, but when a none curable desease has hit their side of the fence it will be a different time to cry.

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Mr. Callisto, us citizens are fed up with WPL and the future of our our slavery. We cannot bear to continue taking the wrap for the leaders whom become friends with the dirty people. We cannot continue to be pressured or kicked around any longer. This has got to stop or there will be a citizens war breaking out because citizens cannot hang on any longer. We need those companies like WPL/ALIANT To give us back what they have stole from us. We do not need for you to keep giving them their way or soon an outbreak will begin. You can see what and how citizens are complaining about what WPL has done to us citizens and the severe cost of their raises you have let them have at our expense and WPL has not covered the cost of any damage they have done to us, and many people not only have lost their homes and paid through their teeth because when the citys and the county has to pay those high increases of which are passed back to us tax payers to pay those taxes also. It is comming to a very serious situation between the leeders and the poor, and if our leaders haven't seen this failing economy by now and the people whom are struggling to survive, then they don't want to see what is happening and then the war is on against the mophia in America.

We need our PSC to stand by our citizens side and help us to lay down some very stiff penelties to these companies whom have gotton away with so much dirty work in all the years our citizens have been living in nightmares with these companies using and abusing us and we need our PSC to stick by our side and punish this and other companies that knowingly do this damage, then with their smart attorneys and collage pro's try to underdog the simple minded and honest people who are standing with a leash along the tax line wondering where it is all going to end. We are supposed to be americans, people who are human and being able to put a smile on our faces, not to be sad faced robots that ingnore those feelings of the mafia whom are turning america into a terrorist factory of which we are seeing and feeling more of every morning we wake up.

We need WPL/ALLIANT to suffer the consequences of their own downfall and make them pay for the service they had promised to provide. The majority of us citizens are for energy saving divices but we do not trust or believe WPL any more. WPL used to be a good company the first few years when they were given the franchise some

years back, but through the years we experienced WPL got more greedy and they started doing things they were not supposed to do and overriding their authority. So many bad things have surfaced in the last years that WPL has not been caught at and have not been reprimanded for and our PSC has done nothing because they were hi from them. Even Jon Athens our government official had to get involved because of people complaing of WPLS dirty work they were hiding. Why do you think WPL had to name a SUBSIDY CALLED ALLIANT ??

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There is a very long list about WPL/ALLIANT that our PSC AND OUR OTHER EXCUTIVES have not been updated on about this company, and if they did find out just some of these truths, there would be a front line firing explosion and WPL WOULD BE NO LONGER.

We are all for the wind turbines but we citizens cannot pay for them because we have been sucked dry. And no matter how hard we try to catch up, there is someone, somewhere that removes the cover and throws more juice at us to swallow. Take a portion of MR. DAVIS'S $ 3000.000.00 away from him and some of the other retired WPL executives that got big pay that we had to pay for and use that money to build their wind generators. Better yet, why doesn't our PSC COMMISSION take the rights and franchise away from WPL TO produce our energy and give that franchise to a company that is honest to us americans.

We do not want WPL in this picture any longer. We want them to pay us back for the damage they have done to our health and our property. We need the PSC to understand where us citizens are coming from and we need something done about it before there is no america left. You have asked for our help and your websight is loaded full of coments from citizens whom are hurting. Time is running short and america is going downhill fast but it will be so much different then the war was in 1929 through 1941 as I forsee our economy deteriorating and a long lasting revolution. Some people try to believe in the optimistic, but all sources lead to the great downfall and many people in this world will suffer because many are used to the present day luxury and are not used to being prepared for the worst of anything, especially the children of whom have been given todays luxuries and try now to take them away. Take a look at each situation of which most problems started twenty five years ago or longer, but we were warned but no one listened. Now its here and everyone is in a turmoil wondering where to go and how to straighten this mess out, but they couldn't do it then, or didn't want to listen then so I do not believe anyone will listen now. It will be a hard lesson to learn and it is going to burn many citizens. !!

If our Public Service Commission does not honor us, work with us, and help us american citizens fight against these MafIA Companies and Groups We Citizens might just as well kiss this country goodbye. It has gotton so bad that a person can not even walk up to a residence front door because people become paranoid and afraid someone is going to do something to them so they call the police, and I don't blame them because this has turned into a takers

world and they don't care about you or me the same as our leaders have shown us to be their Robots, but the world will die when the traffic stops then its all over and what did we gain ??

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Best Regards From

Ray W. Voss
chair: col co. citizens comm
P.O. Box 402
Portage, Wisc. 53901
PH: 608-742--6365

Ray W. Voss

Enclosure

cc: The Wisconsin State Journal insert showing a picture of turbines that that the commission has allowed WPL/ALLIANT to proceed with a like production of its kind. CITIZENS ARE VERY DISAPPOINTED THAT THE COMMISSION HAS GIVEN THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WPL/ALLIANT after so much damage was done to its customers and so many lies were told by WPL during the cassville hearings.
I NEEDED TO BE AT THAT PRE HEARING ON TUESDAY JULY 07, 2009, BUT I WAS TOLD BY THE DOCKET COORDINATOR THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY:

DATE MAILED
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BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

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Wsitness: Ray Voss

Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company for Authority to Adjust Electric and Natural Gas Rates

6680-UR-117

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING AND PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Prehearing Conference Date:	**Tuesday, July 7, 2009 – 1:30 p.m.**
Conference Location: This docket uses the Electronic Regulatory Filing system (ERF).	**Amnicon Falls Hearing Room – 1st Floor, Public Service Commission 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING regarding Wisconsin Power and Light Company's (WP&L) application dated May 8, 2009, for authority to increase its Wisconsin retail electric rates by $85.5 million (9.17 percent) and its natural gas rates by $6.2 million (2.57 percent). The Commission's approval for these rate increases is being sought pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 196.20(2m) and 196.37.

At present, the only party in this case is the applicant. Anyone else wanting to become a party should file a request pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.21 no later than 14 days from the date of this notice. The request should be addressed to the Administrative Law Judge, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854. At the time of filing, a copy of the request must be served on the applicant, which may respond to the request within five days. A person does not have to be a party to testify at the hearing.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will hold a prehearing conference on Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, and continuing at times to be set by the presiding Administrative Law Judge. This 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. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

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 which 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.

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The prehearing conference is being held to: (1) identify persons who will actively participate as parties; (2) identify issues; (3) determine the date and time for a hearing; (4) specify dates for filing testimony and exhibits; and (5) any other matters that will facilitate the hearing.

By July 3, 2009, the applicant, intervenors, and Commission staff shall share with each other a proposed schedule and to the extent possible either come to an agreement, or be prepared to discuss any disagreement, with respect to these matters.

The proposed issue in this proceeding is:

1. Should the Commission grant in whole or in part the applicant's request for electric and natural gas rate increases, and if so, under what terms and conditions?
   a. What is the applicant's revenue requirement for electric, natural gas, and steam service?
   b. What is the cost of service as related to each customer class?
   c. What is the appropriate rate design, including service rules, for each customer class?

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

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.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Mary McIlwee at (608) 267-7915.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, June 25, 2009

By the Commission:

Sandra J. Paske

Sandra J. Paske
Secretary to the Commission

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Wisc State Journal
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WPL wind farm clears first of two hurdles

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Associated Press

Wisconsin Power & Light Co. has received permission from state regulators to build a wind farm, similar to this one in Wisco, Ore., just north of Albert Lea, Minn. Minnesota regulators still must approve the project.

[illegible] Wisconsin [illegible] building [illegible] Minnesota, [illegible] Wisconsin ratepayers [illegible] millions of dollars in construction costs.

