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Madison, Wisconsin

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**Open Meeting Agenda for Thursday, December 20, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.**

1. Minutes of the open meeting of Friday, December 14, 2012
2. 6650-CG-231 – Application of Wisconsin Gas LLC, as a Gas Public Utility, for Authority to Replace Natural Gas Pipeline Facilities in Portions of Adams and Waushara Counties, Wisconsin (proposed notice of investigation)
3. 9317-CW-100 – Application of Central Brown County Water Authority for Approval to Issue Bonds for the Financing of Water Main Relocation and Corrosion Mitigation Projects, Engineering Investigations, and Rebates to Participating Communities (proposed notice of investigation)
4. 350-ER-106 – Application of the Village of Bangor, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Change Electric Rates (proposed notice of proceeding)
5. 6690-CE-198 – Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for its Electric Distribution System Modernization and Reliability Project (proposed notice of proceeding)
6. 2800-WR-108 – Application of the Kaukauna Utilities, Outagamie County, Wisconsin, to Revise its Method of Cost Recovery for Providing Public Fire Protection Service (proposed notice of proceeding)
7. 5-EI-149 – Application of the City of Menasha and WPPI Energy for Approval of the Sale and Leaseback of Certain Electric Utility Facilities from Menasha to WPPI Energy, Sale to WPPI Energy of Menasha's Ownership Shares in American Transmission Company, Authority for Menasha to Increase Electric Rates, and a Declaratory Ruling Regarding the Public Service Commission's Continuing Jurisdiction Over WPPI Energy (draft final decision approving joint succession and efficiency study) (draft final decision approving radio system communications agreement)

8. 2800-ER-106 – Application of the City of Kaukauna, Outagamie County, Wisconsin, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Change Electric Rates (draft final decision)
  
9. 3270-SB-131 – Application of Madison Gas and Electric Company for Authority to Issue and Have Outstanding at Any One Time Short-Term Notes and Commercial Paper in Amounts Not to Exceed \$100,000,000 (draft certificate of authority and order)
  
10. 6680-GF-112 – Wisconsin Power and Light Company’s Request for Approval of Risk Management Plan for Hedging (suggested minute) (RDN/RP/AP memorandum of 11/28/12)
  
11. 2535-CE-100 – Application of Highland Wind Farm, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 102.5 Megawatt Wind Electric Generation Facility and Associated Electric Facilities, to be Located in the Towns of Forest and Cylon, St. Croix County, Wisconsin  
  
Motion for Interlocutory Review (suggested minute) (JL/JL memorandum of 12/12/12)
  
12. 5-UR-106 – Joint Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Wisconsin Gas LLC, both d/b/a We Energies, for Authority to Adjust Electric, Natural Gas, and Steam Rates (draft final decision)

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The next open meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 27, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Gas LLC, as a Gas Public Utility, for  
Authority to Replace Natural Gas Pipeline Facilities in Portions of  
Adams and Waushara Counties, Wisconsin

6650-CG-231

### NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

**THIS IS AN INVESTIGATION** to consider the October 17, 2012, application of Wisconsin Gas LLC, as a gas public utility, for authority to replace approximately 37 miles of natural gas pipeline in Adams and Waushara Counties, Wisconsin, at a total estimated cost of \$14,658,000. The Commission opens this docket by its authority under Wis. Stat. ch. 196. The Commission intends to conduct this investigation without a hearing.

**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 "6650-CG-231" in the box labeled "Link Directly to a Case," and (3) select "GO."

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

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Docket 6650-CG-231 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.

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Dated at Madison, Wisconsin,

By the Commission:

Sandra J. Paske  
Secretary to the Commission

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## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Central Brown County Water Authority for Approval to Issue Bonds for the Financing of Water Main Relocation and Corrosion Mitigation Projects, Engineering Investigations, and Rebates to Participating Communities

9317-CW-100

### NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

**THIS IS AN INVESTIGATION** to consider the October 9, 2012, application of Central Brown County Water Authority (applicant) for approval to issue bonds for the financing of water main relocation and corrosion mitigation projects, engineering investigations, and rebates to participating communities, at a total estimated cost of \$2,899,563.

The Commission opens this docket by its authority under Wis. Stat. ch. 196, Wis. Stat. §§ 66.0801-66.0831, and Wis. Admin. Code chs. PSC 2 and 183. The Commission intends to conduct this investigation without a hearing. The applicant expects to issue bonds for this project.

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Docket 9317-CW-100 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 III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). The Commission will review the potential environmental effects of the project. Type III actions normally do not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 or an environmental assessment.

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

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Dated at Madison, Wisconsin,

By the Commission:

Sandra J. Paske  
Secretary to the Commission

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## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of the Village of Bangor, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, as  
an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Change Electric Rates

350-ER-106

### NOTICE OF PROCEEDING

**THIS IS A PROCEEDING** to consider the application of the Village of Bangor, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, (applicant) as an electric public utility, for authority to change electric rates. The Commission opens this docket by its authority under Wis. Stat. ch. 196.

The applicant requested an overall increase in annual revenues of \$346,228, or an increase of 13.67 percent over present revenues. The Commission will determine the actual level of the revenue requirement after reviewing the application and holding a hearing. The hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If the Commission authorizes an increase, any impact to individual customers may vary with usage and the ultimate rates authorized by the Commission.

The applicant is responsible for giving notice to its customers of the filing of its application with the Commission and, pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.10, for producing proof of notice at the hearing.

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

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Docket 350-ER-106

Docket 350-ER-106 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 III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). The Commission will review the potential environmental effects of the project. Type III actions normally do not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 or an environmental assessment.

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

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Dated at Madison, Wisconsin,

By the Commission:

Sandra J. Paske  
Secretary to the Commission

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## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for its Electric  
Distribution System Modernization and Reliability Project

6690-CE-198

### NOTICE OF PROCEEDING

**THIS IS A PROCEEDING** to consider the October 31, 2012, application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for its Electric Distribution System Modernization and Reliability Project, at a total estimated cost of \$218,000,000. 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).

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Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53707-7854

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**WISCONSIN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT.** This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). The Commission will review the potential environmental effects of the project. Type III actions normally do not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 or an environmental assessment.

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

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Dated at Madison, Wisconsin,

By the Commission:

Sandra J. Paske  
Secretary to the Commission

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## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Kaukauna Utilities, Outagamie County, Wisconsin, to  
Revise its Method of Cost Recovery for Providing Public Fire  
Protection Service

2800-WR-108

### NOTICE OF PROCEEDING

**THIS IS A PROCEEDING** to consider the application of the Kaukauna Utilities, Outagamie County, Wisconsin, (applicant) to revise its method of cost recovery for providing public fire protection service. Kaukauna Utilities currently collects a total public fire protection charge of \$914,554. The city of Kaukauna is billed a municipal charge of \$250,000, and the remaining \$664,554 is collected through direct charges to the water customers. The city of Kaukauna would like to eliminate the municipal charge and direct the water utility to collect all of the public fire protection charge directly from the water customers. The Commission opens this docket by its authority under Wis. Stat. ch. 196.

The applicant is responsible for giving notice to its customers of the filing of its application with the Commission and, pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.10, for producing proof of notice at the hearing.

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

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Docket 2800-WR-108

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Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53707-7854

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Dated at Madison, Wisconsin,

By the Commission:

Sandra J. Paske  
Secretary to the Commission

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## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of the City of Menasha and WPPI Energy for Approval of the Sale and Leaseback of Certain Electric Utility Facilities from Menasha to WPPI Energy, Sale to WPPI Energy of Menasha's Ownership Shares in American Transmission Company, Authority for Menasha to Increase Electric Rates, and a Declaratory Ruling Regarding the Public Service Commission's Continuing Jurisdiction Over WPPI Energy

5-EI-149

### **FINAL DECISION APPROVING JOINT SUCCESSION AND EFFICIENCY STUDY**

This is the Final Decision on the application for approval of a proposed Joint Succession and Efficiency Study (Study) between the city of Menasha (City) and the Menasha Water and Light Commission (Utility Commission), acting on behalf of the Menasha Utilities (MU). The Study is APPROVED subject to conditions.

#### **Introduction**

In its *Final Decision* in this docket, dated March 12, 2010, , the Commission approved the sale and leaseback of certain electric utility facilities from the City to WPPI Energy under conditions. Order Point 8 of the *Final Decision* required in part that "MEU [Menasha Electric Utility] shall file with the Commission for approval all future interdepartmental contracts, leases, and other agreements and arrangements (regardless of whether such agreements or arrangements are in writing) between MEU and any other agency, department or division of the City, or arrangements for the provision of goods and services (including the provision of electric distribution services)."

On September 4, 2012, MU, which operates both the MEU and the Menasha Water Utility (MWU), filed an application for approval of the proposed Study. MU and the City have

agreed to share the costs of the Study. The proposed Study requires approval of the Commission.

In an effort to assess current operations and to find ways to improve through departmental and cross-departmental cooperation, the City Council and Utility Commission approved the proposed Study on August 22, 2012. The estimated cost of the Study is \$27,500 plus miscellaneous out-of-pocket expenses which are estimated not to exceed \$4,000. The main areas of Study will be Finance, Human Resources, IT, Parks, Public Works, and Utilities, and the cost of the Study will be funded jointly by both MU and the City based on the number of employees each has within the Study group. Based on 47 City employees and 40 MU employees, MU's share of the funding is estimated to be no greater than \$14,483.

#### **Findings of Fact**

1. MU is a public utility, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5). MU consists of MEU and MWU, which would both be public utilities if considered independently.
2. MU is owned by the City.
3. The Utility Commission is a unit of the City and governs MU.

#### **Conclusions of Law**

1. The Commission has the authority to review and approve the Study under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.02(1) and 196.395 and under the *Final Decision* in this docket, dated March 12, 2010.
2. The Study is reasonable and consistent with the public interest, subject to the terms and conditions stated in this Final Decision, which are necessary to protect public interest.

### **Opinion**

MU proposes the joint Study by independent consultants to find ways to improve through departmental and cross-departmental cooperation. For purposes of this proceeding, the allocation of costs between the City and MU, based on the number of employees, is a reasonable method. However, the Commission finds that additional clarification is needed. Under the *Final Decision* of March 12, 2010, MU was to be separated into two utilities, the electric utility (MEU) and the water utility (MWU). Both will be beneficiaries of the Study, and the Commission finds that both MEU and MWU should share the costs allocated to MU. The allocation between MEU and MWU shall be based on employee numbers. For jointly shared employees, one-half of each employee shall be included in the employee count for both MEU and MWU.

With the identified conditions, the Commission finds the Study reasonable and consistent with the public interest.

### **Order**

1. The Study is approved subject to the condition that costs allocated to MU shall be reallocated to and paid by MEU and MWU proportionately on the basis of employee count. For jointly shared employees, one-half of each employee shall be included in the employee count for both MEU and MWU.

2. Within 30 days after the completion of the Study, MEU shall submit to the Commission a copy of the Study as well as a report on the costs allocated to MEU.

3. Approval of this Study is not a determination by the Commission that the charges are just and reasonable.

4. This Final Decision shall be effective on the day after the date of mailing.

Docket 5-EI-149

5. Jurisdiction is retained.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin,

By the Commission:

Sandra J. Paske  
Secretary to the Commission  
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN  
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**NOTICE OF RIGHTS FOR REHEARING OR JUDICIAL REVIEW, THE  
TIMES ALLOWED FOR EACH, AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE  
PARTY TO BE NAMED AS RESPONDENT**

The following notice is served on you as part of the Commission's written decision. This general notice is for the purpose of ensuring compliance with Wis. Stat. § 227.48(2), and does not constitute a conclusion or admission that any particular party or person is necessarily aggrieved or that any particular decision or order is final or judicially reviewable.

*PETITION FOR REHEARING*

If this decision is an order following a contested case proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3), a person aggrieved by the decision has a right to petition the Commission for rehearing within 20 days of mailing of this decision, as provided in Wis. Stat. § 227.49. The mailing date is shown on the first page. If there is no date on the first page, the date of mailing is shown immediately above the signature line. The petition for rehearing must be filed with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and served on the parties. An appeal of this decision may also be taken directly to circuit court through the filing of a petition for judicial review. It is not necessary to first petition for rehearing.

*PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW*

A person aggrieved by this decision has a right to petition for judicial review as provided in Wis. Stat. § 227.53. In a contested case, the petition must be filed in circuit court and served upon the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin within 30 days of mailing of this decision if there has been no petition for rehearing. If a timely petition for rehearing has been filed, the petition for judicial review must be filed within 30 days of mailing of the order finally disposing of the petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after the final disposition of the petition for rehearing by operation of law pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.49(5), whichever is sooner. If an *untimely* petition for rehearing is filed, the 30-day period to petition for judicial review commences the date the Commission mailed its original decision.<sup>1</sup> The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin must be named as respondent in the petition for judicial review.

If this decision is an order denying rehearing, a person aggrieved who wishes to appeal must seek judicial review rather than rehearing. A second petition for rehearing is not permitted.

Revised: December 17, 2008

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<sup>1</sup> See *State v. Currier*, 2006 WI App 12, 288 Wis. 2d 693, 709 N.W.2d 520.



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Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
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September 4, 2012

Sandra Paske  
Secretary to the Commission  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
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*RE: Application of the City of Menasha and WPPI Energy for Approval of the Sale and Leaseback of Certain Electric Utility Facilities from Menasha to WPPI Energy, Sale to WPPI Energy of Menasha's Ownership Shares in American Transmission Company, Authority for Menasha to Increase Electric Rates, and a Declaratory Ruling Regarding the Public Service Commission's Continuing Jurisdiction Over WPPI Energy Docket 5-EI-149*

Dear Ms. Paske:

In accordance with the Commission's Order issued March 11, 2010 and pursuant to Condition 8 of the order, we shall file with the Commission for approval all future interdepartmental contracts, leases and other agreements between MEU and any department of the City. The attached Joint Succession and Efficiency Study proposal was approved by the City Council and Utility Commission on August 22, 2012. In addition to the attached agreement there is a memorandum to the Utility Commission and City Council explaining the reasoning for the joint project and the explanation of the allocation of costs.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact me at (920) 967-3412.

Sincerely,

Melanie Krause  
Co-General Manager/Business Operations

cc: Thomas S. Hanrahan, General Counsel, WPPI Energy



Date: August 22, 2012

To: Common Council and Menasha Utilities Commission

From: Donald Merkes, Mayor and Melanie Krause, Co-General Manager of Business Operations

In an era of increasing expectations, limited resources, and increased technology, it is imperative for Menasha to have a plan to address workforce organizational issues if we are to remain competitive as a community for the long term. As elected/appointed officials we are tasked with ensuring that we are providing services in the most efficient manner to our residents, and employing the best people to provide them.

We have been innovative in our methods of delivering services in the past with partnerships (such as Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue, MJS-D-Health partnership, and YMCA-Senior Center), use of technology (developing a fiber optic network for city and private use), and being a leader in the use of improved equipment (automated refuse pick-up and salt brine snow removal processes). Menasha has also in-sourced paving, utility tree trimming and engineering to further decrease costs to residents for services.

Our objective in commissioning this study to work with a consulting company is to assess how we currently operate and find ways to improve through departmental and cross-departmental cooperation. The main areas of study will be Finance, Human Resources, IT, Parks, Public Works, and Utilities. The study will also address planning for potential retirements. Currently, the majority of our department heads and several general employees are eligible for retirement.

By working with an outside, knowledgeable source we can create an objective and sound strategy to guide us through the long range planning process. This will allow staff to continue providing exceptional service to the citizens of this city during times of transition, knowing that there is a plan in place to make educated decisions regarding staffing and equipment needs as they arise in the future.

The study would be funded jointly by both the utility and city based on the number of employees each has within the study group. The portion of the study assessing services provided by neighboring communities would be funded solely by the city as this would not be conducted for services provided by the utility departments.

The funding breakout would be based on 47 city employees and 40 utility employees. Based on current proposals (including an equal allowance for travel on both proposals) the city's range of funding would be \$6,753-\$17,017 and the Utilities funding would be \$5,747-\$14,483.

Funding is proposed to come from the following accounts:  
City (refunded legal escrow account 267-0102-581-2101)  
Utilities (legal expenses currently under budget in account 923)



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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

August 15, 2012

The Honorable Donald Merkes, Mayor  
City of Menasha  
140 Main St.  
Menasha, Wisconsin 54952

**Re: Draft Work Plan to Conduct a Succession and Efficiency Study**

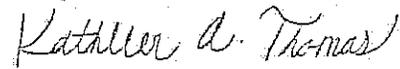
Dear Mayor Merkes:

On behalf of the Springsted team, we are pleased to submit this draft work plan to conduct a Succession and Efficiency Study for the City of Menasha. We are confident that our experience and expertise can provide you with a credible and successful process, as well as practical and realistic recommendations. Our immediate goal is to establish strong lines of communication and trust, which will provide you confidence in our capabilities and our process.

Springsted is a multi-disciplined financial and management advisory firm. The depth of our professional experience and the scope of our consulting practice are the most important parts of Springsted's ability to provide high quality services. The team that we bring to Menasha will have experience in the important skills you are seeking, including the ability to evaluate and assess the City's services and how they are provided, organized and delivered. In addition, we have extensive experience in human resources, financial management and working with elected officials. All together, we bring a comprehensive team that will partner with the City for a successful process and outcomes.

We believe our team can provide a great foundation on which you can build a strong, progressive and successful organization. If you have any questions on our proposal or want to discuss any aspect of our process, feel free to contact me at 414-220-4256 / kthomas@springsted.com or Dave Unmacht at 651-223-3047 / dunmacht@springsted.com. We look forward to hearing from you on our proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kathleen A. Thomas  
Springsted Incorporated

  
David J. Unmacht  
Springsted Incorporated

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City of Menasha, Wisconsin  
Draft Work Plan to Conduct a  
Succession and Efficiency Study

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**Brief History**

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Springsted is one of the largest and most established independent public sector advisory firms in the United States. For more than 50 years, we have continually grown in the range of our client relationships, the comprehensiveness of our services and our prominence within the industry. Our business philosophy is focused on providing local governments with a balance of national perspective and local expertise.

Springsted is a women-owned business and is certified as a Women's Business Enterprise ("WBE") by the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota. Three employee-owners lead Springsted and our 60 staff members. Our headquarters are located in Saint Paul, Minnesota, with additional offices located throughout the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic states. Specifically, our regional offices include Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Des Moines, Iowa; Kansas City, Missouri; Richmond, Virginia; and Denver, Colorado. For more detailed information on our firm we refer to our website [www.springsted.com](http://www.springsted.com).

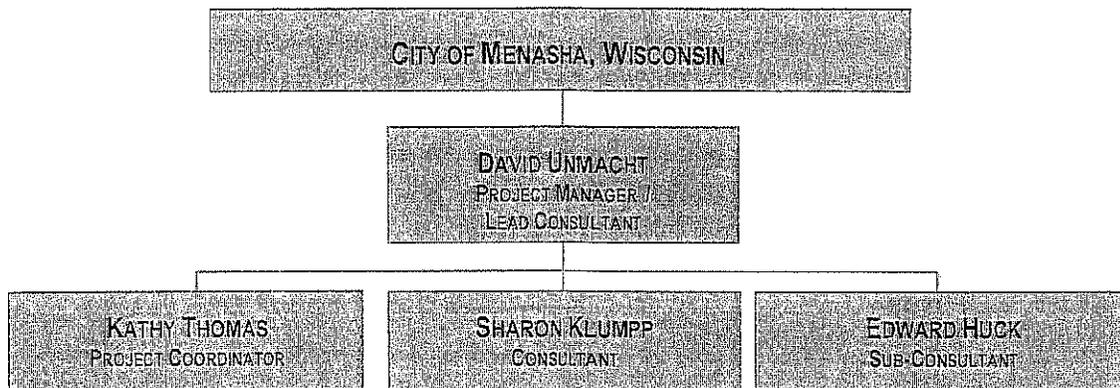
Public entities are under a great amount of pressure to deliver high quality services in a fiscally constrained environment. Traditional methods and means don't necessarily work anymore and this scenario is not likely to change at any time in the future. To that end, elected officials and professional staff are under pressure to employ new and innovative solutions that require progressive leadership, creative partnerships, cautious risk taking and an investment in their personnel and organizational foundation. Those public entities that enhance and enrich their people, their process and their systems are likely to deliver more value by maximizing the use of public resources. We believe your request for succession and efficiency planning is very consistent with this philosophy.

Springsted's staff has been advising local governments in organizational development for over 25 years. We have a strong staff with direct experience in managing and leading city governments. Our team of professionals brings practical, realistic and creative solutions to the challenges faced by public entities.

Our Organizational Management focus ranges from executive recruitment, group facilitation, strategic planning, cultural assessments, resource sharing and building collaborations to organizational improvement and efficiency studies. This focus will help us serve the City of Menasha for this study.

## II. Project Team

The project team will consist of top senior managers and consultants within the Management Consulting Group. The table below identifies the consultants and their planned role within the study.



