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Joint Application of American Transmission Company LLC and Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin, as Electric Public Utilities, for Authority to Construct and Operate a New Badger-Coulee 345 kV Transmission Line from the La Crosse Area, in La Crosse County, to the Greater Madison Area in Dane County, Wisconsin

5-CE-142

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider the October 22, 2013, application of American Transmission Company LLC and Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin (ATC, NSPW, and together as applicants) for authority to construct and operate a new 345 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line. The proposed project, referred to as the Badger-Coulee Project, would extend from the La Crosse, Wisconsin, area to the Madison, Wisconsin, area, and is referred to by the applicants as the Badger-Coulee 345 kV Transmission Line Project. The total estimated project cost is between \$539,516,700 and \$579,789,400, depending on the route selected. The Commission opens this docket by its authority under Wis. Stat. ch. 196.

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-142" 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>, click on the "ERF - Electronic Regulatory Filing" graphic on the side menu bar. On the next page, click on "Need Help?" for instructions on how to upload a document.

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

Docket 5-CE-142 Intervention Request
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
P.O. Box 7854
Madison, WI 53707-7854

At the time of filing, the person making the request to intervene shall serve a copy of the request on existing parties. An existing party may respond to the request within five days of service. A party wishing to request intervenor compensation should do so as soon as practicable.

WISCONSIN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT. This is a Type I action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(1). It consequently requires the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) under Wis. Stat. § 1.11. The Commission and the Department of Natural Resources will jointly prepare an EIS that will be the subject of a hearing later in this docket.

ASSESSMENT. The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicants. 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, Jim Lepinski, at (608) 266-0478 or jim.lepinski@wisconsin.gov.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 7th day of May, 2014.

By the Commission:



Sandra J. Paske
Secretary to the Commission

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