Wisconsin Power & Light Co. wants to build scores of turbines on [illegible] square miles [illegible] project is [illegible] million.

The utility hopes to recover the costs through a $91.7 million electric and natural gas rate increase that it wants to impose next year that breaks down to [illegible] per month for electricity and [illegible] more per month for gas for a typical residential customer. About a third of that increase would go [illegible] wind farm.

The Wisconsin Public Service Commission has jurisdiction over the project because it would affect Wisconsin customers. The commission voted [illegible] during a hearing to approve the first phase.

Commission chairman Eric [illegible] project makes economic [illegible] will help meet requirements in Wisconsin law that [illegible] cent of the state's energy [illegible] renewable sources by [illegible] requirements call for Alliant [illegible] WPL's parent company, [illegible] cent of its energy [illegible]

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October 7, 2009
Docket #6680-UR-117
Public Hearing/Written Comments
Comments of ERCO Worldwide (USA) Inc.

My name is Geoff Bertin and I am respectfully submitting these comments on behalf of ERCO Worldwide (USA) Inc. I am the plant manager for ERCO's Port Edwards facility and I have over 30 years of service with the company. The purpose of my testimony is to discuss ERCO's concern with the disproportionately large percentage increases proposed by the PSC staff for industrial ratepayers and the negative impact on our company and Wisconsin's economy. I urge the Commission to set policy in this rate case proceeding that will be effective in sending a positive signal for business retention in Alliant's service area.

A. ERCO as an Employer and Its Product Importance to Industry

ERCO has 8 manufacturing facilities in North and South America. ERCO's Port Edwards facility has been in operation since 1967 and employs 96 full-time positions and 4 contract personnel. ERCO's Port Edwards facility produces over 100,000 Equivalent Chemical Units (tons) of Chlorine, Caustic Soda and Caustic Potash. ERCO converts a portion of their Chlorine product to produce Hydrochloric Acid. The Port Edwards facility supplies Chlorine and Caustic Soda to several mid-western states, and over 40% of the Caustic Soda is sold to forest industry customers in the state of Wisconsin. Over 20% of all facility production is sold to customers in Wisconsin. ERCO products are used in pulp & paper, agricultural, plastics, water purification, airport runway de-icing, detergents, soaps, ore reduction, steel pickling and metal cleaning industries.

B. Importance of Competitive Electricity Costs

Our Port Edwards facility consumes over 30 MW of electricity and is one of Alliant's largest customers. We use Alliant's electric system very efficiently as our facility's load profile is very flat with a load factor of over 90%. Electricity is essentially treated as a raw material – Energy accounts for about 60% our Chlorine/Caustic variable costs. In addition, since ERCO operates in a very competitive environment, it has very limited ability to pass-through rising electricity costs to its customers. Every little change in electricity costs has a direct impact on the company's financial health.

In order to manage our electricity costs on the demand side, we provide instantaneous interruptible service to Alliant and have implemented several energy efficiency initiatives. Despite such efforts, ERCO's Wisconsin facility has the highest energy cost in equivalent currency of all eight of ERCO's production facilities in operation today. Wisconsin rates are 6% higher than the second highest ERCO facility. WPL's electric rates are becoming increasing higher versus our competitors regionally and globally. Higher rates are creating a disadvantage for ERCO in the marketplace and against our own sister facilities.

In August of 2007, ERCO's parent company announced a $130 million conversion project for the Port Edwards facility. This project moves the facility away from mercury based technology to a more efficient and environmentally friendly membrane based technology. The conversion project is currently nearing completion. ***If this project in Wisconsin were brought before our board of directors today, it would not have received approval.*** Market conditions in our industry have been significantly impacted by the downturn in the economy and the economics of this project have shifted. In order to compete internally with our sister plants for future capital expenditures, this facility must remain competitive and must continually strive to lower operating cost through improved efficiencies and competitively priced raw materials.

C. ERCO strongly opposes PSCW staff's proposal to disproportionately increase rates for the CP-2 rate class, which will further exacerbate demand destruction in Alliant's service area

Especially given the current status of the economy, the downturn in our industry as well as the significant amount of load loss in Alliant's territory, ERCO strongly objects to the testimony of PSC staff witness Jerry Albrecht with respect to revenue allocation. Witness Albrecht proposes a "share the pain" approach in which all customer class increases are within a .4% range. This approach is problematic as it inappropriately and unfairly apportions costs to the detriment of Cp-2 customers and provides greater rationale for further industrial load loss. Witness Albrecht's proposed increase of 7.93% for Cp-2 customers is nearly double the recommended 4.2% proposed increase of WPL's witness Brian Pennington. If Mr. Albrecht's recommended increases are adopted, ERCO's costs will be more than one half a million dollars more than its costs would be should WPL's proposed increase be adopted—and that on an annual basis.

Accepting the Staff's revenue allocation recommendations will potentially result in disastrous consequences, as it will further encourage industry to relocate or expand elsewhere. Wisconsin is the number one state per capita for manufacturing employment. It should be noted that the utility has been devastated by demand destruction with unemployment reaching double digits throughout much of WPL's service territory. PSC Staff's attempt to "share the pain" could lead to job losses at our facility and factories all around Wisconsin. This in turn harms all WPL ratepayers as we are in danger of triggering a "death spiral" of higher electric rates and even greater demand destruction.

D. ERCO urges the Commission to set effective policy (a) for proposed increases related to demand destruction that sends the right signals to Wisconsin industry and (b) that positively reinforces energy efficiency efforts

In this rate case, the PSCW Commission needs to establish an effective policy for addressing demand destruction other than simply raising electric rates. WPL must become more efficient and manage costs. For example, ERCO does not raise rates just because demand for its product goes down. If it did, competitive pressures would drive it out of business. Companies like ERCO strive to become even more efficient in order to lower its operating costs.

Costs for local Chlor-Alkali consumers will rise if ERCO's Wisconsin plant is no longer in operation because delivery costs to the customer are freight equalized to the closest production facility.

The PSCW Commission needs to promote policies that support companies like ERCO, who are investing in new technology to manage costs and doing the right thing by aggressively implementing energy efficiency initiatives. Raising rates for demand destruction and for implementing energy efficiency efforts, as well as unfairly allocating costs to the most efficient energy consumers does not help retain good-paying manufacturing jobs.

ERCO is a good corporate citizen in Wisconsin. ***Our $130 million capital investment in clean technologies eliminates all of our mercury emissions at Port Edwards, and removes one quarter of Wisconsin's total annual mercury emissions.*** Our company pays roughly $1.15 million annually in state taxes. Further, ERCO has an outstanding record of charitable contributions. Our employees volunteer directly in community organizations throughout Wood County. The Port Edwards facility is the highest per capita supporter of South Wood County's United Way, with up to 95% employee involvement. ERCO will remain a strong corporate citizen in Wisconsin, but we need supportive regulatory decisions that are designed to foster a more competitive business climate.

In conclusion, ERCO strongly recommends that the Commission reject PSC Staff Witness Mr.Albrecht's proposed revenue allocation and rate design. ERCO supports the testimony presented by WIEG witness Stephen Baron on this most critical issue.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/

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Geoff Bertin
Plant Manager
Port Edwards Facility
ERCO Worldwide (USA) Inc.

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Date: October 7, 2009

Representing

☒ Self ○ Employer ○ Organization

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City, State, Zip: Janesville WI

E-Mail Address

Telephone Number

Do you wish to testify?

○ Yes ○ No ☒ Undecided

Signature: Richard K. Ott

If you would like to provide written comments instead of oral testimony, please use the remainder of this sheet and other pages if necessary for your written comments. The admission of written comments into the hearing record is subject to parties' objections. Your signature above affirms that your written comments are true and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief.