### David J. "Dave" Unmacht

*Senior Vice President and Project Manager*



Mr. Dave Unmacht will be the Project Manager and Lead Consultant for the study. He will be the day-to-day contact for the City and will be responsible for the overall coordination of the project. Mr. Unmacht is director of Springsted's Organizational Management/ Human Resources group.

Mr. Unmacht brings more than 15 years of county administration experience, having worked for Scott and Dakota counties, Minnesota. He has also worked as City Manager in Prior Lake and City Administrator in Belle Plaine,

Minnesota. He guides clients in organizational and leadership development, staff/elected official relations, human resources, intergovernmental collaborations, comprehensive planning and growth management, communication strategies, facilitation services and strategic planning. He has a master's in Public Administration from Drake University in Iowa and a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Political Science from Wartburg College in Iowa.

Mr. Unmacht was the recipient of the Minnesota Association of County Administrators (MACA) Joseph F. Ries County Administrator of the Year Award in 2000 and the Minnesota City/County Management Association (MCMA) Manager of the Year in 2006.

Mr. Unmacht is also a Credentialed Manager with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and a community faculty member with Metropolitan State University in Saint Paul, Minnesota. He taught a course in the summer and fall of 2011 on leading and managing organizational change in the public and non-profit sectors.

**Kathleen A. “Kathy” Thomas**

*Vice President and Client Representative*

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Ms. Kathy Thomas will be the Springsted Incorporated representative from our local office. She provides financial advisory and other special consulting services to municipalities, schools, parks, and counties on their issuance of debt transactions for capital projects. She has been in public finance since 1983 and has participated in more than \$6.9 billion in debt issuances. Ms. Thomas has managed various types of financings, for both refunding and new money purposes, including general obligation bonds, water and sewer/electric revenue bonds, special service area bonds, tax increment financing bonds, debt certificates and alternate revenue source bonds. She has been an underwriter as well, and brings a unique perspective to a transaction. Ms. Thomas is active in numerous professional organizations, including the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association, the Illinois County/County Managers Association, the Wisconsin Government Finance Officers Association, the Wisconsin City Managers Association, the Wisconsin Economic Development Association and the Municipal Treasurers Association of Wisconsin. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and has her Series 63 and 7 securities licenses.

**Sharon G. Klumpp**

*Senior Vice President and Consultant*

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Ms. Sharon Klumpp will be a Consultant on the Study. She specializes in organizational and management consulting for public agencies. Her area of expertise and focus will be in the data analysis, on site interviews, findings and recommendations components of the process. Ms. Klumpp has extensive government experience, having served as an Executive Director of the Metropolitan Council – the seven-county regional planning agency for the Twin Cities metropolitan area of Minnesota, as the Associate Executive Director for the League of Minnesota Cities, as a City Administrator and as an Assistant City Manager. She holds a master's in public administration degree in public administration from the University of Kansas and a bachelor's degree in political science from Miami University in Ohio.

**Sub-Consultant**

Edward J. “Ed” Huck

*Sub-Consultant*

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Mr. Ed Huck is the owner of Ed Huck Political Consultant LLC and is currently working on issues that involve local government. Edward Huck was the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Alliance of Cities for more than 25 years. The Alliance was a voluntary organization of older cities and first-ring suburbs. From 1969 to 2011, the Alliance lobbied for changes in State and Federal laws as they relate to land use, taxation, the environment and intergovernmental transfers. Mr. Huck has served as an advisor to state agencies as a member of the Shared Revenue Task force for the Department of Revenue, Counties and Municipalities Work Group for the Department of Administration and Watershed Advisory Committee for the Department of Natural Resources. He

oversaw production of the Wisconsin Metropatterns Report and Conference. Wisconsin Metropatterns, written by Myron Orfield and Tom Luce of the Metropolitan Area Research Corporation, uncovered growing poverty, declining tax base, inefficient growth and racial and social segregation in seven metropolitan areas of Wisconsin. He presented at the 2004 Marquette Law Symposium on Wisconsin Tax Policy and later published the article Tiebout vs. Samuelson in "Municipal World." Mr. Huck played a major role developing the Marquette Law Symposium; "Is the Wisconsin Constitution Obsolete?" He is currently serving on the Board of One Thousand Friends of Wisconsin and is a political consultant.

### **Springsted Team**

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The Springsted team will provide the following value added benefits to the process and outcomes:

**Knowledge of the City of Menasha** – We have met with the Mayor and City Attorney/HR Director to gain an initial understanding of the goals of this study. We understand the overall goals are to determine the best way to achieve efficiencies in providing City services and to provide suggestions for succession planning. We will work hard to develop a strong understanding of all of the City's needs prior to the beginning of our study.

**Knowledge of Local Government** – We have extensive knowledge and background in the fields of municipal operations, human resource management, organizational development, and financial management. We are former public sector managers who bring distinct, yet complementary experiences to the team.

**Experience with Elected Officials, Department Heads and Staff** – The team members have spent our careers working directly with appointed and elected officials, department heads and line staff members. We respect and understand each group's roles and responsibilities. We will work closely with you to identify outsourcing options, but also help evaluate each option in light of its impact on each group, as well as the service delivery impacts to citizens.

## **III. Proposed Process and Timeline**

There are five specific steps to our process to complete the study. The methodology used to address the general scope of services will include a combination of on site field work and interviews, existing document review and analysis, and application of best practices and professional standards.

### **Process and Outcome Credibility**

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One of our distinctive qualities is the commitment we have to ensure the success of the study. To that end, our experience and project approach takes into consideration two key variables: *process credibility* and *outcome credibility*. Process credibility is the realization to all involved, in particular the Council and staff, that the methodology used is credible, reasonable and fair to all concerned. In addition, the information and communication must be transparent, honest and timely. Outcome credibility is the realization that the information and data used to develop the findings and conclusions is comprehensive, complete and applied consistently and appropriately without bias or preference to any particular person, persons or individual agenda. If these two objectives are realized, the recommendations, outcomes and future

implementation are on a strong foundation. This distinction is unique in our business and is a contributing factor to the benefits and strengths of the Springsted team.

The four main departments we will focus on in this study are *utilities, finance, human resources and public works*. The City has two main questions with specifics (a-c and a-b) included as follows:

- 1) Evaluate the City services and compare to similarly sized communities.
  - a. Determine if the City is providing more or less services. The question of whether the City should make changes will be addressed as a result of the survey.
  - b. Make recommendations on how to prioritize the existing services?
  - c. Evaluate the current level of staff resources and identify important elements of a succession plan.
  
- 2) Determine the most efficient way to organize City services.
  - a. Review the organizational and department structures and make recommendations on possible changes
  - b. Review the number of employees to see if any can be consolidated, re-organized or utilized more effectively.
  
- 3) Prepare a plan for implementation of the recommendations.

We will work closely with the City to identify the communities to include as peer groups for the comparison and analysis. We believe we have an understanding of the full scope of what the City desires to be included in the study. As part of our due diligence, prior to initiating the study we will confirm our final scope of work to insure the work plan is acceptable to the City.

Based on our understanding of the scope of work listed above, we expect five main steps will be necessary to complete this study:

**Step One      Project Coordination**

This includes ensuring that the details and logistics of the study are understood and agreed upon. We propose that the logistics and details be completed immediately upon approval to proceed with the study. We encourage the City to identify a project coordinator who can serve as the day to day contact with the Springsted Project Manager.

**Step Two      On Site Field Work – Elected Official and Employee Input**

This includes members of Springsted's team on site conducting extensive interviews and document review. We will work with the City to identify the individuals to interview, including the Mayor and members of the City Council, the management team, staff (supervisory and non-supervisory) and any partners and affiliates of the City that can provide valuable insight into the areas of study. We are very respectful and personable in our interactions; we treat each interview in confidence and we earn the trust of the individuals we interact with. This is an important component of our process as our body of work is only as good as the information we can obtain from those we interview.

Based on the size of the City's staff, individual interviews with every member of the staff is not practical. We propose conducting focus group meetings with key line staff members. Line staff members are the most knowledgeable about actual operations and can provide key insight on operational issues and opportunities. We will also introduce the idea of doing an on-line confidential staff survey using a tool like survey monkey. This will allow us to collect input from staff on a broader level.

### **Step Three Document Review**

At the beginning of the study we will provide a list of information necessary to fully understand the existing conditions and status of the City's operations. This list will include such items as job descriptions, existing structure and reporting relationships, City and department strategic plans, the City's financial plans, previous reports if available, policies, procedures and other documents of record that the City uses as guides and directives. This step actually coincides with the on site field work, but is completed in earnest after we have gathered all of the interview information.

### **Step Four Preparation of Preliminary Findings**

Upon completion of steps two and three the Springsted team will prepare a set of findings which are based on all of the inputs we have received to date. This set of findings will articulate the facts and will be used as a foundation for our recommendations. City officials will have an opportunity to review and comment on the findings before they are completed. The City's review is critical to confirming the reliability and accuracy of the information we have prepared. We recommend that the findings be presented in a work session of city leaders.

### **Step Five Preparation of the Report**

Upon completion of the findings, the team will prepare the report. This report will include all of the tasks within the scope of services and any other information we determine based on our work. The report format will be determined in conjunction with input from the City.

Our commitment is that the City will have a report that will be a practical and useful guide for the future. This report will provide a road-map for the City to enhance, improve and improve service delivery efficiency for the long term future. We will break out each of the three areas in different sections and have specific findings and recommendations for each bullet. Furthermore, if in our analysis and discovery we identify efficiencies and possible cost savings, beyond the four areas of the study, we will include them in our work.

## **Project Schedule**

The schedule below illustrates a possible project milestones and estimated time frame. The specific steps and timeframe are subject to review and discussion with the City. We estimate the overall process to be approximately two to three months in length.

The timeframe is a reflection of a possible schedule; however the date used for the notice to proceed is for illustration purposes.

Project Milestones	Timeframe
Contract award; notice to proceed	August 22
Project coordination; discuss details, finalize study process	Week of August 27
Data request submitted and analysis begins	Week of August 27
On site field work, document review and data analysis (two trips)	September 4 – September 28
Preparation of preliminary findings	October 1 – October 15
Briefing on preliminary findings with the City	Week of October 15
Preparation of draft report	By November 9*
Briefing on draft report with the City	Week of November 5
Prepare final report	Balance of November

\*Although the final report will not be completed until mid to late November, the City will have sufficient information to use in planning, organizing and preparing for the future at the time of the preliminary findings and draft report.

Springsted will organize the report and presentation to fully comply with the final work plan and wishes of the City. We will provide the City with an electronic version of the Report, along with copies as determined in the project coordination meetings.

#### IV. Conflicts of Interest

As an independent public sector advisor, Springsted was founded on the belief of avoidance of conflicts of interest when representing our clients. Our independence covers all service lines from Public Finance to Economic Development and Organizational Management. Our only clients are public entities and non-profit corporations. Since Springsted's founding, clients have relied upon and valued our independent approach on their behalf.

#### V. Fee Proposal

The estimated cost to conduct the study as outlined in this proposal is \$27,500. This fee does not include miscellaneous out-of-pocket expenses that will be needed. These expenses will be invoiced separately and will be primarily related to travel. We estimate that these expenses will not exceed \$4,000. We will invoice the City half the cost of the study and expenses incurred to-date following the briefing on the preliminary findings. The balance of the fee and expenses will be billed upon completion of the study.

We recognize that the City may want to discuss the specific project and process to address changes and additional needs that may arise. Thus, our proposal is subject to discussion and change at the request of the City. We will work with the City to revise our fee proposal based on the final scope of work plan agreed to prior to initiating the study.

## VI. References

The references below are some of those that will be able to provide you with information on Springsted and on projects which were similar, but may not be exactly the same in scope as sought by the city. We also can provide you with additional references that can provide you with more specific information on our work.

**City of New Berlin, Wisconsin**  
*Dispatch Outsourcing Study*  
Mr. Joe Rieder, Police Chief  
262-780-8101

**Polk County, Minnesota**  
*Organization and Structure Review*  
Mr. Jack Schmalenberg, County  
Administrator  
218-281-5408

**City of Manitowoc, Wisconsin**  
*Budget, Revenue and Cost Savings Study*  
Mr. Justin Nickels, Mayor  
920-686-6980

**Winona County, Minnesota**  
*Review of Financial Systems and  
Processes*  
Mr. Duane Hebert, County Administrator  
507-457-6355

**City of Melrose, Minnesota**  
*Organizational Review*  
Mr. John Harren, Public Works Director  
(Project Coordinator)  
320-256-1960

**Town of Buchanan, Wisconsin**  
*Organization Review*  
Ms. Angela Gorall, Town Administrator  
920-734-8599

**Naperville Park District, Illinois**  
*Organizational Review – Parks*  
Mr. Ray McGury, Executive Director  
630-848-5000

**Willmar Municipal Utilities, Willmar,  
Minnesota**  
*Organizational Review*  
Mr. Dave Baker, Chair of the Commission  
320-894-5774



## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of the City of Menasha and WPPI Energy for Approval of the Sale and Leaseback of Certain Electric Utility Facilities from Menasha to WPPI Energy, Sale to WPPI Energy of Menasha's Ownership Shares in American Transmission Company, Authority for Menasha to Increase Electric Rates, and a Declaratory Ruling Regarding the Public Service Commission's Continuing Jurisdiction Over WPPI Energy

5-EI-149

### FINAL DECISION APPROVING RADIO SYSTEM COMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENT

This is the Final Decision on the application for approval of a proposed Radio System Communications Agreement (Agreement) between the city of Menasha (City) and the Menasha Water and Light Commission (Utility Commission), acting on behalf of the Menasha Utilities (MU). The Agreement is APPROVED subject to conditions.

#### Introduction

In its *Final Decision* in this docket, dated March 12, 2010, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) approved the sale and leaseback of certain electric utility facilities from the City to WPPI Energy under conditions. Order Point 8 of the *Final Decision* required in part that "MEU [Menasha Electric Utility] shall file with the Commission for approval all future interdepartmental contracts, leases and other agreements and arrangements (regardless of whether such agreements or arrangements are in writing) between MEU and any other agency, department or division of the City, or arrangements for the provision of goods and services (including the provision of electric distribution services)."

On August 3, 2012, MU, which operates both the MEU and the Menasha Water Utility (MWU), filed an application for approval of the proposed Agreement. Under the Agreement,

MU and the City will share the costs of building and operating a new radio communications system (System). The proposed Agreement requires approval of the Commission.

The System will use an existing City cell tower. The System would consist of two repeaters, one owned by the City and the other owned by MU, cross-connected to enhance reliability. Shared capital costs include constructing a building, and purchasing hardware and equipment to make the radio system functional. Each party will purchase its own mobile and handheld radios. Annual expenses will be allocated between the City and MU on the basis of the number of radios used by the City and by MU.

The application indicated that while the City requires the new radio facilities to be operational by January 1, 2013, to comply with new Federal Communications Commission regulations which become effective then, MU could continue to use its ten-year-old system for a limited period, and may do so.

#### **Findings of Fact**

1. Menasha Utilities is a public utility, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5). MU consists of MEU and MWU, which would both be public utilities if considered independently.
2. Menasha Utilities is owned by the City.
3. The Utility Commission is a unit of the City and governs the MU.

#### **Conclusions of Law**

1. The Commission has the authority to review and approve the Agreement under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.02(1) and 196.395 and under the *Final Decision* in this docket, dated March 12, 2010.

2. The Agreement is reasonable and consistent with the public interest, subject to the terms and conditions stated in this Final Decision, which are necessary to protect the public interest.

### **Opinion**

Menasha Utilities proposes the joint ownership and operation of the System with the City. Under the agreement, MU and the City will purchase its own repeater and radios. Capital costs estimated at \$50,000 will be split on the basis of the current number of radios operated by MU and the City, with an initial capital cost division of 40 percent for MU and 60 percent for the City.

The cost allocations between MU and the City are reasonable with separable costs identified and paid by the applicable entities, and the inseparable costs allocated on the basis of the number of radios operated by MU and by the City. However, the Commission finds that additional clarification is needed under certain provisions of the Agreement.

To facilitate the sale and leaseback of certain electric utility facilities, MU was to be separated into two utilities, the electric utility (MEU) and the water utility (MWU), under the *Final Decision* in this docket, dated March 12, 2010. Both will be beneficiaries of the MU system, and the Commission finds that clarification is necessary to ensure that both MEU and MWU share the costs allocated to or incurred by MU. Currently, MEU owns 27 radios and MWU owns 11 radios. The number of radios owned individually by the two utilities is a reasonable basis for allocating costs borne by MU.

With the identified conditions, the Commission finds the Agreement reasonable and consistent with the public interest.

**Order**

1. The Agreement (Attachment A), is approved subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Joint capital costs associated with the initial shared facilities allocated to MU shall be reallocated to and paid by MEU and MWU proportionately on the basis of 27 radios currently owned by MEU and 11 radios owned by MWU.
  - b. Future joint costs incurred shall be allocated on the basis of the number of radios then owned by the City, MEU, and MWU. Future MU specific costs incurred shall be allocated on the basis of the number of radios then owned by MEU and MWU. The allocators shall be updated annually based on the total radios at year end.
  - c. Until MEU discontinues operation of the existing radio facilities and begins using the new radio facilities, MEU may not be allocated any operating costs or rent associated with the new facilities.
  - d. MEU shall file with and obtain Commission approval prior to payment of any rent or other assessment to the City associated with continued use of the tower at the steam plant site.
2. Consistent with the *Final Decision* of March 12, 2010, MEU shall obtain Commission approval prior to the effective date of any suspension, modification, extension or termination of the Agreement.
3. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Final Decision, MEU shall submit a signed copy of the Agreement consistent with this Final Decision.
4. Approval of this Agreement is not a determination by the Commission that the charges are just and reasonable.
5. This Final Decision shall be effective on the day after the date of mailing.

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6. Jurisdiction is retained.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin,

By the Commission:

Sandra J. Paske  
Secretary to the Commission

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Attachment

See attached Notice of Rights

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN  
610 North Whitney Way  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854

**NOTICE OF RIGHTS FOR REHEARING OR JUDICIAL REVIEW, THE  
TIMES ALLOWED FOR EACH, AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE  
PARTY TO BE NAMED AS RESPONDENT**

The following notice is served on you as part of the Commission's written decision. This general notice is for the purpose of ensuring compliance with Wis. Stat. § 227.48(2), and does not constitute a conclusion or admission that any particular party or person is necessarily aggrieved or that any particular decision or order is final or judicially reviewable.

*PETITION FOR REHEARING*

If this decision is an order following a contested case proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3), a person aggrieved by the decision has a right to petition the Commission for rehearing within 20 days of mailing of this decision, as provided in Wis. Stat. § 227.49. The mailing date is shown on the first page. If there is no date on the first page, the date of mailing is shown immediately above the signature line. The petition for rehearing must be filed with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and served on the parties. An appeal of this decision may also be taken directly to circuit court through the filing of a petition for judicial review. It is not necessary to first petition for rehearing.

*PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW*

A person aggrieved by this decision has a right to petition for judicial review as provided in Wis. Stat. § 227.53. In a contested case, the petition must be filed in circuit court and served upon the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin within 30 days of mailing of this decision if there has been no petition for rehearing. If a timely petition for rehearing has been filed, the petition for judicial review must be filed within 30 days of mailing of the order finally disposing of the petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after the final disposition of the petition for rehearing by operation of law pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.49(5), whichever is sooner. If an *untimely* petition for rehearing is filed, the 30-day period to petition for judicial review commences the date the Commission mailed its original decision.<sup>1</sup> The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin must be named as respondent in the petition for judicial review.

If this decision is an order denying rehearing, a person aggrieved who wishes to appeal must seek judicial review rather than rehearing. A second petition for rehearing is not permitted.

Revised: December 17, 2008

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<sup>1</sup> See *State v. Currier*, 2006 WI App 12, 288 Wis. 2d 693, 709 N.W.2d 520.

**RADIO SYSTEM COMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 by and between the City of Menasha (City) and the City of Menasha Water and Light Commission (Commission).

The initial term of this Agreement shall be five years commencing on the start of installation of the Equipment. The initial term shall be automatically renewed and extended, upon the same terms and conditions, for additional terms of five years each, unless either party notifies the other, in writing, at least 180 days before the end of a term, of its intention not to permit the Agreement to renew.

WHEREAS, This Agreement is entered into for the benefit of the City and Menasha Utilities; and

WHEREAS, The City owns Property located at 455 Baldwin St., Menasha, Wisconsin, known as the Public Works Facility; and

WHEREAS, The City has located upon the Public Works Facility property a communications tower (Tower); and

WHEREAS, The City and the Commission desire to place, attach, affix and locate communications equipment and related appurtenances, apparatus and facilities (Equipment) which are more particularly described on SCHEDULE B, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement, on and near the Tower.

**ARTICLE I  
INSTALLATIONS, MAINTENANCE, AND USE**

**1.1 Equipment.** The City and the Commission set forth herein their agreement with respect to the purchase and installation of Equipment on and near the Tower, ownership, maintenance, use and repair of said Equipment.

