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Joint Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Construct a New Distribution Substation and Related Electric Distribution Facilities in the City of Wauwatosa and American Transmission Company, LLC, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Construct Related 138 kV Electric Transmission Facilities in the Cities of Milwaukee and Wauwatosa, all in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin (Western Milwaukee County Electric Reliability Project)

5-CE-139

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider the March 6, 2012, joint application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO), as an electric public utility, for authority to construct a new distribution substation and related electric distribution facilities in the city of Wauwatosa and American Transmission Company, LLC (ATC), as an electric public utility, for authority to construct related 138 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission facilities in the cities of Milwaukee and Wauwatosa, all in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin (Western Milwaukee County Electric Reliability Project).

ATC seeks authority to construct and operate two independent 138 kV transmission lines, each of approximately two miles in length on two separate routes, together with related facilities, including new 138 kV switchgear to be located at a new substation to be constructed by WEPCO. WEPCO seeks authority to construct and place in operation a new electric distribution substation and related electric distribution facilities. The new substation, to be known as Milwaukee County Substation, would replace an existing substation of the same name located adjacent to WEPCO's Milwaukee County Power Plant. The combined estimated cost would be approximately \$30 million. The Commission opens this docket under its authority in Wis. Stat. §§ 196.49(2) and 196.491(3).

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

DOCUMENTS. All documents in this docket are filed on the Commission's Electronic Regulatory Filing (ERF) system. To view these documents: (1) go to the Commission's web site at <http://psc.wi.gov>, (2) enter "5-CE-139" in the box labeled "Link Directly to a Case," and (3) select "GO."

INTERVENTION. Any person desiring to become a party shall file a request for party status, known as a request to intervene, under Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.21 no later than 14 days from the date of this notice using the ERF system.

To file such a request, go to the Commission's web site at <http://psc.wi.gov>, and click on the "ERF - Electronic Regulatory Filing" graphic on the side menu bar. On the next page, click on "Need Help?" for instructions on how to upload a document.

A person who lacks access to the Internet shall make a request to intervene by U.S. mail addressed to:

Docket 5-CE-139 Intervention Request
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
P.O. Box 7854
Madison, WI 53707-7854

At the time of filing, a copy of the request must be served on existing parties, which may respond to the request within five days. Parties wishing to request intervenor compensation should do so as soon as practicable.

WISCONSIN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT. This is a Type II action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(2). An environmental assessment will be prepared to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary under Wis. Stat. § 1.11.

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

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this docket or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the docket coordinator listed below. Any hearing location is accessible to people in wheelchairs. The Public Service Commission Building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building.

CONTACT. Please direct questions about this docket or requests for additional accommodations for the disabled to the Commission's docket coordinator, Ali Wali, at (608) 267-3592 or ali.wali@wisconsin.gov.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, April 20, 2012

By the Commission:


Sandra J. Paske
Secretary to the Commission