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Do you wish to testify? ○ Yes ○ No ☒ Undecided

Signature: Dale R Burkett

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IF I DO NOT TESTIFY - I AM IN FAVOR OF THE RATE INCREASE.

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TO The PSC:

Re: Alliant Energies rate increase proposal

I am opposed to the rate increase and will deal with their points one by one

Infrastructure Costs: Any responsible business should be putting monies aside to deal with infrastructure costs. From an Alliant employee - I was told that their management had encouraged saving through the issuance of a bonus program. If managers kept costs down they were awarded cash bonuses – by doing so the employee said they put off doing necessary upgrades and maintainance at the expense of the customer – but it benefitted the managers pocket. I got this information as the result of my calling to complain of the almost weekly power outages at my residence. Often they were long enough just to screw up the digital clocks but that's how I know they were happening. This employee told me the lines had not been upgraded since the flurry of building in my neighborhood. Since my house was built in 1968 and since then dozens if not hundreds of houses have been added – without upgrade it resulted in the blips in service.

Reliability and Infrastructure Costs: Same argument as above.

Environmental Stewardship: I don't care about the issues of the radical left. I am a conservationist not an environmentalist and I am tired of the myth of CO2 driving my electricity prices. Rather than going along to get along Alliant should be opposing the science which is false.

Energy Efficiency: I have to pay for my new doors new windows etc. I am sick and tired of seeing 20 somethings getting government and industry handouts when I pushing 50 have had to EARN everything I have acquired. That's not to say I would accept the hand out – it is to say let people earn their upgrades!

Sincerely

Kip Ertel
N6406 Woodland Road
Sheboygan WI 53083

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Commentor Information:

Name: Steve Books
Address: 211 S. 2nd St.
City: Mount Horeb State:WI Zip:53572
Phone: (608)437-5478

Comment:

Hello:

I would like to ask the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin to ask Alliant Energy, Wisconsin Power and Light Company, how much of the decrease, stated in a percentage, of loss in revenue is due to Demand Side Management performed by rate payers?

Additionally, I would like to ask WP& L how many customers take part in Demand Side Management programs as a "least cost option" required by Wisconsin State Statutes to possibly reduce customers utility bills?

Specifically, I would like to ask WP&L how many customers take part in Time of Use/Time of Day rate plans as a way to save on utililty bills?

If average monthly electricity usage has taken a reduction across the board, then the average monthly electricity usage should be reflected on utility information for both residential and commercial billing. For example, if the average monthly electrical usage shown in company information in the past for residential customers, before 2009, is shown as 700 kWh per month, that figure of 700 kWh is no longer valid and a smaller number for average monthly electrical usage of 350 kWh should be used as the new actual average monthly electrical usage figure. In the commerical sector, the reduction should show a downward trend due to the recession.

If customers have reduced their electrical usage, this should be reflected as a major reason for the loss of revenue for the utility. And since the reduction of electrical usage should also be reflected in a reduction in the use of fuel for generation, this savings should balance without the need for a rate increase. If the utility still operates in a high electrical generation mode no matter how much electricity is actually being used from the grid, customers are paying more for inflated costs. I would advocate for an "efficiency of the grid" figure that would tabulate the efficiency of the electrical grid on a twenty-four hour scale reflecting grid generation to actual electrical consumption as a way to monitor the overall electrical efficiency of the electrical grid.

It looks the the downward trend in electrical usage will continue, so in the short term I suggest that a system be put in place to require utilities to either make reductions in staff, or in employee compensation to make up for the loss of revenue with scrutiny, of course, to ensure reliable electric service, without a rate increase.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steve Books
Mount Horeb, WI

I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Steve Books

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Commentor Information:

Name: Cathy Jacob
Address: 307 Mary St
City: Cambria State:WI Zip:53923

Comment:

I get a notice in my bill every month they want to increase the rates. I don't think the customers should have to pay more to give the shareholders more money. Working people are on a fixed income. No pay increases so No rate increases

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I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Cathy Jacob

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Commentor Information:

Name: TOM KESTERSON
Address: 6017 SOUTH COURT
City: MCFARLAND State:WI Zip:53558

Comment:

ABSOLUTELY NOT! NATURAL GAS SUPPLIES ARE AT AN ALL TIME HIGH AND PRICES ARE LOW.LET THE SHAREHOLDERS TAKE THE HIT LIKE EVERYONE ELSE HAS HAD TO THE LAST 18 MONTHS!

I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
TOM KESTERSON

Albrecht, Jerry PSC

From: Terri Landowski [landowskit@mail.fortschools.org]

Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2009 2:54 PM

To: Albrecht, Jerry PSC

Subject: WPL Seeking Emergency Rate Increase

Attachments: Terri Landowski.vcf

I just read that WPL plans on seeking an emergency rate increase from the commission. I am outraged....Why should they raise our rates to soften the economic blow that has hit all of us? If you are not the correct person to which this opinion should go to, please pass it on to the appropriate person.
Terri Landowski

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

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Commentor Information:

Name: Robert Klabunde
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E-mail: klabunde@rkkj.com
Phone: 262-279-3402

Comment:

With so many people unemployed, requesting rate increases of this size is absolutely unreasonable. I realize they need to report to their stockholders, but they need to do a reality check and make do with substantially less. Lord knows, the rest of the working (or not working) public needs to! Putting this type of a monetary burden on the general public for a necessary utility during the present economic condition is irresponsible, at best.

I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Robert Klabunde

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Commentor Information:

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City: redgranite State:wi Zip:54970
E-mail: dmsmls@localnet.com
Phone: 9205662339

Comment:

Well here we go agsin,Alliant is trying to rip off the poor and working class to fatten their pocket books some more.There happens to be a depression going on,maybe the fat cats don't know and certainly don't care.It's about time the "public service commision" starts to serve the "public" and not the power companies with the overly paid attornyes that plead to screw us even more.I's about time you tell them to "cut back",lay people off,turn down their heat and shut off their a.c.,How about getting rid of the fat attorneys,(maybe they could get a job flippin burgers),how about cutting their wages back,I see no need for charging $125.00 for a service call,stop buying brand new trucks for the employees to ride around in,I see no need to pay some one the high wages to read a meter,eliminate the expensive plants that must cost a bundle to maintain,these are just a few ways power companies can cut back,I'm sure you at P.S.C. can think of more so Alliant can give the consumer a big fat refund which we so deserve.

P.S., They need to cut upper managements pay by 50% and I don't think they are even worth that.Come onP.S.C. stand tall,help the people.

David M. Sattler

I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
david sattler

McIlwee, Mary PSC

From: Bartels, Jodee PSC
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2009 9:49 AM
To: Manke, Ron PSC; McIlwee, Mary PSC
Subject: FW: Alliant Rate Hike! Yikes!

From: Conner, Bob J - DOC [mailto:Bob.Conner@Wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2009 9:25 AM
To: Norcross, Robert PSC; Cullen, Scot PSC; Stemrich, Carol PSC; Fannucchi, William PSC; Zuelsdorff, Kathy PSC; Sheil, Jolene PSC; Bartels, Jodee PSC; Kitsembel, Jeff PSC; Albrecht, Jerry PSC; Bauer, Robert PSC; Erwin, Deborah PSC; Spanjar, Candice PSC; Vandervort, Anne PSC; Swailes, Chris PSC
Subject: Alliant Rate Hike! Yikes!

Hello;
As a citizen and a consumer, I am severely shocked and concerned for the average consumer in this area regarding Alliant's request for an 11% rate hike!
What ever happened to making the people at the top of this organization accountable for their product, service and bottom line?

When the market is going well they pocket the money, when it is not they ask you for a rate hike. Now they want to finally start building for the future and so here is another absurd rate increase request.