The City will be responsible for the purchase and installation of Equipment on and near the Tower as set forth in the 3/1/2012 quote #SBEEQ1038-01 from Nielson Communications Inc., a copy of which is attached as SCHEDULE B.

Each party will be responsible for the purchase and all other costs and expenses incurred for the radios associated with use of the Equipment.

**1.2 Ownership of Equipment.** Each of the parties will own one repeater and related assemblies. The building will be jointly owned by the parties – 60% City and 40% Commission.

**1.2 Maintenance of Equipment.** Each party will be responsible for the maintenance of, updates and repairs to the Equipment each party owns.

City and Commission shall share in the costs and expenses incurred in the event there is damage to the Tower, the Property or to the Equipment or any other lessee on the Tower that may result during use, installation, maintenance, updates or repair operations unless the damage is caused by said party to which extent said damage shall be the responsibility of the party causing the damage.

**1.3 Removal of Equipment.** Removal and disposal of the Equipment and restoration of the property to the condition existing at the time this Agreement was entered into reasonable wear and tear excepted will be shared by the parties owning the equipment at that time.

1.4 **Use of Equipment.** Each party shall have use of Equipment necessary for operation of each respective radio system.

## **ARTICLE II INTERFERENCE**

2.1 The Parties acknowledge that another party, AT & T, has certain rights with respect to access and use of the Tower in connection with a Ground Site Lease Agreement.

## **ARTICLE III**

3.1 **Rent.** Commission shall pay to the City as rent the sum of \$200 per month due on the first day of each month beginning the first month following Commission's use of the Equipment.

3.2 **Capital Cost.** Commission shall also pay an initial amount of \$20,000 to City representing Commission's share of capital costs incurred for the purchase and installation of the Equipment. Said payment shall be due upon terms set by the vendor.

## **ARTICLE IV DAMAGE AND/OR DESTRUCTION**

4.1 **City May Repair or Restore Upon Insured Loss.** If the Tower is damaged or destroyed by fire, vandalism, or other casualty, this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect if City elects to make repairs or restores at its option the Tower within ninety (90) days of such fire or other casualty. In the event City elects to not make such repairs, City shall deliver written notice to Commission of City's election to not repair the Tower; and Commission shall have the right to terminate this Agreement effective as of the date of the damage.

4.2 **Rent Abatement.** If, through no fault of Commission or its agents, employees, representatives, contractors, or other persons acting or engaging by, through, or under Commission, the Tower is damaged so as to render the same substantially unusable for its intended purpose, the Rent shall abate for such period while City restores at its option the Tower.

## **ARTICLE V MISCELLANEOUS**

5.1 The Parties shall cooperate in obtaining any approvals required for use of Equipment.

5.2 **Assignment.** Commission will not assign or transfer this Agreement without the prior written consent of City.

5.2 **Non-Waiver.** Waiver by either party of any breach of any term, covenant, or condition herein contained shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such term, covenant, or condition of this Agreement, regardless of City's or Commission's knowledge of any prior or proceeding breach at the time of payment or acceptance of rent.

5.3 **Entire Agreement/Amendment.** This Agreement contains all covenants and agreements between City and Commission relating in any manner to the rent, parties' use of the Equipment, and other matters set forth in this Agreement. No prior agreements or understandings pertaining to the matters governed by this Agreement shall be valid, or of any force or effect; and the

covenants and agreements of this Agreement shall not be altered, modified, or amended, except in writing signed by City and Commission.

**CITY OF MENASHA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**MENASHA WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of the City of Kaukauna, Outagamie County,  
Wisconsin, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to  
Change Electric Rates

2800-ER-106

### FINAL DECISION

This is the Final Decision in the Class 1 proceeding conducted by the Public Service Commission (Commission) on the application of the city of Kaukauna (Kaukauna or applicant), as an electric public utility, for authority to change electric rates. The application is APPROVED as conditioned by this Final Decision.

### Introduction

The applicant applied to the Commission on March 30, 2012, for authority to increase electric rates by \$5,401,862 or 8.83 percent. The applicant's last rate increase was approved in docket 2800-ER-105 by *Final Decision* dated January 27, 2011. The applicant cited construction of the Badger Hydroelectric facility, a major capital improvement project, as the contributing factor for the rate increase request. The final overall rate change authorized is \$ 2,921,802 or 4.78 percent for the test year, which ends December 31, 2012. Pursuant to due notice, the Commission held a telephonic hearing before Administrative Law Judge Michael E. Newmark at Madison and Kaukauna on September 7, 2012. The city of Kaukauna and Wisconsin Paper Council (WPC) are the parties to the proceeding. The other appearances in this proceeding are listed in Appendix A.

**Findings of Fact**

1. A reasonable estimate of average net investment rate base for the test year is \$80,274,036.
2. The applicant's present authorized rates for electric utility service will produce total operating revenues of \$63,104,179, which are less than the applicant's revenue requirement of \$66,025,883 for the test year. The applicant's present rates are unreasonable and unjust.
3. The rate of return of 2.36 percent on average net investment rate base at current rates is unreasonable and inadequate.
4. A reasonable utility ratemaking capital structure for the test year consists of 37.33 percent municipal equity and 62.67 percent long-term debt.
5. A reasonable return on municipal equity is 7.76 percent.
6. The applicant's composite cost of debt is 4.95 percent. A reasonable return on average net investment rate base that will provide adequate interest coverage is 6.00 percent.
7. It is reasonable to authorize the applicant to continue to apply a power cost adjustment clause (PCAC) for retail electric service during the test year.
8. An increase in the applicant's operating revenues for the test year of \$2,921,802 is necessary to generate a 6.00 percent return on average net investment rate base and to cover the applicant's total cost of service.
9. It is reasonable to implement the step one increase and eliminate the requested step two increase requested by the applicant.
10. It is reasonable to reset the base cost of power once the applicant provides the Commission with notification that the Badger Hydroelectric facility has been placed in service.

11. It is reasonable to rely on the results of one or more electric cost-of-service studies (COSS) along with other factors, such as bill impacts, when allocating revenue responsibility.

12. It is reasonable to use a 12-CP method in order to allocate the applicant's hydraulic production plant costs.

13. The rates and rules in Appendices C and D are just and reasonable and will permit the applicant to earn the necessary revenue requirement for the test year.

14. It is reasonable to implement two separate PCAC mechanisms, divided between CP-3 and non-CP-3 customers, in order to reflect changes in the applicant's monthly purchased power costs.

15. It is reasonable to use a loss factor ratio of 4-to-1 in order to perform PCAC and PCAC2 calculations.

16. It is reasonable to institute a minimum load factor requirement of 60 percent for the Cp-3 class

17. It is reasonable to revise the applicant's construction allowances.

18. The annual depreciation rates in Appendix E are reasonable.

19. Energy conservation, renewable resources, or energy priorities listed in Wis. Stat. §§ 1.12 or 196.025 and their combination would not be a cost effective, technically feasible, or environmentally sound alternative to the rate increase authorized in this Final Decision.

### **Conclusion of Law**

1. The applicant is a municipal electric public utility as defined in Wis. Stat. §§ 66.0801 and 196.01(5).

2. The Commission has authority under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.025, 196.03, 196.20, 196.37, 196.395, and 196.40 to authorize the applicant to establish electric rates and rules and annual depreciation rates in accordance with this Final Decision, and to determine that the rates and rules in Appendices C, D, and E are reasonable and just as a matter of law.

### Opinion

#### Net Investment Rate Base

The average net investment rate base for the test year is as follows:

Electric Utility Plant	\$115,584,701
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	35,873,227
Less: Regulatory Amort. Accum. Depreciation	1,123,962
Less: Customer Advances for Construction	<u>21,678</u>
Net Plant:	\$78,565,834
Plus: Materials and Supplies	<u>1,708,202</u>
Net Investment Rate Base	\$80,274,036

This rate base is reasonable and just.

#### Comparative Income Statement

Income statements showing revenues and expenditures estimated for the test year ending December 31, 2012, at present rates and at rates authorized in this Final Decision, are contained in Appendix B. Such income statements are reasonable and just for purposes of this proceeding. Appendix B also shows the percent change in revenues for the various rate classes at existing and authorized rates. The applicant's existing rates are unreasonable and unjust because they produce inadequate revenues.

The depreciation expense included in the revenue requirement for the test year was computed using the depreciation rates shown in Appendix E. These depreciation rates are effective on the effective date of this Final Decision for computing the depreciation expense on the average net investment for each plant account.

### **Two-Step Rate Implementation**

The applicant requested to change its electric rates by \$5,401,862, or approximately 8.83 percent. The increase was requested to be implemented over two years with a \$4,005,342, or 6.55 percent, increase implemented in 2012 and the remaining \$1,396,520, or 2.28 percent, increase implemented in November 2013, when the Badger Hydroelectric project is anticipated to be completed and placed in service.

After audit completion, the applicant's revenue deficiency reflected an increase in rates of \$4,255,433 or 4.83 percent. A two-year implementation would reflect a 2012 increase of \$2,921,802 or 4.78 percent, and a 2013 increase of \$1,333,729 or 2.12 percent. The step two increase would increase the overall revenue requirement by \$31,144 or 0.05 percent, which is immaterial.

Eliminating the step two increase would leave the applicant vulnerable to revenue shortfalls due to the potential for lower PCAC revenues. Any possible harm to the applicant can be alleviated provided the base cost of power (U-factor) is reset so the applicant is able to maintain its PCAC revenue from the step one increase. If the U-factor were not reset in that way, the applicant's actual local costs would be increasing about \$1.33 million due to the additional hydroelectric capital costs, and its revenues would decrease about \$1.30 million due to reduced purchased power expense flowing through the PCAC. Due to the amount of time

necessary to prepare, review, and approve a rate application, not adjusting the U-factor to maintain PCAC revenue from step one could leave the applicant with a significant revenue shortfall for up to a year or possibly longer.

Given the immaterial amount of the step two increase to the revenue requirement, it is appropriate to implement only the \$2,921,802 (4.78 percent) step one increase in this proceeding. It is appropriate to reset the U-factor once the applicant provides the Commission with notification that the Badger Hydroelectric facility has been placed into service.

### **Return on Rate Base**

It is reasonable to expect the applicant to pay \$48,509,582 to its wholesale supplier, WPPI Energy (WPPI), for purchased power during the test year. During this period, the Commission expects the applicant to sell 754,284,281 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of energy. The Commission expects the applicant's present rates to produce total operating revenues of \$63,104,178 against total operating expenses of \$61,209,440, yielding a net operating income of \$1,894,737. This net operating income provides a 2.36 percent rate of return on the above-determined average net investment rate base of \$80,274,036. Because the existing rates produce a low rate of return, they are inadequate.

It is reasonable to estimate the applicant's capital employed in providing public utility service as 37.33 percent municipal equity and 62.67 percent long-term debt. The composite cost of debt capital is 4.95 percent. A return on rate base of 6.00 percent will provide a return on municipal equity of 7.76 percent and 1.93 times interest coverage. The rate of return of 6.00 percent applied to the net investment rate base in determining the revenue requirement for purposes of this proceeding is reasonable and just.

### **Power Cost Adjustment Clause**

The applicant's earnings are extremely sensitive to the wholesale rates and fuel adjustment charged by its supplier. Purchased power costs represent approximately 89 percent of the applicant's total operating expenses. Fluctuations in the applicant's earnings can result from changes in the wholesale demand-energy rate and fuel adjustment charged by WPPI. In order to mitigate fluctuations in the applicant's earnings due to changes in the cost of purchased power, the applicant is authorized to continue to apply a PCAC to all of its retail bills. This clause permits increases or decreases in the cost of purchased power to be passed on directly to the customer. The applicant presumably makes no profit from applying this PCAC to its retail bills.

The applicant proposes a new PCAC mechanism (PCAC2) that would apply to its Cp-3 customers only. All of the non-Cp-3 customers would continue to be billed using a PCAC mechanism that is the same as the current method. The current PCAC is calculated by dividing the total monthly purchased power costs by the monthly kWh sold to the utility's retail customers and then subtracting the base average cost of power (the "U" factor of the clause) for the test year. The PCAC is then applied to all retail kWh sales. The new PCAC2 mechanism would have two components—a Demand Cost Adjustment (DCA) and an Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA). The proposed PCAC2 mechanism is intended to better track the wholesale power costs that vary monthly based on demand and energy usage. The Commission finds it reasonable to authorize the PCAC2 mechanism proposed by the applicant for its Cp-3 customers.

This Final Decision also revises the current PCAC mechanism to reflect the change in the base average cost of power (the "U" factor of the clause) for non-Cp-3 customers for the test year.

The PCAC shall be applicable each month and shall reflect the difference between monthly and test-period wholesale purchased power costs to serve the utility's non-Cp-3 customers. The PCAC2 shall also be applicable each month and shall reflect the difference between monthly and test-period wholesale purchased power costs to serve the utility's Cp-3 customers. If WPPI reduces the applicant's wholesale rates and the applicant receives a refund from its wholesale supplier, the applicant shall pass the refund to its retail customers in accordance with Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 110.

The authorized rates, as shown in Appendix C, reflect the test year PCAC factors. The average per kWh adjustment to a customer's retail electric bill represents expected changes in the wholesale cost of purchased power for the test year. The cost of purchased power used to compute this average adjustment is based upon rates set by WPPI that are effective on and after January 1 of the test year. As the PCAC is sensitive to the loss factors assumed in the PCAC calculation, it is reasonable to establish a loss factor ratio of 4-to-1 for the test year, to be used when calculating the PCAC and PCAC2.

### **Electric Cost-of-Service**

The applicant, WPC, and Commission staff testified regarding COSS issues and the appropriate allocation methods for plant and operations and maintenance expenses. WPC disagreed with the applicant's and Commission staff's use of a 12-CP method for allocating hydraulic production plant costs, advocating instead for a 1-CP, 3-CP, or 4-CP method. The Commission finds that the applicant's hydraulic production plant, including the Badger Hydro generating facility, represents base load generation, and as such, the Commission finds it reasonable to use a 12-CP method for allocating the applicant's hydraulic production plant costs.

## **Rates**

The Commission adjusted the applicant's base rates in addition to revising the PCAC. The authorized rates will increase revenues by approximately \$2,921,802 annually, or 4.78 percent, resulting in an estimated net operating income of \$4,816,540 for the test year. This net operating income provides a rate of return of 6.00 percent on the applicant's average net investment rate base of \$80,274,036.

## **Rate Design**

The Commission has a statutory responsibility to establish reasonable and just rates. It is reasonable and just to authorize flat usage and time-of-use electric rates. The flat usage rate design provides an appropriate price signal to the consumer in lieu of time-of-day (TOD) rates. Mandatory and/or voluntary TOD rates have been provided for all of the applicant's customers.

The Commission recognizes that any COSS is not a precise reflection of cost causality, but rather depends heavily on the accuracy of the data and projections used and the many judgments of the person performing the study. Selecting final class revenue targets, using the COSS as a guideline and adhering to the general principles of rate-making, is also largely a matter of judgment. Final decisions regarding the increase or decrease for each class, as well as the rate design for each class, were influenced by all of the following factors: (1) Commission staff's COSS; (2) consideration of rates charged to customers of the adjacent large private power companies, Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Wisconsin Public Service Corporation; (3) concern regarding rate impact; and (4) the expressed wishes of the applicant.

The authorized rates will produce increases in revenues from all classes, for the test year, as shown in Appendix B. The present rates and authorized rates, listed by rate class, appear in

Appendix C. It is reasonable to make the changes in electric rates as shown in Appendix C that do all of the following:

1. Reflect the rolling-in of the test year PCAC of \$0.0038 per kWh.
2. Reflect current operating costs, the emerging competitive environment in the electric utility industry, and the customer bill impacts.
3. Reflect capacity-related costs in the applicant's purchased power bills in demand charges.

The authorized rate and rule tariffs appear in Appendix D.

The applicant's current Cp-3 tariff is applied to any customers whose monthly maximum measured demand is in excess of 5,000 kilowatts per month for three or more months in a consecutive 12-month period. In conjunction with the request to implement the PCAC2 mechanism for Cp-3 customers, the applicant requested that a 60 percent minimum load-factor requirement be instituted for the Cp-3 class in order to avoid excessive rate shock to one customer currently taking service under the Cp-3 class. This customer's usage characteristics are distinctly different from the rest of the Cp-3 class, and as such the PCAC2 mechanism authorized in this Final Decision would produce an unreasonable bill impact for this customer. The Commission finds the applicant's request for a 60 percent minimum load-factor requirement for the Cp-3 class to be reasonable.

### **Innovative Rate Design**

WPC requested that the Commission direct the applicant to work with WPC and any other interested parties in developing an interruptible tariff, upon completion of this case, for implementation as soon as possible and in no event later than April 1, 2013. WPC also

recommended that the Commission direct the applicant to develop both critical-peak pricing and real-time pricing options in cooperation with WPC and other interested parties as soon as possible, and to be effective no later than January 1, 2014. The applicant indicated it is willing to meet with WPC, its members, and any other interested parties to discuss rate design issues and proposals; however, the utility did not believe that mandating that these discussions resulting in specific tariff proposals is appropriate or necessary. The Commission finds it reasonable to require the applicant to meet with WPC, any other interested parties, and Commission staff in order to discuss the development of innovative rate designs. Commission staff shall provide a report to the Commission regarding the progress of these discussions by February 28, 2013.

### **Rule Changes**

The applicant's current extension rules comply with Wis. Admin. Code §§ PSC 113.1001 to 113.1010. The current extension construction allowances, however, are not based on current costs and, based on data submitted at the hearing, are unreasonable and unjust. The Commission finds it reasonable to revise the applicant's construction allowances as shown in Appendix D.

### **Reasonableness of Rates and Rules**

The rates and rules authorized by this Final Decision will require each class of customers to bear a fair and equitable portion of the applicant's total revenue requirement for the test year ending December 31, 2012. The rate and rule changes authorized by this Final Decision are reasonable and just.

### **Effective Date**

In view of the demonstrated deficiency in earnings and the fact that the test year has already begun, this Final Decision is effective the day after the day of mailing.

**Order**

1. Kaukauna, as an electric public utility, shall replace its existing rates and rules with the rates and rules specified in Appendices C and D.
2. The annual depreciation rates specified in Appendix E are effective on the effective date of this Final Decision.
3. The authorized rates may take effect when the applicant files the rate schedules in its offices and pay stations, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.21, or the effective date of this Final Decision, whichever is later.
4. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.19, the utility shall be considered to have filed with the Commission the rates authorized in this Final Decision when the utility receives completed tariff sheets reflecting this Final Decision from the Commission.
5. Extension applications made before the effective date of this Final Decision and ready to receive service within 60 days following the effective date of this Final Decision shall be completed under the applicant's current rules, rather than the rules specified in Appendices C and D. "Ready to receive service" means having the premises in a condition to receive permanent service or having temporary service for construction purposes. The applicant shall immediately inform all parties with pending extension requests of the new rules and 60-day limitation.
6. The base cost of power shall be reset once the applicant provides the Commission with notification that the Badger Hydroelectric facility has been placed in service.

7. Kaukauna shall meet with WPC, any other interested parties, and Commission staff in order to discuss the development of innovative rate designs. Commission staff shall provide a report to the Commission regarding the progress of these discussions by February 28, 2013.

8. Kaukauna's PCAC shall be applicable each month and shall reflect the difference between monthly and test period wholesale purchased power costs.

9. Kaukauna shall inform the Commission, in writing within 20 days of the effective date of this Final Decision, of the date that the utility makes the authorized rates and rules effective.

10. Kaukauna shall inform each customer of the new rates as required by Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.0406(1)(d).

11. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 196.21 and 196.40, the effective date of this Final Decision is the day after the day of mailing.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

For the Commission:

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Sandra J. Paske  
Secretary to the Commission

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**NOTICE OF RIGHTS FOR REHEARING OR JUDICIAL REVIEW, THE  
TIMES ALLOWED FOR EACH, AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE  
PARTY TO BE NAMED AS RESPONDENT**

The following notice is served on you as part of the Commission's written decision. This general notice is for the purpose of ensuring compliance with Wis. Stat. § 227.48(2), and does not constitute a conclusion or admission that any particular party or person is necessarily aggrieved or that any particular decision or order is final or judicially reviewable.

*PETITION FOR REHEARING*

If this decision is an order following a contested case proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3), a person aggrieved by the decision has a right to petition the Commission for rehearing within 20 days of mailing of this decision, as provided in Wis. Stat. § 227.49. The mailing date is shown on the first page. If there is no date on the first page, the date of mailing is shown immediately above the signature line. The petition for rehearing must be filed with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and served on the parties. An appeal of this decision may also be taken directly to circuit court through the filing of a petition for judicial review. It is not necessary to first petition for rehearing.

*PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW*

A person aggrieved by this decision has a right to petition for judicial review as provided in Wis. Stat. § 227.53. In a contested case, the petition must be filed in circuit court and served upon the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin within 30 days of mailing of this decision if there has been no petition for rehearing. If a timely petition for rehearing has been filed, the petition for judicial review must be filed within 30 days of mailing of the order finally disposing of the petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after the final disposition of the petition for rehearing by operation of law pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.49(5), whichever is sooner. If an *untimely* petition for rehearing is filed, the 30-day period to petition for judicial review commences the date the Commission mailed its original decision.<sup>1</sup> The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin must be named as respondent in the petition for judicial review.