I am a state of Wisconsin employee with 8 years of service, and my salary has not increased 11% in total in that 8 years time.
We lost our increase this year and with furloughs this is easily a 5 - 8% pay reduction. So now we are supposed to swallow this rate increase?
When Alliant/Utilities start showing pro-active business results like any business should (I understand some of the market adjustments), but until then have them sell off their artwork if they need the cash to improve or expand.
Please do not ride this on our already over burden backs. Our budget can not take this.

Please do not respond with some 101 political rhetoric, it will just make it more upsetting.

Thank you for listening and I hope you hold them accountable.

Bob Conner - HR Specialist-Sr.
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the person in Charge of the rate increase

I am not in favor of this. it is uncalled for my light bill for my home will go up $17.56 more per month this is uncalled for I am retired and live on a buget. Why do you people always give them the OK to raise rates. let it find ~~goals~~ cuts in your system and WPL system just because big company have left & wise they now want us small people to pay for their big wages and boxes.

John Tuischer Jr

WPL request to change electric and natural gas rates

On May 8, 2009, Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WPL), an Alliant Energy company, applied to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin* (PSC) to change rates in order to recover expected electric and natural gas increases during 2010. If the PSC were to adopt the changes proposed in WPL's application, the impact on current rates would include an overall increase in retail electric rates of 9.2 percent and an overall increase in natural gas service rates of 2.6 percent, both effective January 1, 2010. The PSC may approve different rate levels than those requested; percentage adjustments may vary for individual customers, depending on customer class and usage pattern and the rate levels authorized by the PSC.

If the proposed electric increase was applied to current rates, we estimate that a typical residential electric customer using 600 kilowatt hours of electricity each month would see an increase of about $8.78 on their monthly bill. If the proposed natural gas service rate increase was applied to current rates, we estimate that a typical residential natural gas customer using 60 therms of natural gas each month would see an increase of about $2.40 on their monthly bill.

As part of their review process, the PSC held a pre-hearing conference on July 7, 2009 at their offices in Madison, Wisconsin. Technical and public hearings are slated for October 7, 2009. The technical hearings will be held at the PSC offices in Madison. Public hearings are presently planned in Madison and at one or more other locations in WPL's service territory. In addition, the PSC will likely provide time during the technical hearing for members of the public to testify. To obtain more specific information about the hearing schedule or regulatory process, please call the PSC at 1-800-358-9246. Or, contact them by mail at Alliant-WPL Rate Case, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, 610 N. Whitney Way, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854.

*The PSC is an independent state agency that regulates Wisconsin utilities.

Primary reasons for the electric and gas increase request

The request seeks to recover costs of operating the electric and natural gas utility systems. Among the increased costs are those associated with providing utility service and investments related to maintaining a safe and reliable electric and gas infrastructure, enhancing renewable energy resources, promoting environmental stewardship via environmental control projects and providing additional energy-efficiency initiatives and options for customers. WPL's increased electric costs have been partially offset by recent decreases in electric fuel costs.

Our rate request covers:

- **Infrastructure costs** – We are obligated to serve our customers, maintain the quality of service to them, and stay financially strong to provide for continued and ongoing utility services. Infrastructure costs are the expenses the utility incurs that do not depend on the amount of electricity that flows through our system. Items such as the utility's investment in its power plants, wind farms, meters, transformers, electric services lines and other equipment, assets and services that are necessary to serve each and every customer.
- **Reliability and safety enhancements** – Costs have increased for the infrastructure needed to maintain a reliable and safe electric system. Reliable power is essential to Wisconsin's economic growth and important to our collective quality of life.
- **Environmental stewardship** – We continue to invest in renewable energy sources, like our proposed 200-megawatt Bent Tree Wind Farm project, as well as required environmental control projects that comply with stricter environmental regulations. These projects are helping to reduce our impact on the environment for future Wisconsin generations.
- **Energy efficiency** – We will provide more tools and programs to our customers to help them manage their energy use while supporting important energy conservation efforts. Using energy wisely is in the best interest of our company, our customers, and our environment.

Our commitment to managing costs

We know that rate increases can be a challenge for our customers, so we take our responsibility seriously in managing our costs of doing business. We have taken a series of actions to reduce costs in 2009 and we are committed to continually implementing efficiency measures and cost-saving projects within our company to keep our costs down. We continue to review and update our work and purchasing processes to reduce costs and more efficiently provide utility services. We are also dedicated to adopting and implementing new cost-saving technologies.

What you can do to manage costs

Just as we are committed to managing our costs, we are equally committed to partnering with our customers to help them in managing their energy costs and usage. WPL residential customers can find tips, tools, available programs and other information on energy management at *alliantenergy.com/residential*. Business customers can access our business resource center and other products and services to manage energy use and costs at *alliantenergy.com/business*. Farm customers can find similar resources at *alliantenergy.com/farm*. You can also visit *focusonenergy.com* for information on rebates and energy-saving programs offered through Focus on Energy, Wisconsin's statewide energy-efficiency and renewable energy initiative.

For more information

If you have any questions about the proposed rate changes, please call our customer service center at **1-800-ALLIANT (1-800-255-4268)**. Company representatives are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist you. Further information is also available at *alliantenergy.com/wisconsinrates*.

Please note that the PSC oversees the rates we charge our customers and they must approve any rate changes after a thorough review of the data we submit to them and after obtaining input from the public. The actual amounts may change as we work with the PSC through the rate case process.

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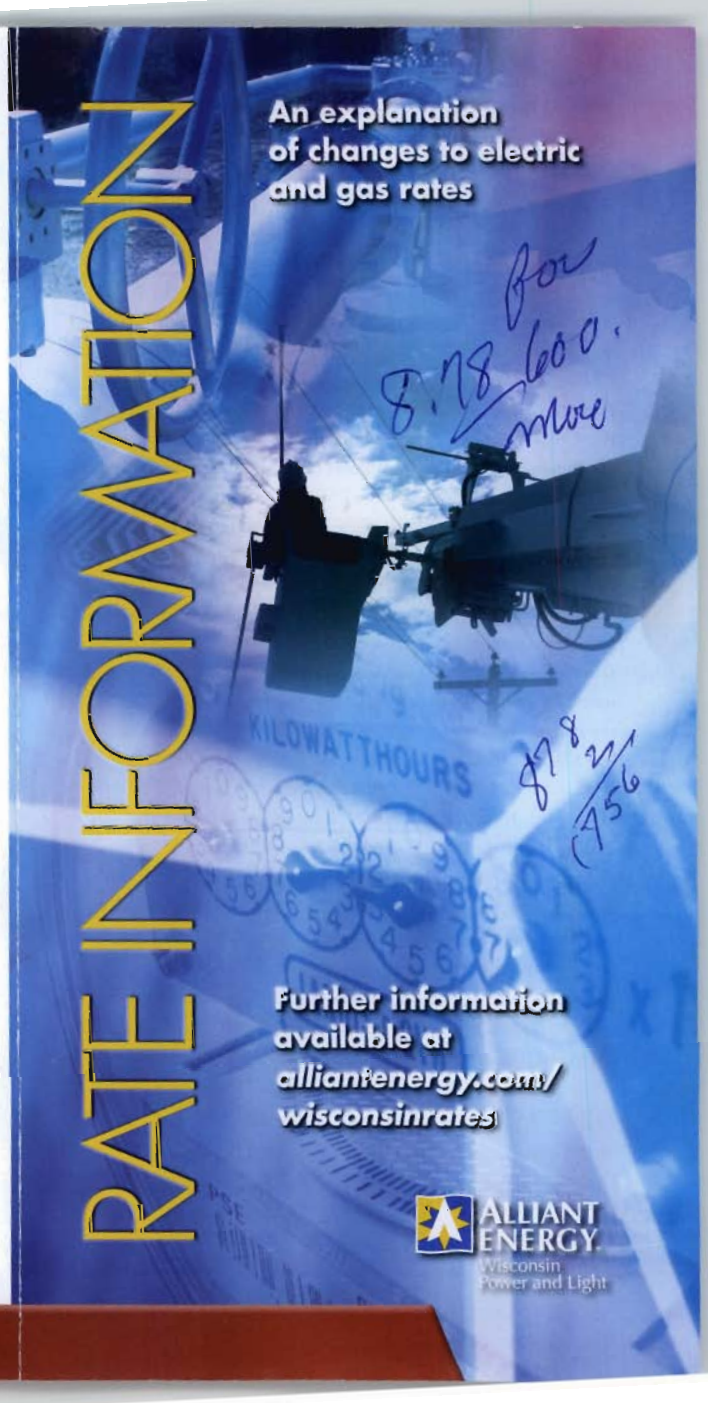
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An explanation of changes to electric and gas rates
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6680-UR-117