If this decision is an order denying rehearing, a person aggrieved who wishes to appeal must seek judicial review rather than rehearing. A second petition for rehearing is not permitted.

Revised: December 17, 2008

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<sup>1</sup> See *State v. Currier*, 2006 WI App 12, 288 Wis. 2d 693, 709 N.W.2d 520.

## **APPENDIX A**

In order to comply with Wis. Stat. § 227.47, the following parties who appeared before the agency are considered parties for purposes of review under Wis. Stat. § 227.53.

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**Kaukauna Utilities**  
**Comparative Income Statement**  
**For the Test Year 2012**

	Revenues at Present Rates*	Revenues at Authorized Rates	Percent Change
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>			
From Retail Sales Of Electricity			
Residential Service	\$13,397,945	\$14,284,894	6.62%
General Service	\$3,605,033	\$3,786,802	5.04%
Small Power Service	\$3,531,691	\$3,708,722	5.01%
Large Power Time-of-Day CP-2	\$7,324,522	\$7,544,729	3.01%
Large Power Time-of-Day CP-3	\$31,623,880	\$33,071,885	4.58%
Customers Transferring to CP-2 CP-3	\$1,203,207	\$1,192,793	-0.87%
Lighting Service	\$467,007	\$485,262	3.91%
<b>TOTAL RETAIL SALES OF ELECTRICITY</b>	<b>\$61,153,285</b>	<b>\$64,075,087</b>	<b>4.78%</b>
<b>TOTAL SALES OF ELECTRICITY FOR RESALE</b>	<b>\$1,644,321</b>	<b>\$1,644,321</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>TOTAL OTHER OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>\$306,573</b>	<b>\$306,573</b>	
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$63,104,179</b>	<b>\$66,025,981</b>	
<b>OPERATING AND MAINTAINANCE EXPENSE</b>			
Production Expenses	\$50,244,969	\$50,244,969	
Trans. & Distrib. Expenses	\$1,542,576	\$1,542,576	
Customer Account Expenses	\$506,347	\$506,347	
Admin. & General Expenses	\$2,379,031	\$2,379,031	
<b>TOTAL OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$54,672,922</b>	<b>\$54,672,922</b>	
Depreciation Expense	\$3,658,498	\$3,658,498	
Taxes	\$2,878,020	\$2,878,020	
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$61,209,440</b>	<b>\$61,209,440</b>	
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,894,738</b>	<b>\$4,816,540</b>	
<b>RATE OF RETURN**</b>	<b>2.36%</b>	<b>6.00%</b>	

\*/ Reflects a Test Year PCAC of \$0.0038 per kWh. Calculated using rates for WPPI Energy, as approved by its Board of Directors, effective for service after January 1 of the test year.

\*\*/ Based on the test year average net investment rate base of \$80,274,036

**Kaukauna Utilities  
Present and Authorized Rates  
For the Test Year 2012**

Type of Service		Present Rates	Authorized Rates
<b>RG-1 Residential Service</b>			
Customer Charge			
	Single Phase	\$7.00 per month	\$7.00 per month
	Three Phase	\$12.00 " "	\$12.00 " "
Energy Charge		\$0.0962 per kWh	\$0.1072 per kWh
PCAC		\$0.0038 " "	\$0.0000 " "
<b>RG-2 Residential Optional Time-of-Day Service</b>			
Customer Charge			
	Single Phase	\$7.00 per month	\$7.00 per month
	Three Phase	\$12.00 " "	\$12.00 " "
Energy Charge			
	On-Peak kWh	\$0.1760 per kWh	\$0.1960 per kWh
	Off-Peak kWh	\$0.0486 " "	\$0.0560 " "
PCAC		\$0.0038 " "	\$0.0000 " "
<b>GS-1 General Service (Under 50 kW)</b>			
Customer Charge			
	Single Phase	\$8.00 per month	\$8.00 per month
	Three Phase	\$12.00 " "	\$12.00 " "
Energy Charge		\$0.1006 per kWh	\$0.1099 per kWh
PCAC		\$0.0038 " "	\$0.0000 " "
<b>GS-2 General Service Optional Time-of-Day (Under 50 kW)</b>			
Customer Charge			
	Single Phase	\$8.00 per month	\$8.00 per month
	Three Phase	\$12.00 " "	\$12.00 " "
Energy Charge - 8 am to 8 pm on peak period			
	On-Peak kWh	\$0.1760 per kWh	\$0.1960 per kWh
	Off-Peak kWh	\$0.0486 " "	\$0.0560 " "
PCAC		\$0.0038 " "	\$0.0000 " "
<b>CP-1 Small Power (Above 50 Kw And Below 200 kW)</b>			
Customer Charge		\$40.00 per month	\$40.00 per month
Distrib. kW Charge		\$1.50 per kW	\$1.50 per kW
Demand Charge		\$7.00 " "	\$7.40 " "
Energy Charge		\$0.0599 per kWh	\$0.0672 per kWh
PCAC		\$0.0038 " "	\$0.0000 " "
Discounts/Other Charges			
	Primary Metering: 2.3-15 kV	-2.00%	-2.00%
	Primary Metering: >15 kV	-3.00%	-3.00%
	Transformer Ownership: 2.3-15 kV	-\$0.20 per kW	-\$0.20 per kW
	Transformer Ownership: >15 kV	-\$0.40 " "	-\$0.40 " "

**Kaukauna Utilities  
Present and Authorized Rates  
For the Test Year 2012**

Type of Service	Present Rates	Authorized Rates
<b>CP-1 TOD Small Power Optional Time-of-Day (Above 50 Kw And Below 200 kW)</b>		
Customer Charge	\$40.00 per month	\$40.00 per month
Distrib. kW Charge	\$1.50 per kW	\$1.50 per kW
Demand Charge	\$7.00 " "	\$7.40 " "
Energy Charge - 8 am to 8 pm on peak period		
On-Peak kWh	\$0.0760 per kWh	\$0.0910 per kWh
Off-Peak kWh	\$0.0425 " "	\$0.0455 " "
PCAC	\$0.0038 " "	\$0.0000 " "
Discounts/Other Charges		
Primary Metering: 2.3-15 kV	-2.00%	-2.00%
Primary Metering: >15 kV	-3.00%	-3.00%
Transformer Ownership: 2.3-15 kV	-\$0.20 per kW	-\$0.20 per kW
Transformer Ownership: >15 kV	-\$0.40 " "	-\$0.40 " "
<b>CP-2 Large Power Time-of-Day (Above 200 Kw And Below 5000 kW)</b>		
Customer Charge	\$100.00 per month	\$100.00 per month
Distrib. kW Charge	\$1.75 per kW	\$1.75 per kW
Demand Charge	\$8.00 " "	\$8.60 " "
Energy Charge - 8 am to 8 pm on peak period		
On-Peak kWh	\$0.0605 per kWh	\$0.0684 per kWh
Off-Peak kWh	\$0.0432 " "	\$0.0454 " "
PCAC	\$0.0038 " "	\$0.0000 " "
Discounts/Other Charges		
Primary Metering: 2.3-15 kV	-2.00%	-2.00%
Primary Metering: >15 kV	-3.00%	-3.00%
Transformer Ownership: 2.3-15 kV	-\$0.20 per kW	-\$0.20 per kW
Transformer Ownership: >15 kV	-\$0.40 " "	-\$0.40 " "
<b>CP-3 Large Power Time-of-Day (Above 5000 kW and &gt;60% Load Factor)</b>		
Customer Charge	\$300.00 per month	\$300.00 per month
Distrib. kW Charge	\$1.75 per kW	\$1.75 per kW
Demand Charge	\$9.20 " "	\$17.00 " "
Energy Charge - 8 am to 8 pm on peak period		
On-Peak kWh	\$0.0621 per kWh	\$0.0510 per kWh
Off-Peak kWh	\$0.0399 " "	\$0.0354 " "
PCAC	\$0.0038 " "	\$0.0000 " "
Discounts/Other Charges		
Primary Metering: 2.3-15 kV	-2.00%	-2.00%
Primary Metering: >15 kV	-3.00%	-3.00%
Transformer Ownership: 2.3-15 kV	-\$0.20 per kW	-\$0.20 per kW
Transformer Ownership: >15 kV	-\$0.40 " "	-\$0.40 " "

**Kaukauna Utilities  
Present and Authorized Rates  
For the Test Year 2012**

Type of Service	Present Rates	Authorized Rates
<b>MS-1 Street Lighting</b>		
Overhead		
175 Watt MV	\$9.00 per month	Discontinued
100 Watt HPS	\$9.00 " "	\$9.00 per month
250 Watt HPS	\$10.00 " "	\$10.00 " "
400 Watt HPS	\$11.00 " "	\$11.50 " "
400 Watt HSP (Wide Light)	\$12.00 " "	\$12.00 " "
Ornamental		
100 Watt HPS	\$13.00 per month	\$13.00 per month
150 Watt HPS	\$13.60 " "	\$13.60 " "
250 Watt HPS	\$14.00 " "	\$14.00 " "
400 Watt HPS	\$15.00 " "	\$15.00 " "
Security Lighting (unmetered)		
100 Watt HPS	\$9.00 per month	\$9.40 per month
100 Watt HPS	\$13.00 " "	\$13.50 " "
250 Watt HPS	\$10.00 " "	\$10.40 " "
400 Watt HPS	\$11.00 " "	\$11.50 " "
400 Watt HSP (Wide Light)	\$12.00 " "	\$12.50 " "
400 Watt HSP (Ornamental)	\$15.00 " "	\$15.60 " "
Energy Charge	\$0.0494 per kWh	\$0.0596 per kWh
PCAC	\$0.0038 " "	\$0.0000 " "
<b>AVERAGE COST OF POWER</b>	\$0.0605 per kWh	\$0.0643 per kWh
<b>EMBEDDED ALLOWANCES</b>		
Rg-1 & Rg-2, \$/Customer	\$244.00	\$490.00
Gs-1 & Gs-2, \$/Customer	\$677.00	\$1,050.00
Cp-1 & Cp-1 TOD, \$/kW	\$46.44	\$70.25
Cp-2, \$/kW	\$36.97	\$58.02
Cp-3, \$/kW	\$25.92	\$50.17
Ms-1, \$/Lamp	\$12.39	\$1.47
<b>NSF CHARGE</b>	\$25.00	\$25.00
<b>RECONNECTION CHARGES</b>		
During Office Hours	\$45.00	\$45.00
After Office Hours	\$80.00	\$80.00

**Kaukauna Utilities**

<b>Power Cost Adjustment Clause</b>
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**This schedule applies to all service except the Cp-3 tariff. The cost of power and sales referred to in this schedule do not include those for Cp-3 service.**

All non Cp-3 metered rates shall be subject to a positive or negative power cost adjustment charge equivalent to the amount by which the current cost of power (per kilowatt-hour of sales) is greater or lesser than the base cost of power purchased and produced (per kilowatt-hour of sales).

The current cost per kilowatt-hour of energy billed is equal to the cost of power purchased and produced for the most recent month, divided by the kilowatt-hours of energy sold. The monthly adjustment (rounded to the nearest one one-hundredth of a cent) is equal to the current cost less the base cost. The base cost of power (U) is \$0.0605 per kilowatt-hour.

Periodic changes shall be made to maintain the proper relative structure of the rates and to insure that power costs are being equitably recovered from the various rate classes. If the monthly adjustment (A) exceeds \$0.0150 per kilowatt-hour, for more than three times in a 12-month period (current plus preceding 11-months), the company shall notify the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin separate from its monthly PCAC report of the need to evaluate a change in rates to incorporate a portion of the power cost adjustment into the base rates.

For purposes of calculating the power cost adjustment charge, the following formula shall be used:

$$A = \frac{C}{S} - U$$

- A is the power cost adjustment rate in dollars per kilowatt-hour rounded to four decimal places applied on a per kilowatt-hour basis to all retail metered sales of electricity, which excludes the kWh purchased under the Firm Standby Maintenance tariff
- S is the total retail kilowatt-hours sold during the most recent month.
- U is the base cost of power, which equals the average cost of power purchased and produced for retail sale per kilowatt-hour of retail sales for the test year period. This figure remains constant in each subsequent monthly calculation at \$0.0605 per kilowatt-hour until otherwise changed by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.
- C is the cost of power purchased in dollars in the most recent month, less Standby/Maintenance Purchased Power Cost. Cost of power purchased and produced for calculation of C are the monthly amounts which would be recorded in the following accounts of the Uniform System of Accounts:

Class A & B utilities	Account 555
Class C utilities	Account 545

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**Kaukauna Utilities**

<b>Power Cost Adjustment Clause 2</b>
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**This schedule applies to service for the Cp-3 tariff. The cost of power and sales referred to in this schedule include only those for Cp-3 service.**

All Cp-3 metered rates shall be subject to positive or negative demand cost adjustment and energy cost adjustment clauses equivalent to the amount by which the current demand-related and energy-related costs of power purchased or produced.

Demand Cost Adjustment

The current cost per kilowatt of demand billed is equal to the current Cp-3 wholesale demand-related cost of power purchased or produced for the most recent month, divided by the retail kilowatts of demand sold to the Cp-3 customers. The monthly demand cost adjustment (DCA) (rounded to the nearest one-hundredth of a cent) is equal to the current cost less the Base Demand Cost Factor (BDCF). The BDCF is \$17.153 per kilowatt.

For purposes of calculating the DCA charge, the following formula shall be used:

$$DCA = \frac{WDC}{RDB} - BDCF$$

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| DCA  | is the current average demand-related adjustment rate in dollars per kilowatt rounded to three decimal places applied on a per kilowatt basis to all Cp-3 customers' maximum on-peak billing demands.   |
| WDC  | is the current demand-related cost of power purchased or produced on behalf of Cp-3 customers (in dollars) in the most recent month. Demand related costs include the fixed transmission charge and any demand related charges.   |
| RDB  | is the retail on-peak billing demands of the Cp-3 customers in the most recent month.   |
| BDCF | is the Base Demand Cost Factor, which equals the average demand cost of power purchased or produced per kilowatt for the test period. This figure remains constant in each subsequent monthly calculation at \$17.153 per kilowatt until otherwise changed by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. |

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<b>Power Cost Adjustment Clause 2</b>
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Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA)

The current cost per kilowatt-hour of energy billed is equal to the current Cp-3 wholesale energy-related cost of power purchased or produced, divided by the kilowatt-hours of energy sold to the Cp-3 customers. The monthly energy cost adjustment (ECA), rounded to the nearest one-hundredth of a cent is equal to the current cost less the Base Energy Cost Factor (BECF). The BECF is \$0.0294 per kilowatt-hour.

For purposes of calculating the ECA charge, the following formula shall be used:

$$ECA = \frac{WEC}{RE} - BECF$$

ECA is the current average energy related adjustment rate in dollars per kilowatt-hour rounded to four decimal places applied on a per kilowatt-hour basis to all Cp-3 metered sales of electricity.

WEC is the current energy-related cost of power purchased or produced on behalf of Cp-3 customers (in dollars) in the most recent month. Energy-related costs include any energy-related cost components.

RE is the total kilowatt-hours sold to Cp-3 customers in the most recent months.

BECF is the Base Energy Cost Factor, which equals the average energy cost of power purchased or produced per kilowatt-hour in the test period. This figure remains constant in each subsequent monthly calculation at \$0.0294 per kilowatt hour until otherwise changed by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

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Schedule No. Rg-1

**Public Service Commission of Wisconsin**

Amendment No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Kaukauna Utilities**

<b>Residential Service</b>
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Application: This rate will be applied to residential single-phase and three-phase customers for ordinary household purposes. Single-phase motors may not exceed 5 horsepower individual-rated capacity without utility permission.

Customers who do not meet these criteria will be served under the applicable rate.

Customer Charge:

Single-phase: \$ 7.00 per month.

Three-phase: \$12.00 per month.

Energy Charge: \$0.10.72 per kilowatt-hour (kWh).

Power Cost Adjustment Clause: Charge per all kWh varies monthly. See schedule PCAC.

Minimum Monthly Bill: The minimum monthly bill shall be the customer charge.

Prompt Payment of Bills: A charge of no more than 1 percent per month will be added to bills not paid within 20 days from date of issuance. The late payment charge shall be applied to the total unpaid balance for utility service, including unpaid payment charges. This charge is applicable to all customers.

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Schedule No. \_\_\_\_\_ Gs-1

**Public Service Commission of Wisconsin**

Amendment No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Kaukauna Utilities**

<b>General Service</b>
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Application: This rate will be applied to single and three-phase customers. This includes commercial, institutional, government, farm, and other customers. The monthly Maximum Measured Demand of customers served on this rate shall not exceed 50 kilowatts for three or more months in a consecutive 12-month period.

Gs-1 customers shall be transferred into the appropriate demand class as soon as the application conditions of that class have been met.

Customer Charge:

Single-phase: \$ 8.00 per month.

Three-phase: \$12.00 per month.

Energy Charge: \$0.1099 per kilowatt-hour (kWh).

Power Cost Adjustment Clause: Charge per all kWh varies monthly. See schedule PCAC.

Minimum Monthly Bill: The minimum monthly bill shall be the customer charge.

Prompt Payment of Bills: Same as Rg-1.

Farm Customer: Defined as a person or organization using electric service for the operation of an individual farm, or for residential use in living quarters on the farm occupied by persons principally engaged in the operation of the farm and by their families. A farm is a tract of land used to raise or produce agricultural and dairy products, for raising livestock, poultry, game, fur-bearing animals, or for floriculture, or similar purposes, and embracing not less than 3 acres; or, if small, where the principal income of the operator is derived therefrom. (Otherwise, the service used for residential purposes is classed as residential, and that used for commercial is classed as general service.)

Determination of Maximum Measured Demand: The Maximum Measured Demand in any month shall be that demand in kilowatts necessary to supply the average kilowatt-hours in 15 consecutive minutes of greatest consumption of electricity during each month. Such Maximum Measured Demand shall be determined from readings of permanently installed meters or, at the option of the utility, by any standard methods or meters. Said demand meter shall be reset to zero when the meter is read each month.

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Schedule No. \_\_\_\_\_ Cp-1

**Public Service Commission of Wisconsin**

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**Kaukauna Utilities**

<b>Small Power Service</b>
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Application: This rate will be applied to customers for all types of service if their monthly Maximum Measured Demand is in excess of 50 kilowatts (kW) per month for three or more months in a consecutive 12-month period, unless the customer exceeds the application conditions of the large power time-of-day schedule.

Customers billed on this rate shall continue to be billed on this rate until their monthly Maximum Measured Demand is less than 50 kW per month for 12 consecutive months. The utility shall offer customers billed on this rate a one-time option to continue to be billed on this rate for another 12 months if their monthly Maximum Measured Demand is less than 50 kW per month. However, this option shall be offered with the provision that the customer waives all rights to billing adjustments arising from a claim that the bill for service would be less on another rate schedule than under this rate schedule.

Customer Charge: \$40.00 per month.

Distribution Demand Charge: \$1.50 per kW of distribution demand.

Demand Charge: \$7.40 per kW of billed demand.

Energy Charge: \$0.0672 per kilowatt-hour (kWh).

Power Cost Adjustment Clause: Charge per all kWh varies monthly. See schedule PCAC.

Prompt Payment of Bills: Same as Rg-1.

Minimum Monthly Bill: The minimum monthly bill shall be equal to the customer charge, plus the distribution demand charge.

Determination of Maximum Measured Demand: The Maximum Measured Demand in any month shall be that demand in kilowatts necessary to supply the average kilowatt-hours in 15 consecutive minutes of greatest consumption of electricity during each month. Such Maximum Measured Demand shall be determined from readings of permanently installed meters or, at the option of the utility, by any standard methods or meters. Said demand meter shall be reset to zero when the meter is read each month.

Determination of Billed Demand: The Billed Demand shall be the Maximum Measured Demand.

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Schedule No. Cp-1

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**Kaukauna Utilities**

<b>Small Power Service (continued)</b>
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Determination of Distribution Demand: The Distribution Demand shall be the highest monthly Maximum Measured Demand occurring in the current month or preceding 11-month period.

Discounts: The monthly bill for service will be subject to the following discounts applied in the sequence listed below.

Primary Metering Discount: Customers metered on the primary side of the transformer shall be given the following discounts on the monthly energy charge, distribution demand charge, and demand charge, depending upon the level of service voltage.

2,300 volts to 15,000 volts, inclusive: 2.0 Percent

Above 15,000 volts, inclusive: 3.0 Percent

The PCAC and the monthly customer charge will not be eligible for the primary metering discount.

Transformer Ownership Discount: Customers who own and maintain their own transformers or substations shall be given a credit of:

\$0.20 per kW of distribution demand if receiving service from 2,300 volts to 15,000 volts, inclusive

\$0.40 per kW of distribution demand if receiving service above 15,000 volts.