9-19-09

Charles C Bradley Jr
N11551 State Rd 33
Portage, WI 53901

PSC of WI
610 N Whitney Way
PO Box 7854
Madison, WI 53707

Dear PSC,

I oppose the WPL rate increase request. I am one of those paying more for renewable fuels. The cost of renewable energy is not listed in the WPL request. I would be more interested in paying more money for more renewable energy. I do not understand what happened to the Randolph wind mills repeal. In the meantime, my barn is available for 90 solar voltaic panels.

Sincerely,

Charles C Bradley Jr

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WEB COMPLAINT DETAIL REPORT

Date Added: 9/22/2009 20:16:00 Responsible Employee: MCILWEE, MARY E

Individual/Contact

Customer Type: Residential

First, Middle, Last: daniel Prisb le

Addresses

Street: N2399 west Main Rd

AND/OR PO Box:

City, St., Zip: Lake Geneva WI 53147

Phones/Faxes Primary/Home: Secondary/Work:

Phone: (262) 245-6079 Ext. ( ) - Ext.

Fax: ( ) - Ext.

Company/Organization

Legal Name:

Internet: danyvonne@comcast.net

Complaint Required Details

Utility:

Service Code:

Complaint Code:

Complaint Details - From Web

Utility Name: Alliant Energy

Are you subject to disconnection? No If yes, when?

Have you contacted the utility regarding this issue? No If yes, when?

If yes, name of person you dealt with at the utility:

Complaint Narrative: The proposed rate increase of 9.2 percent for electric and 2.6 percent for gas is way out of line with reality.
Social Security will have zero percent increase in 2010.
Inflation is boarding on zero percent.
The actual cost of natural gas has gone down approx. 35 percent.
There should be an decrease instead of an increase in rates.

McIlwee, Mary PSC

From: Paske, Sandra PSC
Sent: Tuesday, September 08, 2009 8:23 AM
To: McIlwee, Mary PSC
Subject: FW: Wisconsin Power & Light Rate Increase

-----Original Message-----
From: stargaze4dj@charter.net [mailto:stargaze4dj@charter.net]
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2009 5:23 PM
To: Paske, Sandra PSC
Subject: Wisconsin Power & Light Rate Increase

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
P.O. Box 7854
Madison, WI 553707

Dear Commissioners,

Wisconsin Power & Light has filed an application for an increase in power rates with your comission. I write to give you my perspective. I am currently employed by one of the largest users of electricity from WPL in the past twenty plus years. Usage last year was 26,817,600 KWH.

I understand that WPL is asking for a 9% increase in rates and they are linking that to a drop in power sales. Our use of power in the workplace is down from prior years because our orders from customers are down. We have made many adjustments at my place of business to control and reduce our costs. We would be very happy to have things the way they were.

With the drop I see in our business and that others are also experiencing it is unbelievable that WPL is asking for the 9% increase to cover their revenue drop from its largest customers, we are struggling to keep the doors open. I have seen many of my coworkers laid off and my hours have been cut. There were also no raises and a hiring freeze. I work for a plastic molder and electricity is a huge part of our expense. To come up with 9% more would be even more devastating to the company I work for and as it rolls down hill for us employees who are left.

Maybe WPL/Alliant Energy should take a look internally to see what they could cut costs on versus expecting their customers, both business and struggling families to hand over another 9%. This seems unfair and only threatens businesses and private families that can hardly make ends meet if at all.

Sincerely,

Vicki Merrell
508 Baraganset Ave
Baraboo, WI 53913

Mark S. Tiller
N7209 CTH I
Juneau, Wi. 53039

Public Service Commission of Wis.
610 N. Whitney Way, P.O. Box 7854
Madison, Wi. 53707-7854

Good morning Folks;

I would like you to consider my concerns on the proposed Alliant-WPL. rate increase case. With all the cuts we folks have had to make or take in the last year an increase of any sort is irresponsible and an increase of 9.2 per cent is completely absurd. You don't have to read far in the paper to see how the working public not in public jobs are taking cuts in there pay or losing there jobs all together. I want to know how this sort of increase can even be considered with the present state of the economy? We have no option but to use these folks for our service, and to force an increase of any size on us at this time shows no regard for the bind many of the hard working folks in there service area are in. Thank you for your consideration on the proposal.

Sincerely Mark S. Tiller.

Lawrence R Harding Jr
8217 Front St.
PO Box 466
Hanover, WI. 53542-0466
(608) 295-6616

Date: 08-28-09

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
Alliant-WP&L Rate Case
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Madison, WI. 53707-7854

Dear Board,

I am writing this letter in response to the latest request by the Alliant-WPL Company for yet ANOTHER rate increase.

I am on total disability, live alone and have very limited income. I have been very responsible in being conservative in my natural gas and electric usage. I won't go into all the methods I use to conserve such as hanging clothes on a line in the basement, etc.

Two years ago my home was totally reinsulated, new refrigerator, furnace, and many other suggested weatherizing and energy conserving projects.

It not only is an observation but a fact by ALL the increases these utilities continue to request that they ask for more than they know they will be granted. These utilities, gas, electric and telephone are a monopoly in our areas as we have no choice but to fork over whatever your board allows for rates. I also understand the political positioning of these board appointments along with campaign contributions it's easy to follow.

We need public protection from these monopolizing publicly traded companies to be more fiscally responsible for their salaries, bonuses and expenses. It certainly appears that no matter how much the consumer conserves the company simply goes up to your board and is granted an increase to make sure their incomes are the same regardless of the decrease in consumption.

I am pleading with your board to for once send these monopolizing utility companies out the door with the understanding that they go back and cut overhead costs. The economy calls for conservation on their part first.

Sincerely,

Larry Harding

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Dear Commissioners,

Alliant Energy/Wisconsin Power and Light has filed an application for an increase in power rates with your commission. It is my understanding that WPL is asking for approximately a 10% increase in rates and they are linking most of that to a drop in power sales. Where do we sign up for that plan? Our business is down so our customers should be happy to accept a price increase so that we can maintain our profitability... I THINK NOT.

The company I work for here in Portage, WI does injection molding and extruding of silicone rubber and as such we use a fairly significant amount of electricity. Our usage last year was 6,751,000 KWH at a cost of $481,000. A 10% increase in our rates would amount to us paying $48,000 more for electricity. For a plant our size a hit to our bottom line of that amount is HUGE.

Many companies are struggling during these tough economic times and have had to make drastic cost cuts to survive. Although our company is more fortunate than most, our plant did institute a wage freeze that will save us $48,000 this year. So what we and our employees have struggled to save... Alliant wants to take away because their power sales are down and they need to get their guaranteed return on equity or investment?

Perhaps it is time for Alliant Energy/WPL to take a harder look internally on eliminating cost and programs or even foregoing their guaranteed return until the economy picks back up versus expecting their customers to just hand over another 10% for power as many of those customers have no place to go get that additional 10% without threatening the survival of their business.

Thank you for considering my input.

Sincerely,

Dick Hanchek

Dick Hanchek
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Alliant is working hard at driving business out of this state which will then have significant impacts on their bottom line and require further increases on everyone. This is a time that we need help from our suppliers in reducing our costs for long term survival not raising them.

Sincerely, Todd Spencer
Flambeau, Inc.

WEB COMPLAINT DETAIL REPORT

Date Added: 8/29/2009 20:06:00 Responsible Employee: MCILWEE, MARY E

Individual/Contact

Customer Type: Residential

First, Middle, Last: Glenn Cederholm

Addresses

Street: W4963 Emery Lane

AND/OR PO Box:

City, St., Zip: Fond du Lac WI 54937

Phones/Faxes Primary/Home: Secondary/Work:

Phone: (920) 922-9340 Ext. ( ) - Ext.

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Company/Organization

Legal Name:

Internet: gaceder@gmail.com

Complaint Required Details

Utility:

Service Code:

Complaint Code:

Complaint Details - From Web

Utility Name: Alliant Energy

Are you subject to disconnection? No If yes, when?

Have you contacted the utility regarding this issue? No If yes, when?

If yes, name of person you dealt with at the utility:

Complaint Narrative: Alliant is looking for a 9.2% increase in electic rates!!!
Please stop this!
Our company just cut our salary 10%...after a 4% cost last year and several layoffs.
The last time I talked to a friend of mine, his company had 2 salary cuts of 5% since the beginning of this year.
Another person I know...20% salary cut.
By brother-in-law lost his job...company is moving to a state paying lower wages.

If Alliant is losing money, let them make salary cuts and have layoffs like the rest of the real world! Don't pass it on to those of us who are losing money already!

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Submitted: 8/18/2009 2:54:03 PM

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Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company for Authority to Adjust Electric and Natural Gas Rates — 6680-UR-117

Commentor Information:

Name: Patricia Church
Address: 343 Badger Drive
City: Baraboo State:WI Zip:53913

Comment:

I think that a 9 percent increase is outrageous! I can understand that your costs go up too, but 9 percent seems a bit much....I don't get that kind of increase from my job! How are people supposed to survive when everything keeps going up? I seriously hope that you reconsider this high of an increase.

I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Patricia Church

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Submitted: 8/18/2009 2:38:00 PM

COMMENTS FILED ELECTRONICALLY IN

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Commentor Information:

Name: Ruth A. Steinhorst
Address: 213 Campus View Drive
City: Baraboo State:Wi Zip:53913
E-mail: steinhst@charter.net
Phone: 608-356-8793

Comment:

We pay our bills regularly and on time and again are being punished. We continue to adjust how we heat and cool our home to keep the cost of our living down in this devastating economy. Now Alliant Energy wants to raise our rates ANOTHER 9%?

Alliant needs to find other ways to cut back, just like we do in our home. Cut some bonuses. I donâ€™t get bonuses and I wonâ€™t even get a raise in 2010 as a result of this economy. Everyone and everyplace are making cut back to survive. Alliant needs to make cut backs too!

Iâ€™ll bet if we had other services to compare and choose from, the rates would be more competitive.

I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Ruth A. Steinhorst

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Submitted: 8/15/2009 9:51:19 AM

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Commentor Information:

Name: mindy schulz
Address: 1623 east st
City: baraboo State:wi Zip:53913

Comment:

As a home owner myself, I am very upset that they want to up the rates. Times are tough for EVERYONE right now and by them doing this, it is just going to make it that much worse. We already have issues paying our $250 a month alliant bill (and that's being on their "worry proof billing"). My family and I are one of the few lucky ones that have been able to keep our house but it's getting harder each month to be able to pay the mortage along with the alliant bill and every other bill that comes with everyday life. so PLEASE DON'T RAISE THE RATES!!!!

I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
mindy schulz

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Submitted: 8/15/2009 11:52:23 AM

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Commentor Information:

Name: Mark E. Vlcek
Address: 417 Viola Court
City: Baraboo State:WI Zip:53913
E-mail: markv5@charter.net

Comment:

Dear PSC board members,

I read the article in the Baraboo News about the proposed rate hike in electricity and natural gas. I believe that this proposal is way out of line in this economic
climate. Not only will this hurt the residential sector but will also impact the commercial sector. This hike will not help economic recovery, but will hurt it.
Alliant should have to weather the hard economic times with the rest of us. They should tighten their belt and delay wind, solar and alternate energy projects
until the economy recovers. With gas and fuel prices down from a year ago, it seems ludicrous to raise rates for electricity and natural gas.
Please vote NO on their proposed rate hikes.

Thank you,

Mark E. Vlcek

I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Mark E. Vlcek

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Sincerely,

Jim Hayes
Quality Manager
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Sincerely,

Patrick Duffin
Flambeau, Inc.

WEB COMPLAINT DETAIL REPORT

Date Added: 8/13/2009 08:08:00 Responsible Employee: MCILWEE, MARY E

Individual/Contact

Customer Type: Commercial

First, Middle, Last: Ron Mears

Addresses

Street: S1411 Summit Point

AND/OR PO Box:

City, St., Zip: La Valle WI 53941

Phones/Faxes

	Primary/Home:		Secondary/Work:	
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Company/Organization

Legal Name: Flambeau Inc.

Internet: rmears@flambeau.com

Complaint Required Details

Utility:

Service Code:

Complaint Code:

Complaint Details - From Web

Utility Name: WPL

Are you subject to disconnection? No If yes, when?

Have you contacted the utility regarding this issue? No If yes, when?

If yes, name of person you dealt with at the utility:

Complaint Narrative: Dear Commissioners,

□It is my understanding that Wisconsin Power and Light (WPL) is asking for a 9% increase in rates and they are linking that to a drop in power sales. I find this very interesting because we are told everyday to reduce our energy usage. The less we use the more we save. What you are really saying is the less power we use the more you will charge per KWH. The consumer saves nothing and WPL increases their profits.
□WPL should look at reducing their over all cost with layoffs and pay cuts. This is what every other American company has to do. Tighten our belts for our survival and our future.
□Please do not approve an increase in the cost of power for those that are already struggling.

McIlwee, Mary PSC

From: Paske, Sandra PSC
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2009 9:40 AM
To: McIlwee, Mary PSC
Subject: FW: WP&L price increase

From: Putman, Pam [mailto:PPutman@flambeau.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2009 9:39 AM
To: Paske, Sandra PSC
Subject: WP&L price increase

Sandra,I
In these hard and trying economic times, an increase of this proportion will adversely affect not only the company I work for, but many other manufacturers and businesses that rely heavily on electricity to run their machinery and production facilities.
I don't know about WP&L, but I can not afford to lose my job and neither can we as a nation afford to have any more people out of work at this time. I am sure that a company as large as WP&L can come up with other short term solutions to address their shortfall so to lessen the burden on the company I work for and others. We are trying to keep our doors open and our current employees working. Please do not grant this raise at this time. Give our economy a chance to start back up before everyone including WP&L continues to raise rates and look out only for themselves and their bottom line. We are as a nation all in this together, Please give us and other customers of WP&L a chance to start an upward turn before we are burdened with more expense.
Thanks for hearing me out.
Sincerely Pam

Pam Putman
Store Manager
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Sincerely,

Judy Cormican
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Sincerely,

Lori J. Sahr
Flambeau, Inc.