Customer-owned substation equipment shall be operated and maintained by the customer. Support and substation equipment is subject to utility inspection and approval.

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Schedule No. Cp-1 TOD

**Public Service Commission of Wisconsin**

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**Kaukauna Utilities**

<b>Small Power Optional Time-Of-Day Service</b>
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Application: This rate schedule is optional to all Cp-1, General Service customers. Customers that wish to be served on this rate schedule must apply to the utility for service. Once an optional customer begins service on this rate schedule, the customer shall remain on the rate for a minimum of one year. Any customer choosing to be served on this rate schedule waives all rights to billing adjustments arising from a claim that the bill for service would be less on another rate schedule than under this rate schedule.

Once on this rate, the utility will review billing annually according to Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 113.

Customer Charge: \$40.00 per month.

Distribution Demand Charge: \$1.50 per kW of distribution demand.

Demand Charge: \$7.40 per kW of billed demand.

Energy Charge: On-peak: \$0.0910 per kilowatt-hour (kWh).  
Off-peak: \$0.0455 per kWh.

Power Cost Adjustment Clause: Charge per all kWh varies monthly. See schedule PCAC.

Prompt Payment of Bills: Same as Rg-1.

Minimum Monthly Bill: The minimum monthly bill shall be equal to the customer charge, plus the distribution demand charge.

Determination of Maximum Measured Demand: The Maximum Measured Demand in any month shall be that demand in kilowatts necessary to supply the average kilowatt-hours in 15 consecutive minutes of greatest consumption of electricity during each month. Such Maximum Measured Demand shall be determined from readings of permanently installed meters or, at the option of the utility, by any standard methods or meters. Said demand meter shall be reset to zero when the meter is read each month.

Determination of Billed Demand: The Billed Demand shall be the Maximum Measured Demand.

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**Kaukauna Utilities**

<b>Small Power Optional Time-Of-Day Service (continued)</b>
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Determination of Distribution Demand: The Distribution Demand shall be the highest monthly Maximum Measured Demand occurring in the current month or preceding 11-month period.

Pricing Periods:

On-peak: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, specified below.

Off-peak: All times not specified as on-peak including all day Saturday and Sunday, and the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day, or the day designated to be celebrated as such.

Discounts: The monthly bill for service will be subject to the following discounts applied in the sequence listed below.

Primary Metering Discount: Customers metered on the primary side of the transformer shall be given the following discounts on the monthly energy charge, distribution demand charge, and demand charge, depending upon the level of service voltage.

2,300 volts to 15,000 volts, inclusive: 2.0 Percent

Above 15,000 volts, inclusive: 3.0 Percent

The PCAC and the monthly customer charge will not be eligible for the primary metering discount.

Transformer Ownership Discount: Customers who own and maintain their own transformers or substations shall be given a credit of:

\$0.20 per kW of distribution demand if receiving service from 2,300 volts to 15,000 volts, inclusive

\$0.40 per kW of distribution demand if receiving service above 15,000 volts.

Customer-owned substation equipment shall be operated and maintained by the customer. Support and substation equipment is subject to utility inspection and approval.

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Schedule No. \_\_\_\_\_ Cp-2

**Public Service Commission of Wisconsin**

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**Kaukauna Utilities**

<b>Large Power Time-of-Day Service</b>
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Application: This rate will be applied to customers for all types of service, if their monthly Maximum Measured Demand is in excess of 200 kilowatts (kW) per month for three or more months in a consecutive 12-month period but not greater than 5,000 kW per month for three or more months in a consecutive 12-month period. This rate will be applied to customers whose Maximum Measured Demand is in excess of 5,000 kW per month for three or more months in a consecutive 12-month period but do not meet the application criteria for the Cp-3 rate

Customers billed on this rate shall continue to be billed on this rate until their monthly Maximum Measured Demand is less than 200 kW per month for 12 consecutive months. The utility shall offer customers billed on this rate a one-time option to continue to be billed on this rate for another 12 months if their monthly Maximum Measured Demand is less than 200 kW per month. However, this option shall be offered with the provision that the customer waives all rights to billing adjustments arising from a claim that the bill for service would be less on another rate schedule than under this rate schedule.

Customer Charge: \$100.00 per month.

Distribution Demand Charge: \$1.75 per kW of distribution demand.

Demand Charge: \$8.60 per kW of on-peak maximum demand.

Energy Charge: On-peak: \$0.0684 per kilowatt-hour (kWh).  
Off-peak: \$0.0454 per kWh.

Power Cost Adjustment Clause: Charge per all kWh varies monthly. See schedule PCAC.

Minimum Monthly Bill: The minimum monthly bill shall be equal to the customer charge, plus the distribution demand charge.

Prompt Payment of Bills: Same as Rg-1.

Determination of Maximum Measured Demand and On-peak Maximum Demand: The Maximum Measured Demand in any month shall be that demand in kilowatts necessary to supply the average kilowatt-hours in 15 consecutive minutes of greatest consumption of electricity during each month. Such Maximum Measured Demand shall be determined from readings of permanently installed meters or, at the option of the utility, by any standard methods or meters. Said demand meter shall be reset to zero when the meter is read each month. The Maximum Measured Demand that occurs during the On-peak period shall be the On-peak Maximum Demand.

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**Kaukauna Utilities**

<b>Large Power Time-of-Day Service (continued)</b>
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Determination of Distribution Demand: The Distribution Demand shall be the highest monthly Maximum Measured Demand occurring in the current month or preceding 11-month period.

Pricing Periods:

On-peak: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, specified below.

Off-peak: All times not specified as on-peak including all day Saturday and Sunday, and the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day, or the day designated to be celebrated as such.

Discounts: The monthly bill for service will be subject to the following discounts applied in the sequence listed below.

Primary Metering Discount: Customers metered on the primary side of the transformer shall be given the following discounts on the monthly energy charge, distribution demand charge, and demand charge, depending upon the level of service voltage.

2,300 volts to 15,000 volts, inclusive: 2.0 Percent

Or:

Above 15,000 volts: 3.0 Percent

The PCAC and the monthly customer charge will not be eligible for the primary metering discount.

Transformer Ownership Discount: Customers who own and maintain their own transformers or substations shall be given a credit of:

\$0.20 per kW of distribution demand if receiving service from 2,300 volts to 15,000 volts, inclusive

Or:

\$0.40 per kW of distribution demand if receiving service above 15,000 volts.

Customer-owned substation equipment shall be operated and maintained by the customer. Support and substation equipment is subject to utility inspection and approval.

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Schedule No. \_\_\_\_\_ Cp-3

**Public Service Commission of Wisconsin**

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**Kaukauna Utilities**

<b>Industrial Power Time-of-Day Service</b>
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Application: This rate will be applied to customers for all types of service, if their monthly Maximum Measured Demand is in excess of 5,000 kilowatts (kW) per month for three or more months in a consecutive 12-month period and their calculated Load Factor is greater than or equal to 60 percent.

Customers billed on this rate shall continue to be billed on this rate until their monthly Maximum Measured Demand is less than 5,000 kW per month for 12 consecutive months. The utility shall offer customers billed on this rate a one-time option to continue to be billed on this rate for another 12 months if their monthly Maximum Measured Demand is less than 5,000 kW per month. However, this option shall be offered with the provision that the customer waives all rights to billing adjustments arising from a claim that the bill for service would be less on another rate schedule than under this rate schedule.

Customer Charge: \$300.00 per month.

Distribution Demand Charge: \$1.75 per kW of distribution demand.

Demand Charge: \$17.00 per kW of on-peak maximum demand.

Energy Charge: On-peak: \$0.0510 per kilowatt-hour (kWh).  
Off-peak: \$0.0354 per kWh.

Power Cost Adjustment Clause 2: Charge per all kWh and monthly kW. These charges vary monthly. See schedule PCAC2.

Minimum Monthly Bill: The minimum monthly bill shall be equal to the customer charge, plus the distribution demand charge.

Prompt Payment of Bills: Same as Rg-1.

Determination of Maximum Measured Demand and On-peak Maximum Demand: The Maximum Measured Demand in any month shall be that demand in kilowatts necessary to supply the average kilowatt-hours in 15 consecutive minutes of greatest consumption of electricity during each month. Such Maximum Measured Demand shall be determined from readings of permanently installed meters or, at the option of the utility, by any standard methods or meters. Said demand meter shall be reset to zero when the meter is read each month. The Maximum Measured Demand that occurs during the On-peak period shall be the On-peak Maximum Demand.

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**Kaukauna Utilities**

<b>Industrial Power Time-of-Day Service (continued)</b>
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Determination of Distribution Demand: The Distribution Demand shall be the highest monthly Maximum Measured Demand occurring in the current month or preceding 11-month period.

Pricing Periods:

On-peak: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, specified below.

Off-peak: All times not specified as on-peak including all day Saturday and Sunday, and the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day, or the day designated to be celebrated as such.

Discounts: The monthly bill for service will be subject to the following discounts applied in the sequence listed below.

Primary Metering Discount: Customers metered on the primary side of the transformer shall be given the following discounts on the monthly energy charge, distribution demand charge, and demand charge, depending upon the level of service voltage.

2,300 volts to 15,000 volts, inclusive: 2.0 Percent

Or:

Above 15,000 volts: 3.0 Percent

The PCAC and the monthly customer charge will not be eligible for the primary metering discount.

Transformer Ownership Discount: Customers who own and maintain their own transformers or substations shall be given a credit of:

\$0.20 per kW of distribution demand if receiving service from 2,300 volts to 15,000 volts, inclusive

Or:

\$0.40 per kW of distribution demand if receiving service above 15,000 volts.

Customer-owned substation equipment shall be operated and maintained by the customer. Support and substation equipment is subject to utility inspection and approval.

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**Kaukauna Utilities**

<b>Street Lighting Service</b>
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Application: This schedule will be applied to municipal street lighting. The utility will furnish, install, and maintain street lighting units.

This rate schedule is closed to new mercury vapor lights.

Investment charge:

Overhead:

100 W HPS	\$ 9.00 per lamp per month
250 W HPS	\$10.00 per lamp per month
400 W HPS	\$11.50 per lamp per month
400 W HPS (Wide Light)	\$12.00 per lamp per month

Ornamental:

100 W HPS	\$13.00 per lamp per month
150 W HPS	\$13.60 per lamp per month
250 W HPS	\$14.00 per lamp per month
400 W HPS	\$15.00 per lamp per month

Security Lighting (Unmetered)

100 W HPS	\$ 9.40 per lamp per month
100 W HPS (Ornamental)	\$13.50 per lamp per month
250 W HPS	\$10.40 per lamp per month
400 W HPS	\$11.50 per lamp per month
400 W HPS (Wide Light)	\$12.50 per lamp per month
400 W HPS (Ornamental)	\$15.60 per lamp per month

Energy Charge: \$0.0596 per kilowatt-hour (kWh).

Power Cost Adjustment Clause: Charge per all kWh varies monthly. See schedule PCAC.

Prompt Payment of Bills: Same as Rg-1.

Note: MV = Mercury Vapor  
HPS = High Pressure Sodium

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EFFECTIVE:  
PSCW AUTHORIZATION:

*APPENDIX D*  
*AUTHORIZED RATES AND RULES*

**RATE FILE**

Sheet No. \_\_\_\_\_ 1 of 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Schedule No. \_\_\_\_\_ Cp-6 \_\_\_\_\_

**Public Service Commission of Wisconsin**

Amendment No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Kaukauna Utilities**

**Firm Standby and Maintenance Service Rider**

Firm and Standby Maintenance Service Rider

Tariff Offering Discontinued

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EFFECTIVE:  
PSCW AUTHORIZATION:

**Kaukauna Utilities**

<b>Other Charges and Billing Provisions</b>
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Budget Payment Plan: A budget payment plan, which is in accordance with Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 113, is available from the utility. The utility uses a fixed budget year which begins on October 1 and ends on September 30. The utility will calculate the monthly budgeted amount by spreading the estimated annual bill over eleven months, with the last month consisting of any end of year adjustments.

Reconnection Billing: All customers whose service is disconnected in accordance with the disconnection rules as outlined in Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 113, shall be required to pay a reconnection charge. The charge shall be **\$45.00** during regular office hours. After regular office hours the minimum reconnection charge of **\$45.00** applies plus any overtime labor costs, not to exceed a total maximum charge of **\$80.00**.

Reconnection of a Seasonal Customer's Service: Reconnection of a service for a seasonal customer who has been disconnected for less than one year shall be subject to the same reconnection charges outlined above. A seasonal customer shall also be charged for all minimum bills that would have been incurred had the customer not temporarily disconnected service.

Insufficient Fund Charge: A **\$25.00** charge will be applied to the customer's account when a check rendered for utility service is returned for insufficient funds. This charge may not be in addition to, but may be inclusive of, the water utility's insufficient fund charge when the check was for payment of both electric and water service.

Average Depreciated Embedded Cost: The embedded cost of the distribution system (excluding the standard transformer and service facilities), for each customer classification, is determined based on methodology authorized by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, and described in the utility's Electric Rules. The average depreciated embedded cost by customer classification is as follows:

Residential and Rural Service: **\$490.00**.

Apartment and Rental Units Separately Metered: **\$490.00** per unit metered.

Subdividers and Residential Developers: **\$490.00** per unit.

General Service: (Including Multi-Unit Dwellings If Billed on One Meter): **\$1,050.00**.

Power Service: **\$70.25** per kW (Cp-1 & Cp1 TOD), **\$58.02** per kW (Cp-2), and **\$50.17** per kW (Cp-3) of average billed demand.

Street Lighting: **\$1.47**.

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EFFECTIVE:

PSCW AUTHORIZATION:

**Kaukauna Utilities  
Schedule of Depreciation Rates**

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Class of Plant</u>	<u>Deprec. Rate</u>
<b>Transmission Plant</b>		
350	Land & Land Rights	0.00%
352	Structures & Improvements	3.13%
353	Station Equipment	3.13%
355	Poles & Fixtures	2.27%
356	Overhead Conductors & Devices	2.27%
<b>Total Distribution Plant</b>		
362	Station Equipment	2.70%
364	Poles, Towers & Fixtures	2.78%
365	Overhead Conductors & Devices	3.60%
366	Underground Conduit	2.00%
367	Underground Conductors & Devices	3.33%
368	Line Transformers	3.13%
369	Services	4.55%
370	Meters	2.86%
371	Installation on Customer Premises	6.67%
373	Street Lighting & Signal Systems	3.33%
<b>Total General Plant</b>		
390	Structures & Improvements	2.90%
391	Office Furniture & Equip	6.67%
391.1	Office Furniture & Equip	20.00%
392	Transportation Equip	10.00%
393	Stores Equipment	5.00%
394	Tools, Shop & Garage Equip	6.67%
395	Lab Equip	5.00%
396	Power Operated Equip	10.00%
397	Communication Equip	10.00%

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Madison Gas and Electric Company for Authority to  
Issue and Have Outstanding at Any One Time Short-Term Notes and  
Commercial Paper in Amounts Not to Exceed \$100,000,000

3270-SB-131

### CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY AND ORDER

This is the Certificate of Authority and Order on the July 17, 2012, application of Madison Gas and Electric Company (applicant) for authority, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 201.03(1) to issue and have outstanding short-term indebtedness which at times will exceed 5 percent of the par value of outstanding securities, but which would not exceed \$100,000,000 principal amount.

The application is GRANTED, subject to conditions.

#### Background

On July 17, 2012, the applicant filed an application requesting authority pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 201.03, to issue and have outstanding short-term indebtedness which at times will exceed 5 percent of the par value of outstanding securities, but which would not exceed \$100,000,000 principal amount.

On August 9, 2012, the Commission issued a Notice of Investigation. The Commission conducted an investigation in this proceeding, but no public hearing was required or held.

The applicant proposes to issue unsecured short-term debt, including notes, loans, and commercial paper. The applicant represents that the proceeds from the short-term borrowing will be used for construction and other proper utility purposes.

As of December 31, 2011, 5 percent of the total par value of the applicant's securities issued and outstanding was \$12,792,394, as calculated below:

December 31, 2011	
Common Stock	\$17,347,889
Long-Term Debt	\$238,500,000
Total	<u>\$255,847,889</u>
5% of Total	\$12,792,394

### Findings of Fact

1. The applicant is a public utility as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5), and a public service corporation as defined in Wis. Stat. § 201.01(2). The applicant is also a public utility as defined under the Federal Power Act.
2. The issuance of short-term notes in aggregate amounts that do not exceed the levels authorized in the Certificate of Authority is reasonable and consistent with the public interest.
3. It is reasonable that a Certificate of Authority be issued subject to the conditions in this Certificate of Authority and Order.
4. The terms, conditions, or requirements stated in the Certificate of Authority are reasonably necessary to protect the public interest under the circumstances of this case.
5. For the purposes of this proposed securities issuance, each class of the applicant's securities, on a *pro forma* basis, bears a reasonable proportion to each other class and to the value of the applicant's property.
6. The issuance of short-term indebtedness in aggregate amounts that do not exceed \$100,000,000 principal amount outstanding at any one time is for proper corporate utility purposes and in an amount reasonably necessary and otherwise complies with the provisions of Wis. Stat. ch. 201.
7. The financial condition, plan of operation, and proposed undertakings of the applicant are such as to afford reasonable protection to the purchasers of the securities to be issued.

8. It is reasonable that the short-term borrowing authority granted in this Certificate of Authority and Order shall extend until December 31, 2015, unless superseded, amended, or rescinded by the Commission.

9. Neither an environmental impact statement nor an environmental assessment is necessary in this matter.

10. A hearing is not necessary in this matter.

**Conclusions of Law**

1. The Commission has jurisdiction under the provisions of Wis. Stat. ch. 201, considered with reference to Wis. Stat. § 201.01(3)(b), and Sections 204(a) and (e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. § 824(a) and (e)), to issue a Certificate of Authority for an evidence of indebtedness maturing less than one year from the date of issuance, which exceeds 5 percent of the par value of the securities of a public service corporation, subject to the conditions specified.

2. The Commission has jurisdiction under Wis. Stat. ch. 201 to issue this Certificate of Authority and Order without a public hearing.

**Opinion**

As of December 31, 2011, the applicant’s actual and *pro forma* capitalization, on a financial basis, reflecting the short-term debt limit amount of \$100,000,000, and the debt equivalent of off-balance sheet obligations is:

	December 31, 2011		Pro forma	
	Actual	Percent	Maximum	Percent
Common Stock	\$397,482,813	57.67 %	\$397,482,813	50.37 %
Short-Term Debt	0	0	100,000,000	12.67
Long-Term Debt	238,500,000	34.61	238,500,000	30.22
Off Balance Sheet Obligations	53,208,917	7.72	53,208,917	6.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$689,191,730</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>	<b>\$789,191,730</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>

On a *pro forma* basis, the applicant's common equity would represent 50.37 percent of total capitalization. In the *Final Decision* in docket 3270-UR-117, mailed January 12, 2011, the Commission found that a common equity range of 55 percent to 60 percent was reasonable. The Commission recognizes that the applicant is able to manage its capitalization so that it remains within the range found reasonable. Authorization of the indebtedness is not intended to exempt the applicant from maintaining its capitalization within the guidelines set by the Commission. For the purposes of this proposed securities issuance, each class of the applicant's securities, on a *pro forma* basis, bears a reasonable proportion to each other class and to the value of the applicant's property.

The applicant represents that the proceeds from the short-term borrowings will be used to finance construction expenditures or for other proper corporate utility purposes. A finding of proper corporate utility purposes under Wis. Stat. § 201.03(1) is not a finding of public convenience and necessity under Wis. Stat. § 196.49. If a construction certificate is required under Wis. Stat. § 196.49, this authorization does not satisfy that requirement. Therefore, the proceeds obtained from the proposed issuance of short-term securities which are applied to finance construction shall be applied solely to finance construction projects which have received required regulatory approval or which do not require specific approval.

The applicant has committed lines of credit of \$75,000,000, with an accordion feature to go up to \$100,000,000. In the past, MGE has had a committed line of credit for \$75,000,000, and used a temporary credit facility for \$25,000,000 when needed. The accordion feature allows MGE to increase the credit facility under the same terms as the original document. The new amount would remain in place until the facility termination date, and would be a committed

amount. This method is preferred from the rating agencies' perspective, and allows MGE to not pay fees associated with the additional amount until it is needed.

The Commission routinely, without hearing, authorizes securities issuances under certain terms, conditions, and requirements. No hearing in this case is necessary or required.

### **Certificate of Authority**

1. The applicant may issue from time to time, as required to meet expenditures for its construction program and for other proper corporate utility purposes, short-term indebtedness in amounts not to exceed \$100,000,000 principal amount outstanding at any one time, subject to all of the following:

- a. Short-term indebtedness of \$100,000,000 aggregate principal amount may be borrowed or issued for money only in U.S. currency at not less than the principal amounts.
- b. The proceeds of such indebtedness shall be used to temporarily finance construction expenditures or for other proper corporate utility purposes. Proceeds used to finance construction shall be used solely to finance construction projects which have already received required regulatory approval or which do not require specific approval.