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It is my understanding that Wisconsin Power and Light (WPL) is asking for a 9% increase in rates and they are linking that to a drop in power sales. I find this very interesting because we are told everyday to reduce our energy usage. The less we use the more we save. What you are really saying is the less power we use the more you will charge per KWH. The consumer saves nothing and WPL increases their profits.

WPL should look at reducing their over all cost with layoffs and pay cuts. This is what every other American company has to do. Tighten our belts for our survival and our future.

Please do not approve an increase in the cost of power for those that are already struggling.

Sincerely,
Ron Mears

McIlwee, Mary PSC

From: Paske, Sandra PSC
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2009 8:12 AM
To: McIlwee, Mary PSC
Subject: FW: 9% increase is not realistic in today's economy

From: Wertz, Rick [mailto:rwertz@flambeau.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2009 7:58 AM
To: Paske, Sandra PSC
Subject: 9% increase is not realistic in today's economy

Mrs. Sandra Paske,

This is ridiculous to expect companies to pay more for electricity in these times. Every company still in business is struggling to stay competitive to gain what little amount of orders are around and charging more for electricity to maintain there current business structure is not sound business practices. At what point will these industries learn that they need to play by the same rules and make difficult decision just like every other company. Laying off people, reduced services, increased work loads is a part of every companies structure at this current state of economy. Please remember that by doing this type of band aid is not going to help the long term problem, it will only cause more jobs to be moved out of the area and result in less consumption of electricity overall. This will have a trickle effect with more layoffs and less tax dollars for the state. Please think about my comments and concerns when voting on this proposal. I worked very hard to get back to my home state and do not want to be forced to follow the jobs back out of the state I love and treasure.

Sincerely

Rick Wertz
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Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2009 8:12 AM
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Attachments: letter to public service- 8-13-09.doc

From: Phinney, Karen [mailto:KPhinney@flambeau.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2009 7:55 AM
To: Paske, Sandra PSC
Subject: 9% increase!

Not only am I sending this letter, but I am really appalled that anyone would ask for an increase of any kind during these hard economic times. We are all suffering and have had to make many sacrifices to maintain or to survive. What has the electric company done to "sacrifice"? Perhaps they need to restructure within, before they go out begging for more money.

Please do not allow this to happen, this will not make the economy grow for any of us, it will only make things worse!

Thank you for listening.

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It is my understanding that WPL is asking for a 9% increase in rates and they are linking that to a drop in power sales. Our use of power is off significantly from prior years because our customers have reduced their orders significantly from prior years. As a business we have had to make many adjustments to control and reduce our costs. Believe me, we wish our customers would keep buying the way they were and that we would keep using electricity at the same levels of the past, but right now that just isn't the way the world is working.

With the drop off in business that we and others are experiencing it is ironic that WPL is asking for the 9% increase to cover a revenue drop from its largest customers, many of them struggling now just like we are. We have many employees that have been laid off, we operate at reduced schedules, and we have changed suppliers on many articles we purchase. However as a plastic molder, electric power is a very significant part of our overall cost, and for us to come up with 9% more with the economy behaving the way it is would be devastating to our business.

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Sincerely,

Rosemarie Krueger
Flambeau, Inc.

McIlwee, Mary PSC

From: Bauer, Robert PSC
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2009 2:03 PM
To: McIlwee, Mary PSC
Subject: FW: Wisconsin Power and Light/Alliant Energy proposed rate increase

I received this email and it should be a WPL docketed comment—would you do this for me? Thanks.

- Bob

From: Larkin, Mike [mailto:MLarkin@flambeau.com]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2009 11:44 AM
To: Bauer, Robert PSC
Subject: Wisconsin Power and Light/Alliant Energy proposed rate increase

Dear Mr. Bauer,

I have recently read that Alliant Energy will be submitting a request to the PSC to potentially increase electric rates by as much as 9% due to loss of revenue/sales.

In today's economy with widespread unemployment, furloughs, etc., I find this particular request especially bitter to swallow. I personally have had my salary *reduced* 10% because of the downturn in the economy and loss of business as the manufacturing sector struggles to survive the current crisis. I don't think there are many businesses in the area that is currently serviced by Alliant that can withstand this type of an increase nor can the homeowners and other customers without a profound economic impact.

It is time for Alliant to become a more cost effective energy supplier and keep their hands out of the pockets of it's customers every time their revenue drops and thus I do not support a rate increase for Alliant Energy!

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Larkin
E11323 Birnam Woods Rd.
Baraboo, WI 53913

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Submitted: 7/17/2009 3:33:52 PM

COMMENTS FILED ELECTRONICALLY IN

Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company for Authority to Adjust Electric and Natural Gas Rates — 6680-UR-117

Commentor Information:

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City: KOHLER State:WIS. Zip:53044
E-mail: gmike@milwpc.com
Phone: 920 980 9869

Comment:

WITH THE PRESENT CONDITION OF OUR NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT PLUS PEOPLE THAT DO NOT HAVE A HOME-I THINK THAT THIS ARATHER POOR TIME TO ASK FOR MORE MONEY? WE AS THE GENERAL PUBLIC HAVE TO CUT BACK ON GAS AND POWER WITH THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDING FUNDING FOR ALTERNATIVE POWER-PROVIDE ME THE INFORMATION ON THE REASON ABOUT THE RATE THAT YOU WILL PASS ON. MUST THE CONSUMER GO WITH OUT POWER AND GAS THIS WINTER WHILE YOUR EXECUTIVES HAVE AN EXTRAVIGENT INCONE! WILL YOU BE ABLE TO SEND ME BACK YOUR FINDINGS-PLUS THE RTE OF PAY THAT EACH EXECUTIVE GETS ALONG WITH A YEARLY INCENTIVE RATE.

I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
MICHAEL JOHNSON

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

Submitted: 7/7/2009 7:49:56 AM

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Joint Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Wisconsin Gas LLC, both d/b/a We Energies, for Wisconsin Electric Power Company to Increase its Electric, Natural Gas and Steam Rates and for Wisconsin Gas LLC to Increase its Natural Gas Rates	5-UR-104

Commentor Information:

Name: Daryl Clasen
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E-mail: darylclasen@gmail.com

Comment:

I would like to know how much money in total WE Energies is holding onto from struggling businesses in the form of Security Deposits.

In this rough economy where small businesses are getting paid in much longer cycles we have companies like WE Energies not only threatening to shut off power, but only keep it on to pay current AND provide a month's security deposit. Meanwhile, small business owners have that added burden of suffering through extended payment terms with their customers.

I am providing vehement disapproval to any proposed rate increases. In these tough economic times WE Energies has the cake and gets to eat it.

Any rate increases should instead be redirected to smart energy programs and rebates. I'm certain small businesses would rather take those thousands of dollars in security deposit and buy efficient lighting or other energy saving measures.

I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Daryl Clasen

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Dear Public Service Commission Members:

We are writing in support of the WPL electric and gas 2010 filed rate case.

We do believe that more money is needed to maintain a safe and reliable electric and gas system; in turn that will provide a quality and reliable customer service.

As customers of WPL we support this rate request and ask for your help and consideration.

Robert Schelble

Robert Schelble
Rita Schelble
Rita Schelble
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DeForest Wi 53532

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

Submitted: 5/29/2009 8:19:35 PM

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Commentor Information:

Name: Elden Kramer
Address: 523 Pearl Lane
City: Fond du Lac State:WI Zip:54937
E-mail: cekramer@charter.net
Phone: 020 922 0966

Comment:

I feel that to get this economy moving again will require an increase in energy procuction. This can only be accomplished if we keep the energy producers healthy. This can only be done with the small rate increase requested by Alliant energy. Thank You.