2. The applicant shall file with the Commission, within 90 days after the close of each year, a verified statement showing in detail the short-term securities issued under the provisions of this Certificate of Authority.

**Order**

1. This Certificate of Authority and Order shall become effective one day after the date of mailing.
2. This Certificate of Authority supersedes the Certificate of Authority issued on October 22, 2009, in docket 3270-SB-129.
3. The applicant may not issue the securities authorized by this Certificate of Authority and Order or receive any money therefrom, either directly or indirectly, until this Certificate of Authority is recorded upon the books of the corporation.
4. The applicant shall comply with all the terms and conditions of this Certificate of Authority and Order.
5. The applicant may borrow short-term indebtedness of up to \$100,000,000 principal amount outstanding at any one time.
6. This authority to issue short-term indebtedness extends until December 31, 2015, unless superseded, amended, or rescinded by the Commission.
7. Jurisdiction is retained.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin,

By the Commission:

Sandra J. Paske  
Secretary to the Commission

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See attachment Notice of Rights

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN  
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**NOTICE OF RIGHTS FOR REHEARING OR JUDICIAL REVIEW, THE  
TIMES ALLOWED FOR EACH, AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE  
PARTY TO BE NAMED AS RESPONDENT**

The following notice is served on you as part of the Commission's written decision. This general notice is for the purpose of ensuring compliance with Wis. Stat. § 227.48(2), and does not constitute a conclusion or admission that any particular party or person is necessarily aggrieved or that any particular decision or order is final or judicially reviewable.

*PETITION FOR REHEARING*

If this decision is an order following a contested case proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3), a person aggrieved by the decision has a right to petition the Commission for rehearing within 20 days of mailing of this decision, as provided in Wis. Stat. § 227.49. The mailing date is shown on the first page. If there is no date on the first page, the date of mailing is shown immediately above the signature line. The petition for rehearing must be filed with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and served on the parties. An appeal of this decision may also be taken directly to circuit court through the filing of a petition for judicial review. It is not necessary to first petition for rehearing.

*PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW*

A person aggrieved by this decision has a right to petition for judicial review as provided in Wis. Stat. § 227.53. In a contested case, the petition must be filed in circuit court and served upon the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin within 30 days of mailing of this decision if there has been no petition for rehearing. If a timely petition for rehearing has been filed, the petition for judicial review must be filed within 30 days of mailing of the order finally disposing of the petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after the final disposition of the petition for rehearing by operation of law pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.49(5), whichever is sooner. If an *untimely* petition for rehearing is filed, the 30-day period to petition for judicial review commences the date the Commission mailed its original decision.<sup>1</sup> The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin must be named as respondent in the petition for judicial review.

If this decision is an order denying rehearing, a person aggrieved who wishes to appeal must seek judicial review rather than rehearing. A second petition for rehearing is not permitted.

Revised: December 17, 2008

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<sup>1</sup> See *State v. Currier*, 2006 WI App 12, 288 Wis. 2d 693, 709 N.W.2d 520.

# **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN**

## **Memorandum**

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November 28, 2012

### **FOR COMMISSION AGENDA**

TO: The Commission

FROM: Robert Norcross, Administrator  
Randel Pilo, Assistant Administrator  
Amy Pepin, Financial Analyst  
Gas and Energy Division

RE: Wisconsin Power and Light Company's Request for Approval of Risk Management Plan for Hedging 6680-GF-112

Suggested Minute: The Commission (approved/modified/did not approve) Wisconsin Power and Light Company's request for approval of its revised risk management plan for electric operations.

### **Introduction**

On March 30, 2005, Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L) requested approval of a Risk Management Plan for Electric Operations (ERMP), the primary goal of which was to provide a framework for using risk management tools to manage electric supply risks. In docket 6680-GF-112, the Commission approved the ERMP with conditions on September 28, 2005.

Since that initial approval on September 28, 2005, the Commission has approved revisions to the ERMP, imposed additional conditions, and extended the approval of the ERMP. The most recent Commission approval of the ERMP occurred on February 23, 2011, when the Commission extended the approval of the ERMP to December 31, 2012.

On August 31, 2012, WP&L submitted a revised ERMP and requested Commission approval of the revised ERMP. ([PSC REF#: 171306](#)-Confidential Verison.)

On September 27, 2012, the Commission issued an Order to Reopen and requested comments on the revised risk management plan. No requests for a hearing or comments were filed.

### **Discussion**

With its August 31, 2012, letter, WP&L requests Commission approval of its revised ERMP. The primary focus of the revised ERMP is to cost effectively limit variability in commodity costs associated with serving the electric needs of customers, while assisting WP&L to achieve its financial goals. The revised ERMP holds that a cost-effective risk management plan, in this context, is considered to be a plan which limits the impact of fuel price volatility without unreasonably increasing customers' costs, and without jeopardizing WP&L's ability to meet its customers' demand for electricity.

WP&L's ERMP has been updated to bring clarity to definitions and include a proposed Diesel Fuel Cost Hedging Program. The ERMP allows WP&L to use physical and financial electric and natural gas products, including but not limited to forward contracts, futures contracts, swap contracts, and put and call options. In addition, the ERMP allows WP&L to use Auction Revenue Rights (ARR), Financial Transmission Rights (FTR), and virtual transactions in the organized energy markets of the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc., or PJM Interconnection, LLC.

The ERMP allows WP&L to hedge up to 37 months out into the future, using a balance-of-year plus two calendar years approach.

### **Existing Conditional Order Points**

In previous Final Decisions in this docket, the Commission has included the following order points:

1. WP&L shall file quarterly reports to the Commission regarding the activities in the ERMP.
2. WP&L shall work with Commission staff regarding the reporting content of the quarterly reports to the Commission.
3. WP&L shall perform an analysis of the direct costs of the hedging program, and an analysis of program benefits using statistical volatility metrics such as standard deviation, and include that analysis in a report to the Commission.
4. WP&L shall report any violations of the ERMP protocols to Commission staff within five business days.
5. Prior to WP&L engaging in any cross-commodity hedge, WP&L shall prepare an empirical correlation analysis that must show, to Commission staff's satisfaction, that there is a strong relationship between the price of the commodity being hedged and the price of the commodity used as the basis for the financial instrument.
6. WP&L shall limit cross-commodity hedging with commodity pairs that have not previously been used in cross-commodity hedging to no more than 50 percent of the exposure at this time.
7. WP&L may not hedge, through physical and financial risk management tools, more than a cumulative 65 percent of a future month's expected need for natural gas or for electricity in any calendar month. This provision is waived for the month immediately preceding any future month to assure reliable provision of service.
8. WP&L may not hedge, through physical and financial risk management tools, more than 30 percent of a future month's expected need for natural gas or for

electricity in any calendar month. This provision is waived for the month immediately preceding any future month to assure reliable provision of service.

9. WP&L shall include all ARRs and FTRs acquired for the purpose of hedging congestion, no matter how acquired, in its risk management plan and reporting requirements.

Since February 23, 2011, WP&L has not reported any violations of the ERMP protocols (Order Point 4). WP&L has not reported any cross-commodity hedging (Order Points 5 and 6).

### **Reporting**

WP&L has filed quarterly reports with the Commission, includes ARRs and FTRs in those reports, and has worked with Commission staff regarding the reports' content (Order Points 1, 9, and 2). Commission staff reviews the quarterly reports, usually within 14 days of the date filed, for approved risk management activity and compliance with certain limits.

### **Cost-Benefit Analysis**

The *Final Decision* in this docket, dated February 23, 2011, stated that hedging is a form of insurance, and that most hedging programs, on average over time, tend to decrease volatility while increasing costs. Hedging is therefore not about reducing costs, but about achieving reduced volatility at a reasonable price. An assessment of the direct cost of the program can be determined by comparing the cost under actual hedging versus the cost that could have been expected if no hedging had occurred. Data from WP&L's quarterly reports indicates that for the year ended December 31, 2011, the monthly hedged prices per megawatt hour (MWh) were 35 percent higher on average, and had a coefficient of variation that was 21 percent lower, than the un-hedged prices. The coefficient of variation is the ratio of the standard deviation to its associated average value, or mean.

## **Updated Definitions for ERMP**

WP&L has updated some of the definitions in its ERMP to provide clarity. Two changes to note are the hedge horizon and term purchased power agreements (PPA). The definition for hedge horizon has been updated to specifically include the current month, to allow for hedging within the current month where necessary. The hedge horizon does not extend further into the future than in the previous plan. The definition for term PPAs has been updated to specify that a PPA means physical energy contracts for a timeframe of 12 months or greater. The previous definition required contracts to be from a specific generator or portion of a specific utility or independent power producer's system, and be for a term greater than 12 months. Because WP&L is not responsible for the power until it reaches the delivery point, the counterparty's choice of source does not make a difference to WP&L. Eliminating the requirement to be tied to a specific generator allows for a larger and more competitive market for WP&L to transact in. Previously, PPAs needed to be for a term greater than 12 months; the update specifies 12 months or greater, allowing WP&L to enter a more standard contract of 12 months.

## **Diesel Fuel Cost Hedging Program**

In this application, WP&L requested approval to begin hedging a portion of its fuel cost risk due to changes in coal-related transportation costs. Diesel fuel price volatility impacts WP&L's coal transportation rail costs because railroad locomotives use diesel fuel when transporting coal to WP&L's coal-fired generating stations. WP&L's rail contracts contain a charge for the fuel costs of transporting coal that fluctuate based on a published diesel fuel price index. WP&L proposes to hedge these costs using financial fuel oil contracts. The index the fuel costs are based on is not a traded product; however, diesel fuel and heating oil prices are

highly correlated. In its application, WP&L has provided a chart showing the correlations between the two from January 2007 through February 2012.

WP&L requests to hedge up to 65 percent of its expected annual exposure related to diesel fuel prices. The Commission may determine that 65 percent is an appropriate limit for this program, or, conversely, may determine that a lower percentage, such as 50 percent, is appropriate until the program is established and WP&L has experience with the program. In the *Final Decision* in this docket, dated October 8, 2008, the Commission ordered that “WP&L shall limit cross-commodity hedging with commodity pairs that have not previously been used in cross-commodity hedging to no more than 50 percent of the exposure at this time.” The *Final Decision*, dated February 23, 2011, stated that WP&L shall continue to abide by all other conditions set forth in the *Final Decision* of October 8, 2008. WP&L has not previously used this commodity pair.

### **Hedging Level**

The risk management programs approved by the Commission for electric utilities restricted the allowable hedging to less than the expected need for natural gas and energy, when the expected need for the commodity was more than a month in the future (Order Point 7). Such a limit has generally worked well to ensure that ratepayers are getting insurance-like services out of the risk management plans. WP&L has proposed to maintain the current hedging limit of 65 percent. The Commission may determine that WP&L’s hedging limit should remain unchanged and that WP&L may not hedge, through both physical and financial risk management tools, more than a cumulative 65 percent of the predicted need for natural gas or for electricity for any future month. This provision is waived for the month immediately preceding any future month to assure reliable provision of service.

### **Length of Approval**

In the *Final Decision* in this docket, dated February 23, 2011, the Commission approved the ERMP through December 31, 2012. The Commission may determine that WP&L may purchase hedges under the revised ERMP until December 31, 2014. Alternatively, the Commission may determine that the revised ERMP should not be approved, or should be approved through a date other than December 31, 2014.

It is expected that WP&L shall continue to abide by the above conditions which were set forth in the *Final Decision* in this docket, dated February 23, 2011.

### **Commission Alternatives**

**Alternative One:** Approve WP&L's revised ERMP, with conditions, and extend approval of the ERMP through December 31, 2014. Allow WP&L to hedge up to 65 percent of its coal transportation costs.

**Alternative Two:** Approve WP&L's revised ERMP, with conditions, and extend approval of the ERMP through December 31, 2014. Allow WP&L to hedge up to 50 percent of its coal transportation costs.

**Alternative Three:** Deny WP&L's request for approval of its revised ERMP.

Enclosures (separately provided to Commissioners)  
[WPL's Risk Management Plan for 2013-2014 - PSC REF#: 171306](#) (Confidential)

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# **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN**

## **Memorandum**

December 12, 2012

### **FOR COMMISSION AGENDA**

TO: The Commission

FROM: Jim Lepinski, Docket Coordinator  
Gas and Energy Division  
John Lorence, Assistant General Counsel  
Office of General Counsel

RE: Application of Highland Wind Farm, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 102.5 Megawatt Wind Electric Generation Facility and Associated Electric Facilities, to be Located in the Towns of Forest and Cylon, St. Croix County, Wisconsin 2535-CE-100

Motion for Interlocutory Review

Suggested Minute: The Commission (granted/denied) the Town of Forest's appeal of the Administrative Law Judge's decision to exclude certain Town of Forest testimony and exhibits.

On December 6, 2012, the Town of Forest, a party in this docket, appealed the decision of Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Michael Newmark to exclude certain rebuttal testimony and exhibits offered by the Town of Forest during a limited-purpose technical hearing held on December 3, 2012 ([PSC REF#: 177586](#)). The Town of Forest specifically asks that stricken rebuttal testimony of witnesses Wes Slaymaker and John Stamberg, and associated exhibits, be included in the record. The motion was timely filed within the time period set by the ALJ.

On December 10, 2012, the applicant, Highland Wind Farm, LLC, filed a response to the motion ([PSC REF#: 177677](#)). No other party filed a response. Copies of the motion and the response have been provided separately.

The party arguments and the original ALJ determinations on all procedural issues are contained in pages 1004 to 1067, Volume 7, of the transcript in this docket ([PSC REF#: 177442](#)). The relevant transcript pages with respect to Mr. Stamberg's testimony are pages 1005 to 1020. The relevant transcript pages with respect to Mr. Slaymaker's testimony are pages 1021 to 1037. Those pages from the transcript are provided with this memorandum.

Under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.27(1), the Commission has discretion to grant or deny the motion in the interest of furthering the proper disposition of the proceeding.

**PSC 2.27(1) DISCRETIONARY REVIEW.** The commission, on the motion of a party or on its own motion, may review any order issued by the administrative law judge and any ruling of the administrative law judge made during a hearing, if the commission finds that to do so would further the proper disposition of the proceeding.

If the Commission does not issue an order within 10 days after the date the motion is filed, the motion is considered denied. Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.27(3). Here, pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § 2.05(2), the deadline is December 20, 2012. However, the Commission may take this matter up on its own motion at any time under Wis. Stat. § 196.39(1).

If the Commission grants this motion, it will be possible to provide an opportunity for cross-examination of any restored testimony under the timeline for this proceeding. A further limited hearing will be held in 2013 to cover the low frequency noise issue.

### **Commission Alternatives**

**Alternative One:** Grant the motion and order that some or all of the previously stricken portions of the rebuttal testimony of witnesses Wes Slaymaker and John Stamberg, and associated exhibits, be included in the record.

**Alternative Two:** Deny the motion and affirm the ALJ's ruling striking certain portions of the rebuttal testimony of witnesses Wes Slaymaker and John Stamberg, and associated exhibits.

Attachments

[2535-CE-100 Transcript pages 1002 to 1037.pdf - DL: 611761](#) (transcript excerpts)  
[Appeal of ALJ Decision with Exhibits - PSC REF#: 177586](#) (separately provided to Commission)  
[HWF's Response to Town of Forest's Motion for Interlocutory Review - PSC REF#: 177677](#) (separately provided to Commission)

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## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Joint Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Wisconsin Gas LLC, both d/b/a We Energies, for Authority to Adjust Electric, Natural Gas, and Steam Rates

5-UR-106

### FINAL DECISION

This is the Final Decision concerning the application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO) and Wisconsin Gas LLC (WG) (collectively We Energies) for authority to increase electric and steam rates on January 1, 2013, and January 1, 2014, and to decrease natural gas rates on January 1, 2013.

Final overall rate changes in 2013 are authorized consisting of a \$114,821,000 annual rate increase for WEPCO Wisconsin retail electric operations, a 4.15 percent increase; an \$8,052,000 annual rate decrease for WEPCO natural gas operations (WE-GO), a 1.92 percent decrease; a \$1,256,000 annual rate increase for WEPCO's Valley Steam (VA Steam)<sup>1</sup> operations, a 6.00 percent increase; a \$1,040,000 annual rate increase for WEPCO's Milwaukee County steam (MC Steam)<sup>2</sup> operations, a 7.00 percent increase; and a \$34,281,000 annual rate decrease for WG, a 5.49 percent decrease, for the test year ending December 31, 2013, based on a 10.40 percent return on common equity for WEPCO and a 10.50 percent return on common equity for WG.

Additional overall rate changes in 2014 are authorized consisting of a \$73,442,000 annual rate increase for WEPCO Wisconsin retail electric operations, a 2.55 percent increase; a \$1,332,000 annual rate increase for WEPCO's VA Steam, a 6.00 percent increase; and a

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<sup>1</sup> Valley Steam operations are sometimes referred to as Downtown Milwaukee Steam (DMS) operations.

<sup>2</sup> Milwaukee County Steam operations are sometimes referred to as Wauwatosa Steam (WS) operations.

\$954,000 annual rate increase for WEPCO's MC Steam operations, a 6.00 percent increase; for the test year ending December 31, 2014, based on continuation of a 10.40 percent return on common equity for WEPCO.

### **Introduction**

In this Final Decision, any reference to WG and the four utility operations under WEPCO, collectively, will use the general name "We Energies" and any reference to the holding company, Wisconsin Energy Corporation, will use the acronym "WEC."

On March 23, 2012, We Energies requested Wisconsin jurisdictional revenue increases of \$151.3 million (5.5 percent) in 2013 and \$103.8 million (3.6 percent) in 2014 for its electric operations; a \$1.2 million (0.2 percent) revenue decrease for its natural gas operations (WE-GO) in 2013; \$1.3 million (6.0 percent) revenue increases in both 2013 and 2014 for its VA Steam; and \$1.0 million (7.0 percent) revenue increases in both 2013 and 2014 for its MC Steam operations. WG requested a \$15.9 million (2.3 percent) decrease for natural gas operations in 2013. WEPCO's requested electric increase includes its proposal to include the tax benefits arising from its Rothschild biomass construction project to customers over the two-year period 2013 and 2014.

On June 15, 2012, WEPCO updated its 2013 electric utility fuel costs resulting in a revised electric rate increase request of \$138.1 million (5.0 percent) in 2013 and \$104.1 million (3.6 percent) in 2014.

On May 21, 2012, a prehearing conference was held to determine the issues to be addressed in this docket and to establish a schedule for the hearing. Hearings were held on September 26, 2012, in Madison, to receive technical information and public comments into the

record. Additional hearings were held on October 1, 2012, in Milwaukee and Brookfield to receive public comments into the record.

The Commission considered this matter at its open meeting of November 28, 2012. The parties, for purposes of review under Wis. Stat. §§ 227.47 and 227.53, are listed in Appendix A. Others who appeared are listed in the Commission's files.

### **Findings of Fact**

1. Presently authorized rates for WEPCO's Wisconsin retail electric utility operations will produce operating revenues of \$2,872,469,000 for the test year ending December 31, 2013, which results in a net operating income of \$247,279,000 and an annual revenue deficiency of \$114,821,000.
2. Presently authorized rates for WEPCO's natural gas utility operations will produce operating revenues of \$421,240,000 for the test year ending December 31, 2013, which results in a net operating income of \$38,870,000 and an annual revenue excess of \$8,052,000.
3. Presently authorized rates for WEPCO's VA Steam utility operations will produce operating revenues of \$20,888,000 for the test year ending December 31, 2013, which results in a net operating income of \$1,130,000 and an annual revenue deficiency of \$2,588,000 to be recovered in rates during the 2013-2014 biennium.
4. Presently authorized rates for WEPCO's MC Steam utility operations will produce operating revenues of \$14,858,000 for the test year ending December 31, 2013, which results in a net operating income of \$844,000 and an annual revenue deficiency of \$1,994,000 to be recovered in rates during the 2013-2014 biennium.

5. Presently authorized electric and steam rates of WEPCO are unreasonable because they produce inadequate electric and steam revenues.
6. Presently authorized natural gas rates of WEPCO are unreasonable because they produce excess natural gas revenues.
7. Presently authorized rates for WG's natural gas utility operations will produce operating revenues of \$628,793,000 for the test year ending December 31, 2013, which results in a net operating income of \$80,172,000 and an annual revenue excess of \$34,281,000.
8. Presently authorized natural gas rates of WG are unreasonable because they produce excess natural gas revenues.
9. For the WEPCO Wisconsin retail electric utility, the estimated rate of return on average net investment rate base of \$3,928,415,000 at current rates subject to the Commission's jurisdiction for the test year is 6.29 percent, which is inadequate.
10. For WE-GO, the estimated rate of return on average net investment rate base of \$370,965,000 at current rates subject to the Commission's jurisdiction for the test year is 10.48 percent, which is excessive.
11. For the WEPCO VA Steam utility operations, the estimated rate of return on average net investment rate base of \$29,201,000 at current rates subject to the Commission's jurisdiction for the test year is 3.87 percent, which is inadequate.
12. For the WEPCO MC Steam utility operations, the estimated rate of return on average net investment rate base of \$22,228,000 at current rates subject to the Commission's jurisdiction for the test year is 3.80 percent, which is inadequate.