I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Elden Kramer

May 28, 2009

To whom it may concern;

In regards to the "rate case" filed by Wis Power & Light Co (Alliant Energy Co) on May 8th I wish to make the following comments.

I have been a gas & electric customer of WP&L for the last 45+ years. I have always received dependable, decent, fair and reasonable service from them. I feel they are a well run company with competent officers.

If they are requesting a rate increase, I know they must need the help and I have no objection to a little more $ on my bill. I would rather pay a little more and receive the same good service.

If you have any questions please call
Roy Tindall
Fond du Lac
(920) 921-4076

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Thank you
Roy Tindall

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Commentor Information:

Name: Shelly Knapp
Address: 9624 Caddy lane
City: Caledonia State:WI Zip:53108

Comment:

I just received a brochure in my bill this month. I am really sick of the company asking for another rate increase. The cost of fuel has gone down a considerable amount. So instead of giving us a break, they want to sock it to us again. In my opinion, the oil and energy companies are half the reason this economy is so bad. We are never going to get any where with all of these increases. There are thousands of people who can barely afford to even turn on their heat. I am so sick of seeing the ways to conserve energy. I do everything listed and my heat bill is still outrageous. The electric company tries to give all these reasons in the brochure to justifiy the increases. It is just a bunch of nonsense. They are just greedy like the oil companies. You have seen the outcome of that. Everything shot sky high and no one could afford it. They finally dropped the price of gas after they had done everyone in. Now they just can't wait to do it again and are raising it almost on a daily basis. I do not want to see another increase on my energy bill. Put a stop to these greedy companies and let this economy try to rebound. We have seen enought increases in the past several years. Stop hurting all of us and don't let these increases be approved.

I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Shelly Knapp

WEB COMPLAINT DETAIL REPORT

Date Added: 5/11/2009 10:38:00 Responsible Employee: MCILWEE, MARY E

Individual/Contact

Customer Type: Residential

First, Middle, Last: Nancy Hoffman

Addresses

Street: 149 Maria Ln

AND/OR PO Box:

City, St., Zip: Fond du Lac WI 54935

Phones/Faxes Primary/Home: Secondary/Work:

Phone: (920) 921-6931 Ext. ( ) - Ext.

Fax: ( ) - Ext.

Company/Organization

Legal Name:

Internet: mhoffman78@charter.net

Complaint Required Details

Utility:

Service Code:

Complaint Code:

Complaint Details - From Web

Utility Name: Wisconsin Power & Light

Are you subject to disconnection? No If yes, when?

Have you contacted the utility regarding this issue? No If yes, when?

If yes, name of person you dealt with at the utility:

Complaint Narrative: I just read where they requested a rate increase to offset slumping sales. Give me a break! I work for a company with slumping sales and we, the employees, got no raise this year and have to take time off without pay thru the year. We`re not reaching out and raising rates to "offset the slump" and they shouldn`t either. Tell them to suck it up and quit depending on the little guy, who is already hurting, to bail them out. Maybe they need new management.

Thanks for allowing me to vent! Vote No Increase!

Exhibit A

BUSINESS

DOW JONES	NASDAQ	S&P	OIL
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VEHICLE RECALL: Toyota will recall 3.8 million vehicles in the United States to address problems with a removable floor mat that could interfere with the vehicle's accelerator and cause a crash. The company says it will be the largest U.S. recall in its history. The recall will affect 2007-2010 model year Toyota Camry, 2005-2010 Toyota Avalon, 2004-2009 Toyota Prius, 2005-2010 Tacoma, 2007-2010 Toyota Tundra, 2007-2010 Lexus ES350 and 2006-2010 Lexus IS250 and IS350. Owners should take out the floor mats on the driver's side and not replace them.

CREDIT CARD RULES: The Federal Reserve proposed rules Tuesday to better protect Americans from sudden increases in interest rates on credit cards. The proposal generally would bar rate increases during the first year after an account is opened. It also would ban, with a few exceptions, increasing the rate on existing credit card balances. The proposal also would forbid companies from issuing credit cards to people under the age of 21 unless they have the ability to make the required payments or have a co-signer. The rules are in response to legislation passed earlier this year. After a comment period, the rules are slated to take effect Feb. 22.

DAIRY PROTEST: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) has undercover video of cows being handled at an unidentified dairy supplier. The video will be shown from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today and Thursday outside the Alliant Energy Center, site of this week's World Dairy Expo. On Thursday, PETA will be handing out nondairy ice cream and "ham and cheese" sandwiches (made from faux ham and faux cheese). PETA said it launched the investigation after a whistleblower working at a Land O'Lakes supplier's factory farm became concerned about treatment of cows. "This investigation provides further proof that buying milk, butter, cheese, and ice cream causes animals to suffer on factory farms, just as buying meat does," said Tracy Reiman, PETA executive vice president.

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Alliant buys back sour debt

Controversial notes were core of lawsuit

By JUDY NEWMAN
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Alliant Energy Corp. has bought back more than $400 million in debt, short-circuiting a trial that had been scheduled for February in U.S. District Court.

The case alleged Alliant violated terms of the financing obtained nearly 10 years ago.

The buyback of the debt, which was not due until 2030, could result in a charge of $125 million, or $1.13 per share, against third-quarter earnings for Alliant, parent of Wisconsin Power & Light, the Madison utility holding company said in a recent filing with federal regulators.

If Alliant had lost the lawsuit, though, the company has said its pretax loss could have been as much as $364.2 million.

The expense, which an Alliant spokesman said is not expected to affect taxpayer rates, could cut into earnings for Alliant shareholders. With the struggling economy and mild weather, the company's earnings in the April-June 2009 quarter were $29.1 million, down 52 percent from the same period last year.

At issue are 5.9 million senior notes — a form of high-priority corporate debt — that investors bought in 2000 at $67.75 each.

Alliant is offering to buy back the notes at $40 each, through Oct. 15. While that is less than the noteholders paid, it is a lot more than Alliant has valued the notes. They are being carried on the company's books at $6.60 each, or $39 million.

The buyback, if all the notes are turned in, will cost Alliant $236 million. As of Tuesday, the company said all but 2,300 of the notes have been tendered.

Alliant has used $68.8 million of cash on hand and $170 million borrowed under a term loan from Citibank and J.P. Morgan Chase Bank. The two financial institutions have agreed to provide up to $200 million at an undisclosed interest rate.

The financing dates back nearly a decade, to a time when Alliant was trying to diversify its holdings.

Alliant Energy Resources, a subsidiary that once included energy-related investments around the world, had used stock it owned in McLeodUSA, a Cedar Rapids telecommunications firm, as collateral to get the notes, which totaled $402.5 million in financing. The money was used for foreign acquisitions including a stake in electric distribution systems and hydroelectric plants in Brazil.

The Brazilian investments bled money as a result of problems that included drought and electricity rationing and were sold in 2006 at a loss of nearly $200 million.

U.S. Bank National Association, serving as trustee for the noteholders, claimed Alliant violated terms of the $402.5 million in financing because it sold the Brazilian holdings and other foreign investments to companies outside the U.S. that did not take on the debt. The default allegations became the basis of the U.S. District Court lawsuit.

McLeod, meanwhile, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and its stock sank from more than $20 a share to less than 20 cents a share. McLeod is now part of PAETEC, a publicly traded holding company in Fairport, N.Y.

Because McLeod's stock plummeted, the value of the notes was discounted on Alliant's books.

With the buyback, U.S. Bank has agreed to ask to dismiss its lawsuit, according to an Alliant filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.