13. For the WG natural gas utility, the estimated rate of return on average net investment rate base of \$664,799,000 at current rates subject to the Commission's jurisdiction for the test year is 12.06 percent, which is excessive.

14. A reasonable increase in operating revenue for the test year to produce a 9.15 percent return on WEPCO's average net investment rate base for Wisconsin retail electric operations is \$114,821,000.

15. A reasonable decrease in operating revenue for the test year to produce a 9.15 percent return on WEPCO's average net investment rate base for natural gas operations is \$8,052,000.

16. A reasonable increase in operating revenue for the test year to produce a 9.17 percent return on WEPCO's average net investment rate base for VA Steam utility operations is \$1,256,000 in 2013 and \$1,332,000 in 2014.

17. A reasonable increase in operating revenue for the test year to produce a 9.18 percent return on WEPCO's average net investment rate base for MC Steam utility operations is \$1,040,000 in 2013 and \$954,000 in 2014.

18. A reasonable decrease in operating revenue for the test year to produce an 8.96 percent return on WG's average net investment rate base for natural gas operations is \$34,281,000.

19. WEPCO's and WG's filed operating income statements and net investment rate bases for the test year, as adjusted for Commission decisions, are reasonable.

20. A 2013 total company test-year fuel cost of \$1,098.25 million is reasonable.

21. A 2013 total company test-year fuel rules monitoring level of fuel costs of \$980.53 million, or \$33.34 per megawatt-hour (MWh), as shown in Appendix F, is reasonable.

22. It is reasonable to forecast the fuel cost plan-year natural gas prices, heating oil, and crude oil prices for rail transportation fuel surcharges by using the October 18, 2012, New York Mercantile Exchange futures prices.

23. It is reasonable to monitor all monitored fuel costs using an annual bandwidth of plus or minus 2 percent.

24. It is reasonable to reflect the \$7.8 million increase in fuel costs for American Transmission Company's (ATC) line rating reductions, offset by an assumption that Financial Transmission Rights (FTR) will provide revenues to offset 75 percent of those costs. It is not reasonable to require deferral treatment for these costs as it would be too difficult to separate such costs from the remaining fuel costs.

25. It is reasonable to include the impacts of the Special Protection Scheme (SPS) and the second Pleasant Prairie to Zion transmission line, to be offset by 75 percent for the loss of FTR revenues.

26. It is reasonable to reflect WEPCO's original estimate of \$13.867 million for chemical costs.

27. It is reasonable to retain the allocations of the Valley Power Plant.

28. It is reasonable to incorporate the reduction in coal sales revenue from the mines.

29. Because the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) was vacated on August 21, 2012, it is reasonable to remove all associated costs and revenues from the revenue requirement.

30. The definition of *force majeure*, for purposes of determining the Elm Road Generating Station (ERGS) Approved Amount, is the facility lease definition.

31. The \$72.0 million in ERGS cost over-run incurred to settle the \$517 million claim brought by Bechtel Corporation (Bechtel) was prudently incurred.

32. The \$12,094,893 in ERGS cost over-run associated with the legal defense of the Bechtel claim was prudently incurred.

33. The \$1,063,252 in ERGS cost over-run associated with the internal legal cost component of WEPCO's Wisconsin Pollution Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) litigation defense, Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) litigation defense, and defense of the Bechtel claim is not a double recovery of previously authorized labor expenses.

34. The \$1.0 million in ERGS cost over-run incurred to address unforeseen sub-surface conditions was prudently incurred.

35. Deferring the \$24.3 million already incurred by WEPCO for ERGS fuel flexibility, plus any other expenditures related to fuel flexibility, including carrying costs for the \$24 million, for review in a future rate case is reasonable. The carrying costs shall be calculated using the short-term cost of debt.

36. The \$44,862,081 in ERGS cost over-run caused by the delay in commencing construction due to the vacation and reinstatement of the CPCN was *force majeure* and was prudently incurred.

37. The \$5,828,982 in ERGS cost over-run caused by the United States (U.S.) Army Corps of Engineers' special permit conditions was not *force majeure*, but was prudently incurred.

38. The \$3,567,077 in ERGS cost over-run caused by the modification to the railroad crossings in the Village of Caledonia was not *force majeure*, but was prudently incurred.

39. The annual payments under the WPDES settlement agreement will continue to be reviewed by the Commission on a rate case by rate case basis. It is not reasonable to allow recovery of the annual payment in 2013 or 2014.

40. It is not reasonable to allow recovery of the ERGS cost over-run associated with the legal fees incurred in defense of the WPDES lawsuit.

41. The ERGS cost over-run of \$10,000,000 caused by the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) decision to change the administrative rule governing exposure to hexavalent chromium was *force majeure* and was prudently incurred.

42. The ERGS cost over-run of \$851,000 caused by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) requirement regarding mercury emission monitoring was *force majeure* and was prudently incurred.

43. The ERGS cost over-run of \$1,813,000 caused by the change in Wisconsin payroll tax law was not *force majeure*, but was prudently incurred.

44. The ERGS cost over-run associated with the severe rainstorms on July 22 and 23, 2010, was *force majeure* and was prudently incurred.

45. The ERGS cost over-run associated with the consolidation of events, such as delivery interruption due to Hurricane Ike, a volcanic eruption in Iceland, a Waste Management strike, and Bowl and Dock fire protection issues, totals \$438,515. The Bowl and Dock fire protection issues were not *force majeure*, leaving only \$137,980 as *force majeure*. The entire amount of \$438,515 was prudently incurred.

46. The cost issue associated with the low-pressure turbine corrosion is not yet resolved. This cost should be escrowed and be part of a future rate proceeding subject to a prudence determination at that time.

47. ERGS cost items not yet settled, such as punch list and final cost review items, should be part of a future rate proceeding subject to a prudence determination at that time.

48. It is reasonable to include an average number of employee positions of 4,179 for WEPCO and 449 for WG for purposes of determining revenue requirement.

49. It is reasonable to reduce the company's filed estimate of non-labor, non-fuel electric production operations and maintenance (O&M) expense by \$11.6 million on a total company basis or \$9.8 million on a Wisconsin retail basis.

50. It is reasonable to reduce the company's filed estimate of non-labor, electric distribution O&M expense by \$5.5 million on a total company basis or \$5.2 million on a Wisconsin retail basis.

51. It is reasonable to reinstate the transmission escrow on a temporary basis and to accrue carrying costs on the deferred net-of-tax balance calculated at the authorized short-term debt rate.

52. It is reasonable to provide rate recovery of non-labor transmission expenses of \$250.7 million on a Wisconsin retail basis in 2013 and 2014.

53. A reasonable estimate of non-labor transmission expenditures for 2013 and 2014 is \$286,198,240 and \$311,155,853 on a total company basis.

54. A reasonable estimate of escrowed uncollectible accounts expense for WEPCO's electric utility is \$26,809,000, which is comprised of \$25,252,000 of estimated net write-offs and \$1,557,000 of amortization expense on a Wisconsin retail basis.

55. A reasonable estimate of escrowed uncollectible accounts expense for WEPCO's gas utility is \$1,622,000, which is comprised of \$3,909,000 of estimated net write-offs and a negative amortization expense of \$2,287,000.

56. A reasonable estimate of escrowed uncollectible accounts expense for WG is \$2,808,000, which is comprised of \$17,764,000 of estimated net write-offs and a negative amortization expense of \$14,956,000.

57. The company's filed level of uncollectible accounts expense that is not escrowed for WEPCO's electric and gas utilities and for WG is reasonable.

58. The company's filed estimates of employee medical, dental, and post-retirement benefits other than pension expense [Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 106] are reasonable.

59. It is reasonable to exclude stock-based compensation and the directors' charitable award from the filed estimate of Board of Directors' expenses for WEPCO and WG.

60. It is reasonable to direct WEPCO to reduce the balance of its Power the Future (PTF) escrow at the beginning of the test year by \$618,000 to remove bonuses and incentives charged in error to the escrow, as well as reducing the return on net working capital to reflect the lower average balance of the deferred amount.

61. It is reasonable to increase WEPCO's forecast of electric gross receipts tax expense by \$2.6 million on a total company basis.

62. It is reasonable to use the most recent three-year average actual costs to forecast the test-year remainder assessments for WE-GO and WG.

63. It is appropriate to disallow \$90,000 of deferred litigation expenses related to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) settlement for partial breach of a contract to pick up spent nuclear fuel at the Point Beach Power Plant from future rates and to continue reviewing the deferred litigation expenses associated with this settlement and address this issue in the next annual fuel reconciliation.

64. It is reasonable to continue escrow accounting treatment of the Section 199 production tax deduction.

65. It is not reasonable to create a regulatory asset for one-half of the retail portion of the 2012 Lake Michigan funding amount related to the settlement agreement with Clean Wisconsin and the Sierra Club.

66. It is appropriate to eliminate the deferred balances and test-year amortizations associated with Section 199 deferred carrying costs and deferred coal legal costs.

67. It is reasonable to reduce the 2014 step-increase by \$1.2 million to reflect the Wisconsin retail revenue requirement reduction for the carrying cost benefit associated with the resulting deferred tax liability in 2014.

68. It is reasonable to authorize a 2014 electric step-increase in the amount of \$73,442,000. Prior to implementation of the 2014 electric rates, it is reasonable to require WEPCO to provide a summary of actual costs related to the Rothschild biomass construction project.

69. It is reasonable to apply the Wisconsin retail portion of the Federal Section 1603 renewable energy treasury cash grant (treasury grant) proceeds between 2013 and 2014 electric revenue deficiencies as bill credits such that non-fuel increases are approximately equivalent in both years.

70. It is reasonable to authorize escrow treatment for the treasury grant benefits due to the uncertainty of the exact amount and timing of benefits to electric customers.

71. It is reasonable to authorize the proposed Revised Low Income Program (RLIP) as a permanent program.

72. We Energies should work with Commission staff to ensure the RLIP maintains a positive cost-benefit ratio.

73. It is not appropriate to include load-management expenditures in the conservation escrow budget. Funding should be included in non-escrow O&M.

74. It is not appropriate to escrow Agriculture Services program expenditures. Funding should be included in non-escrow O&M.

75. It is reasonable for We Energies to record the following amounts as expense to the conservation escrow until a new rate order is issued by the Commission authorizing different amounts to be recorded. For WEPCO electric, \$45,848,000, which consists of \$33,108,000 of estimated expenditures and \$12,740,000 of amortization of underspent amounts. For WE-GO, \$14,772,000, which consists of \$10,436,000 of estimated expenditures and \$4,336,000 of amortization of underspent amounts. For WG, \$14,304,000, which consists of \$12,745,000 of estimated expenditures and \$1,559,000 of amortization of underspent amounts.

76. It is not appropriate to include dollars in revenue requirements for the Renewable Energy Development (RED) Program.

77. A long-term range of 48.5 percent to 53.5 percent for WEPCO's common equity ratio, on a financial basis, is reasonable and provides adequate financial flexibility.

78. A long-term range of 45.0 percent to 50.0 percent for WG's common equity ratio, on a financial basis, is reasonable and provides adequate financial flexibility.

79. An appropriate target level for WEPCO's test-year average common equity measured on a financial basis is 51.0 percent.

80. An appropriate target level for WG's test-year average common equity measured on a financial basis is 47.5 percent.

81. A reasonable estimate of the debt equivalent of WEPCO's off-balance sheet obligations to be imputed into the financial capital structure for the test year is \$358,160,000.

82. A reasonable financial capital structure for WEPCO for the test year consists of 51.00 percent common equity, 0.47 percent preferred stock, 39.16 percent long-term debt, 3.90 percent short-term debt, and 5.47 percent debt equivalent of off-balance sheet obligations.

83. A reasonable financial capital structure for WG for the test year consists of 47.50 percent common equity, 33.17 percent long-term debt, and 19.33 percent short-term debt.

84. It is reasonable that WEPCO's and WG's dividend restrictions be based on the financial capital structures in this proceeding.

85. It is reasonable to require WEPCO and WG to submit ten-year financial forecasts in their next rate proceedings.

86. It is reasonable to require WEPCO to submit in its next rate proceeding detailed information regarding all off-balance sheet obligations for which the financial markets will calculate a debt equivalent.

87. A reasonable utility capital structure for ratemaking for WEPCO for the test year consists of 52.09 percent common equity, 0.51 percent preferred stock, 43.10 percent long-term debt, and 4.30 percent short-term debt.

88. A reasonable utility capital structure for ratemaking for WG for the test year consists of 46.75 percent common equity, 33.65 percent long-term debt, and 19.60 percent short-term debt.

89. A reasonable interest rate for WEPCO's and WG's short-term borrowing through commercial paper is 0.53 percent for the test year.

90. A reasonable interest rate for WEPCO's proposed 30-year debentures totaling \$250 million forecasted for 2012 is 3.95 percent.

91. A reasonable interest rate for WEPCO's proposed 30-year debentures totaling \$350 million forecasted for 2013 is 4.55 percent.

92. A reasonable average embedded cost for WEPCO's long-term debt is 5.21 percent for the test year.

93. A reasonable interest rate for WG's proposed 30-year debentures totaling \$150 million forecasted for 2013 is 4.55 percent.

94. A reasonable average embedded cost for WG's long-term debt is 5.61 percent for the test year.

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95. A reasonable average cost for WEPCO's preferred stock is 3.95 percent for the test year.
96. The rate of return on utility common stock equity of 10.40 percent established in WEPCO's 2010 test-year rate case, docket 5-UR-104, remains in place as it was not an issue addressed in this proceeding.
97. The rate of return on utility common stock equity of 10.50 percent established in WG's 2010 test-year rate case, docket 5-UR-104, remains in place as it was not an issue addressed in this proceeding.
98. A reasonable weighted average composite cost of capital is 7.71 percent for WEPCO.
99. A reasonable weighted average composite cost of capital is 6.90 percent for WG.
100. It is reasonable to continue to rely on the results of a number of electric cost-of-service studies (COSS) along with other factors, such as bill impacts, when allocating revenue responsibility among the various customer classes.
101. It is reasonable to approve rates for electric service for the test year to achieve customer class changes in revenue as shown in Appendix B.
102. It is reasonable to transfer existing customers between WEPCO's CGS2, CGS6, and CGS7 net metering tariffs to reorganize customers based on metering and generation type.
103. It is reasonable to close WEPCO's CGS3 and CGS6 tariffs to new customers.
104. It is not reasonable to close the CGS6 tariff retroactively.
105. It is reasonable for CGS8 customers to be able to net their generation against their consumption on an annual basis through a monthly carry-forward approach.

106. It is reasonable that CGS8 customers be paid for annual net surplus generation at an avoided cost rate that reflects average Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (MISO), locational marginal pricing (LMP) plus the utility's avoided cost of transmission.

107. It is reasonable that CGS8 customers are limited to 20 kilowatts (kW) of aggregate capacity per location and may, at most, size their generating equipment to match the their load requirements at the same location.

108. It is reasonable to grant WEPCO a waiver of Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.0406(5) ("Budget Billing") to net metering customers on tariffs CGS 2, 4, 6, 7, and 8.

109. It is reasonable for WEPCO to correct conflicting exclusionary language in WEPCO's fuel cost adjustment sheet and issue credits, including interest, to those Customer Generating Systems (CGS) customers that were not credited fuel cost adjustments, starting with bills from June 2006.

110. It is reasonable to continue to rely on the results of one or more natural gas COSS along with other factors, such as bill impacts, as guides for revenue allocation and rate design.

111. It is reasonable to authorize rates for natural gas service for WE-GO and WG as shown in Appendices D and E, respectively.

### **Conclusions of Law**

The Commission has jurisdiction under Wis. Stat. §§ 1.12, 196.02, 196.025, 196.03, 196.19, 196.20, 196.21, 196.37, 196.374, 196.395, and 196.40 and Wis. Admin. Code chs. PSC 113, 116, 134, and 137 to issue a Final Decision authorizing WEPCO and WG to place in effect the rates and rules for electric, steam, and natural gas utility service set forth in Appendices B, C,

D, and E, and the fuel cost treatment set forth in Appendix F, subject to the conditions specified in this Final Decision.

## **Opinion**

### **We Energies and Business**

WEPCO and WG are public utilities, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5). WEPCO conducts its operations primarily in three operating segments: an electric utility segment, a natural gas utility segment, and a steam utility segment. WEPCO serves approximately 1,100,000 electric customers in Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, approximately 470,000 natural gas customers in Wisconsin, and about 460 steam customers in metropolitan Milwaukee, Wisconsin. WG is a natural gas distribution public utility that serves approximately 600,000 natural gas customers in Wisconsin. WEPCO and WG are operating subsidiaries of WEC, a holding company based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

WEPCO has two physically separate steam utility systems that are known as the VA Steam operations and MC Steam operation. VA Steam operations provides steam service in downtown Milwaukee and the near south side of Milwaukee. MC Steam operations owns and operates the Milwaukee County Power Plant, which produces steam energy that is distributed to customers located on the Milwaukee County Grounds in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

## **REVENUE REQUIREMENT**

### **Electric Fuel Costs**

A reasonable test-year level of monitored fuel costs is \$980.53 million, which reflects the cost of fuel as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 116.02. The test-year monitored fuel costs divided by the test-year estimate of native energy requirements of 29,409,947 MWh results in an

average net monitored fuel cost per MWh of \$33.34. Appendix F shows the monthly fuel costs to be used for monitoring purposes. The total fuel costs are based on various indices for natural gas, heating oil, and crude oil prices as of October 18, 2012. It is reasonable to monitor WEPCO's fuel costs using a plus or minus 2 percent bandwidth, as provided in Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 116.06(3).

### **Transmission Operating Issues**

WEPCO witness Mary Wolter proposed three transmission operating changes to her original filed 2013 fuel costs to reflect an \$11.4 million reduction for SPS, a \$3.0 million reduction for the last quarter of 2013 in-service date of the Pleasant Prairie to Zion transmission line (P4 to Zion Line 2) and a \$7.8 million increase for ATC's anticipated line rating reductions to meet North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) requirements.

Commission staff witness James Wagner included these updates in his 2013 fuel cost estimate, but offset the cost increase for the ATC line rating reductions with an increase in FTR revenues by 75 percent of the estimated cost increase. Citizens Utility Board (CUB) witness Richard Hahn testified that the cost increase for the ATC line rating reduction should not be included in the 2013 fuel cost estimate. Mr. Hahn further argued that WEPCO should not be allowed to offset the approximately \$14.4 million in revenues from the SPS and the Pleasant Prairie to Zion Second Line with 75 percent of lost FTR revenue, as this proposal came in to the process too late to allow for proper review. Mr. Wagner testified that it would be appropriate to apply the 75 percent reduction to all three transmission issues.

In rebuttal testimony, Ms. Wolter proposed that the ATC line reduction should be offset by FTR revenue by 7.5 percent compared to Mr. Wagner's estimate of 75 percent, and the cost

reductions for the SPS and P4 to Zion Line 2 should be offset by a 75 percent reduction to FTR revenues. Ms. Wolter also provided rebuttal testimony indicating that the P4-Zion Line 2 was mistakenly included in the fuel model for the full year, not just the last quarter of 2013 when the new line will be in service.

The Commission finds it reasonable to reflect the \$7.8 million increase in fuel costs for ATC's line rating reductions, offset by an assumption that FTRs will provide revenues to offset 75 percent of those costs. The Commission is not requiring deferral treatment of these costs as Commission staff and WEPCO both indicated that it would be too difficult to separate such costs from the remaining fuel costs.

The Commission further finds it reasonable to include the impacts of the SPS and the second Pleasant Prairie to Zion transmission line, to be offset by 75 percent for the loss of FTR revenues.

Commissioner Callisto dissents.

Ms. Wolter also indicated that the PROMOD model had included the impacts of the second Pleasant Prairie to Zion line for the entire year as opposed to only the last quarter of 2013 for a decrease in fuel costs of \$2.4 million. Using the 75 percent offset applied in the other transmission adjustments, the impact would be an increase of \$0.6 million. The Commission finds it reasonable to reflect an increase of \$0.6 million to correct the error in the PROMOD model for the second Pleasant Prairie to Zion transmission line.

Commissioner Callisto dissents.

### **Chemical Costs**

The original filed estimate for chemical costs was \$13.867 million. Ms. Wolter proposed a decrease in chemical costs of \$1.175 million described as “Reflect new dispatch volume and/or pricing.” In rebuttal testimony, Ms. Wolter stated that instead of a decrease in fuel costs of \$1.175 million, the revised estimate is actually an increase in fuel cost of \$5.4 million due to a mathematical error in the spreadsheet that missed \$6.7 million of chemical costs in the revised estimate of chemical costs. Mr. Hahn and Mr. Wagner both testified the increase in fuel costs should not be included in the 2013 fuel costs because they did not have the opportunity to review the underlying reasons for such a large increase. Mr. Wagner proposed that the chemical costs be at the original estimate of \$13.867 million. WEPCO argued in its initial brief that no one has disputed that this was a spreadsheet error and that no one had objected to the underlying assumptions resulting in the increase in chemical costs.

Because the reason for this large increase has not been vetted, the Commission finds it reasonable to reflect WEPCO’s original estimate of \$13.867 million for chemical costs.

### **Valley Power Plant<sup>3</sup>**

The proper allocation of the cost to operate the Valley Power Plant between the steam and electric utility operations had been deferred to this rate proceeding from the last WEPCO rate proceeding. The Valley Power Plant was built primarily for electric generation, and the Commission has approved the cost allocation method for the allocation of costs to steam customers in docket 2-U-7131 in 1971, and reaffirmed in docket 6630-UR-109 in 1997. Since

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<sup>3</sup> The Commission denies CUB’s motion to strike a portion of the comments to the Briefing Memorandum and Decision Matrix filed on behalf of the DMS customers. The Commission finds the comments helpful to its deliberations and concludes that CUB has not been prejudiced by the filing of these comments as CUB provided a response to these comments in its motion to strike. Commissioner Callisto dissents.

that time the economic value of the plant has significantly diminished, especially since the start of the MISO energy market. Mr. Hahn testified that steam customers are not paying their fair share of the cost to generate steam used by WEPCO's steam customers. WEPCO witness Allan Mihm testified that the Valley Power Plant is still necessary for electric reliability, and the current cost allocation is still appropriate. Mr. Hahn testified that WEPCO has not supported the need for the plant for electric reliability by bidding a minimum load as must-run and not allowing MISO to determine if the plant is needed for electric reliability.

Mr. Hahn testified that the amount of energy required to create a pound of steam was actually 1,466 British thermal units (Btus), as opposed to the 850 Btus currently assumed, resulting in a subsidy from the electric ratepayers to the steam customers of approximately \$5.4 million per year. Mr. Hahn recommended that this proposed change be implemented over a five-year period, with the impact of the first year being an increase of \$1.054 million to steam customers.

Mr. Mihm testified that the engineering firm HDR performed a review of fuel cost allocation methods, and HDR determined the current allocation method is viewed as a reasonable approach to fuel cost allocation. Mr. Mihm testified that the cost allocation should not be changed for the following reasons: (1) Mr. Hahn did not offer evidence that the operation of the plant as a cogeneration facility has changed or that its primary purpose of providing electric reliability to the Milwaukee area has changed; (2) the current cost allocation at the Valley Power Plant has already been deemed to be reasonable twice under the current operating conditions so it is not reasonable to change it now; and (3) the rate impact on the 400 steam customers caused by Mr. Hahn's proposal is significant (an increase in rates of at least 23 percent over 5 years)

compared to the small insignificant benefit that electric customers might receive (a reduction in rates of .016 percent).

Mr. Wagner testified that the Valley Power Plant could actually operate at a minimum level of 30 megawatts (MW), however, the plant needed to run at a minimum of 40 MW to supply steam to the steam customers in the winter months. Mr. Wagner estimated that the impact of this subsidy to steam customers would be approximately \$1 million.

The Commission finds it reasonable to retain the allocations as they have been since the beginning of the operation of the plant and reviewed by the Commission in 1997, and to not allocate an additional \$1.0 million of fuel costs to DMS customers for the uneconomic dispatch of the additional 10MW of must-run capacity during the winter months. The Commission finds that the underlying facts of the operations at the Valley Power Plant have not changed sufficiently to warrant a change in allocation of costs associated with the operations of the plant.

Commissioner Callisto dissents.

### **Coal Sales Revenues**

In rebuttal testimony, WEPCO witness Ms. Wolter proposed a reduction in coal sales revenue of \$2.625 million to reflect an updated nomination of coal tons by the mines.

Mr. Wagner testified that the company is providing additional information that was not provided during the rate case audit. Mr. Wagner testified that the Commission in past rate cases has recognized that once the Commission staff audit is complete, audit staff does not revise its forecasted revenue requirement except for: (1) math errors; (2) effects of new laws that have actually been adopted; or (3) estimates that have been recognized as contingent on later events at the time when they may be corrected in the event that contingency occurs that resolves or

reduces the uncertainty. The Commission has also recognized that the closer to the test year, the more refined a projected income statement becomes, but for practical reasons there is a need to stop updating at some point, otherwise there would be a continual moving target.

The Commission finds it reasonable to incorporate the reduction in coal sales revenue. The Commission finds that the nomination data is not subject to audit and is similar to the update that is used for interest rates, which is not subject to interpretation.

Commissioner Callisto dissents.

### **Cross-State Air Pollution Rule**

On August 21, 2012, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals vacated CSAPR in its entirety. As such, all costs and revenues associated with CSAPR have been removed from the revenue requirement.

### **ERGS PROMOD Method**

WEPCO has traditionally modeled its coal units as must-run reflecting how they have been offered into the MISO market. WEPCO has considered opportunities for its coal units to be offered as economic in the MISO market in order to reduce its costs of operations. During 2012, WEPCO offered its ERGS units as economic for certain periods. In this proceeding, it is appropriate for WEPCO's ERGS units to be modeled as economic in the MISO energy market during the non-summer months of the test year.

### **Elm Road Generation Station Cost Over-Run**

One of the issues to be decided in this docket is the cost over-run associated with the construction of ERGS. In its Final Decision in dockets 5-CE-130 and 5-AE-118, dated November 10, 2003, the Commission authorized the construction of the ERGS units. In that

decision, the Commission addressed the issue of potential construction cost over-runs. The Commission set an authorized total cost for construction (Approved Amount) of the ERGS units of \$2.191 billion. The Commission limited recovery of any prudently incurred cost over-run to 105 percent of the total authorized cost. Prudently incurred *force majeure* items are also recoverable, but are not counted in the 105 percent calculation. Based on the November 10, 2003, Final Decision, the recovery of prudent, non-*force majeure* cost over-runs is limited to \$109.55 million.

### **Definition of Force Majeure**

There are two definitions of *force majeure* in the record of this proceeding. One is from the Bechtel engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) contract and the other is from the facility leases (non-EPC) approved in docket 5-CE-130/5-AE-118. The two definitions are not the same.

The Commission determines that use of the facility lease definition is consistent with its Final Decision in dockets 5-CE-130 and 5-AE-118, dated November 10, 2003, authorizing the construction of the ERGS units and determines that the relevant definition of *force majeure*, for purposes of determining the ERGS Approved Amount, is the facility lease definition.

### **Bechtel Settlement Agreement**

On December 20, 2008, Bechtel submitted a claim for cost and schedule relief related to weather, labor, and We Power<sup>4</sup>-caused delays. Bechtel also reserved their rights to make additional claims.

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<sup>4</sup> We Power is a subsidiary of WEC that owns and constructed the Port Washington combined cycle units and ERGS.

The weather events claimed by Bechtel included: (1) exceptionally high winds affecting crane usage that Bechtel claimed seriously hindered construction activity, most notably structural steel erection; (2) an exceptionally snowy winter that occurred before the ERGS' major facilities were enclosed that Bechtel claimed seriously impacted construction activities, such as installation of large-bore pipe; and (3) unprecedented heavy rains that Bechtel claimed significantly impacted construction on the dock area where underground activities and earthwork were still underway.

The labor events claimed by Bechtel included declines in availability of craft labor, an increase in regional projects posing new competition for local labor forces, changes in requirements to attract labor such as the need to ensure substantial amounts of overtime and payment of per diem, and challenges to attracting and hiring qualified sufficient craft levels due to terms of the Project Labor Agreement that Bechtel believed made the compensation package for labor on ERGS non-competitive.

On October 30, 2009, Bechtel updated the claim to actualize the damages through ERGS Unit 1 First Fire (July 23, 2009) to a total amount of \$517.3 million. We Power disputed the Bechtel claim, and was able to settle the matter prior to arbitration for \$72 million.

The parties did not dispute that it was prudent to settle the \$517 million claim brought by Bechtel for \$72.0 million. The Commission concurs that it was reasonable and prudent to resolve this potentially significant claim for \$72 million. The Commission further determines that this expense is to be included in the 105 percent of the Approved Amount cost over-run limit calculation.

### **Bechtel Claim Defense**

In response to the December 20, 2008, Bechtel claim, as updated on October 30, 2009, We Power retained various legal counsel and outside experts to dispute the claim. The cost for the legal counsel and outside experts was \$12,094,893.

WEPCO witness Frederick Kuester testified that based on an analysis of the available information, We Power believed it needed a range of expertise to vigorously defend against the claim and keep the costs to WEPCO customers low.

CUB argued that because the majority of Bechtel's claim was for weather impacts, and the company had a strong defense for the labor incentives claim, it was imprudent for We Power to spend \$6.8 million in litigation costs to defend against the labor incentives portion of the Bechtel Claim. CUB believes the Commission should not require ratepayers to pay the \$6.8 million in litigation costs associated with the labor incentives portion of the Bechtel claim.

The Commission finds that the record is insufficient to support parsing out a portion of the legal fees. WEPCO reached a global resolution of this claim for approximately 14 cents on the dollar. The Commission therefore determines that the \$12,094,893 in legal costs to defend against the Bechtel claim were prudently incurred. The Commission further determines that this expense is to be included in the 105 percent of the Approved Amount cost over-run limit calculation.

### **ERGS Internal Legal Costs**

WEPCO is seeking recovery of litigation costs associated with the ERGS WPDES permit, the vacation and reinstatement of the ERGS CPCN and defense against the Bechtel claim. This cost item relates to internal WEPCO resources. The amount at issue is \$1,063,252.

Mr. Hahn testified that WEPCO has already recovered in rates the costs deemed appropriate by the Commission for WEPCO's internal litigation resources for the years in question. He believes that allowing WEPCO to recover the internal resources portion of the internal litigation costs for these items would lead to double-recovery by WEPCO of those internal costs. He argued that the Commission should not allow WEPCO to recover \$1,063,252 for internal litigation resources associated with these cost overruns.

WEPCO witness David Ackerman testified that the \$1,063,252 in question is not a double-recovery of WEPCO's internal litigation resources. Mr. Ackerman stated that WEPCO's test-year budgets reflect a proper allocation of internal resource costs between current period O&M expense that would be properly recovered in a prospective test year versus amounts charged to capital, intercompany, or external billable.

The Commission determines that the \$1,063,252 in ERGS cost over-run associated with the internal legal cost component of WEPCO's WPDES litigation defense, CPCN litigation defense, and defense of the Bechtel claim is not a double-recovery of previously authorized labor expenses.

Commissioner Callisto dissents.

#### **Unforeseen Sub-Surface Conditions**

WEPCO stated that despite extensive soil borings taken prior to commencement of ERGS construction, areas of the site proved to have soil bearing capacities below that anticipated. As a result, certain buildings, such as the indoor coal storage facility, required more robust foundations. The amount at issue is \$1,000,000.

In a WEPCO response to a CUB data request, WEPCO stated that it incurred a total cost of \$11,522,060 due to unforeseen sub-surface conditions at the ERGS construction site and that \$10,522,600 of that total was accounted for within the ERGS Approved Amount while the remaining \$1,000,000 was not.

The parties did not contest whether it was prudent to include these costs. The Commission determines that the \$1,000,000 spent to address unforeseen sub-surface conditions was prudently incurred. The Commission further determines that this expense is to be included in the 105 percent of the Approved Amount cost over-run limit calculation.

#### **Fuel Flexibility of Units**

The ERGS facility design was changed to allow future fuel flexibility. This change involved the procurement, construction, testing, and commissioning of equipment to allow the facility to be modified in the future in a way that would minimize costs and operational disruptions associated with installing coal mixing facilities and other equipment required to burn a mix of fuel types. Generally, the modifications were to the baghouse, boiler, and coal handling system. The amount at issue is \$24,345,473.

WEPCO testified that in 2006, it requested that We Power undertake this modification to the ERGS units due to emerging mercury emission control technologies and increased volatility in the price of eastern bituminous coal in 2004-2006. WEPCO believes it made sense to incorporate these modifications into the ERGS units during construction because they would have been substantially more expensive to incorporate after ERGS had been fully constructed. WEPCO further believes that the ability to burn a mix of fuel types will result in significant fuel-cost savings estimated to be \$25 to \$50 million per year. WEPCO stated this cost was to be

included in the 105 percent of the Approved Amount cost over-run limit calculation. No one disputed this.

CUB stated it believes it is possible that in the long-term, the money expended to establish the potential for fuel switching may benefit ratepayers. However, it said it is clear that ratepayers are not yet realizing any benefit from the additional investment in fuel flexibility. It states that ERGS is not yet able to burn blended or alternative fuels, and this expenditure would seem to fit best in the category of plant held for future use. It recommends that this expense be excluded from the current rate case and that WEPCO should be allowed to request recovery of this expense, plus any other prudent expenditures related to fuel flexibility, in a future rate case. Mr. Metcalfe testified that he was in agreement with deferring these costs for recovery in a future rate case. He requested that the carrying cost for the \$24 million in fuel flexibility modifications, calculated in accordance with the Facility Leases, be included in rates starting in January 2013.

The Commission determines that deferring the \$24.3 million already incurred for fuel flexibility, plus any other expenditures related to fuel flexibility, including carrying costs for the \$24 million, for review in a future rate case is reasonable. The carrying costs shall be calculated using the short-term cost of debt. The Commission further determines that this expense is to be included in the 105 percent of the Approved Amount cost over-run limit calculation.

#### **CPCN Vacation and Reinstatement**

Several persons petitioned for judicial review of the Commission's Final Decision authorizing the construction of ERGS in Dane County Circuit Court. The circuit court vacated the Final Decision. The court's ruling was appealed. Ultimately, the Wisconsin Supreme Court reversed the circuit court and reinstated the CPCN on June 28, 2005.

Under the EPC contract for ERGS, We Power was required to issue a Full Notice to Proceed (FNTP) to Bechtel by March 15, 2005. When the circuit court vacated the Final Decision, We Power could not issue the FNTP, exposing it to specified daily increases in the EPC contract price. We Power negotiated two extensions of the deadline for the issuance of the FNTP that included an increase in the contract price for each day of delay beyond March 15, 2005. After the Wisconsin Supreme Court reinstated the Commission's Final Decision, We Power issued the FNTP on July 29, 2005. The increased cost under the EPC contract due to this delay was \$41,224,265 plus \$3,637,816 in litigation expenses and costs for internal resources required to manage the project for longer than originally intended. The total amount at issue is \$44,862,081.

Mr. Metcalfe testified that WEPCO did not believe that the Dane County Court would vacate the CPCN and that it would not have been reasonable to risk the project schedule and higher costs in the face of a lawsuit WEPCO believed had little merit. He also testified that it was important to execute the EPC contract when WEPCO did because the time period in question was one of escalating raw materials and equipment costs. WEPCO believes that if it had delayed signing of the EPC contract, it is likely Bechtel would have insisted on a price higher than the Commission had approved. Additionally, the ERGS Air Permit issued by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) required that construction commence no later than July 14, 2005.

CUB witness Mr. Hahn testified that We Power signed the Bechtel EPC contract knowing that it might be liable for additional costs if the FNTP was not issued as scheduled and that the legal and regulatory uncertainty regarding the judicial review process could cause delays

even if the CPCN was never vacated. He stated it was unreasonable for We Power to sign the EPC contract under these circumstances and that We Power did not maximize use of provisions in the contract to protect WEPCO and its ratepayers from costs associated with a delay in the FNTF. CUB argued that WEPCO had two ways to satisfy the air permit's requirement to commence construction, one of which would have allowed for a delay in signing the EPC contract until July 2005. Mr. Hahn recommended that the Commission not allow the \$44.9 million in rates.

The Commission finds that the vacation of the CPCN constituted an unforeseen change in law that was beyond the reasonable control of We Power. Given what was known at the time and faced with pending litigation, a potential price increase or delay in construction, the Commission concludes that it was reasonable to enter into the EPC contract.

The Commission determines that the \$44,862,081 expense caused by the delay in commencing construction due to the vacation and reinstatement of the CPCN was *force majeure* and was prudently incurred.

#### **Army Corp. of Engineers Permit Requirements**

On May 28, 2005, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) issued its permit for the installation of the ERGS cooling water system and other construction-related activities. Special Condition 6 of the permit required the construction of six fish spawning reefs in Lake Michigan. Special Condition 14 of the permit required that certain measures be taken to mitigate the loss of sand caused by the placement of certain fill and structures on the bed of Lake Michigan. The amount at issue is \$5,828,982.

Mr. Metcalfe testified that neither of these requirements, Special Conditions 6 and 14 of the ACOE permit, could have been reasonably contemplated at the time of the CPCN application. WEPCO, in its response to a CUB data request stated that it believed this was the first time these types of projects were required in permits issued by the ACOE St. Paul District.

CUB argued that this item is not *force majeure* because WEPCO has not shown that this cost delayed, impaired, or prevented performance by any party as required to qualify as *force majeure* under the lease agreements.

The Commission finds that ACOE's imposition of permit conditions did not constitute a change in law because it was reasonably foreseeable that the ACOE would, under then existing authority, issue a conditional permit.

The Commission determines that the \$5,828,982 cost caused by the ACOE special permit conditions was not *force majeure* but was prudently incurred.<sup>5</sup> The Commission further determines that this expense may be included in the 105 percent of the Approved Amount cost over-run limit calculation to the extent the addition of these costs did not result in the recovery of prudent, non-*force majeure* cost over-runs in excess of \$109.55 million.

### **Six Mile Road Underpass**

Order Point 5 of the Commission's Final Decision authorizing construction of the ERGS required WEPCO to work with the neighboring communities to mitigate valid complaints and concerns. In response to this Order Point, WEPCO entered into an agreement with the village of Caledonia that required the design and management of the rail yard serving ERGS so that all operations under its control remained north of Six Mile Road and the construction of a grade

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<sup>5</sup> Commissioner Callisto concurs in the finding that these costs were not *force majeure*, but disagrees that a finding of prudence is necessary or appropriate and would not include such costs in the 105 percent of the Approved Amount cost over-run limit calculation.

separation at the Six Mile Road railroad crossing along the then current crossing alignment. The grade separation that was authorized by the Commission's Final Decision was an off-alignment design, which was ultimately opposed by Caledonia. The design was modified to an on-alignment grade separation, as requested by Caledonia. The amount at issue is \$3,567,007.

Mr. Metcalfe testified that the steps necessary to comply with the Commission's order points included designing and managing the rail yard serving ERGS so that all operations under WEPCO's control remained north of Six Mile Road and constructing an on-alignment versus an off-alignment grade separation crossing. He stated that under the definition of *force majeure* in the facility leases, this cost is the result of a change in Law *Force Majeure* event.

CUB argued that this item is not *force majeure* because WEPCO has not shown that this cost delayed, impaired, or prevented performance by any party as required to qualify as *force majeure* under the lease agreements. CUB also stated it did not believe that this event was a change in law.

The Commission finds that compliance with the Commission's order did not constitute a change in law under the *force majeure* definition.

The Commission determines that the \$3,567,077 cost caused by the modification to the railroad crossings in the village of Caledonia was not a *force majeure* event, but was prudently incurred.<sup>6</sup> The Commission further determines that this expense may be included in the 105 percent of the Approved Amount cost over-run limit calculation to the extent the addition of these costs do not result in the recovery of prudent, non-*force majeure* cost over-runs in excess of \$109.55 million.

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<sup>6</sup> See Commissioner Callisto's concurrence and concerns noted in Footnote 4.

### **Compliance with WPDES Settlement**

On March 30, 2005, the DNR issued a WPDES permit (permit) for ERGS that included requirements based on EPA Section 316(b) (316(b)) that was used as guidance by the DNR. In January 2007, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit decision in *Riverkeeper, et al. v. USEPA (Riverkeeper II)* remanded portions of the 316(b) regulations governing cooling water intake structures at existing facilities to the EPA for reconsideration. As a result of the *Riverkeeper II* decision, certain conditions in the ERGS permit were challenged in administrative proceedings. The Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued a decision upholding DNR's decisions, but the ALJ's decision was challenged in judicial proceedings. The Dane County circuit court ultimately issued a Decision and Order affirming the ALJ's decisions, but remanded the challenged conditions, directing that they be reconsidered in light of the *Riverkeeper II* decision. The total estimated cost of compliance with the WPDES settlement is approximately \$177 million. This total cost consists of expenses associated with projects relating to Lake Michigan water quality, the installation of 15 MW of solar generation (authorization of 5 MW of the 15 MW is requested in this docket), and support of long-term greenhouse gas emission reductions.

WEPCO included the legal cost associated with the WPDES challenge and settlement as part of the ERGS cost over-run. However, the actual cost to WEPCO of compliance with the WPDES settlement was not included.

Mr. Kitsembel testified that if the WPDES settlement and its associated cost was necessary for the project to proceed without additional delay, the Commission may wish to include the cost of WPDES compliance it finds reasonable as part of the total ERGS cost

over-run for the purpose of determining what is recoverable in rates under the 105 percent cost limit, using Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement (FASB) 71. He further testified that he believed that the costs associated with the Lake Michigan water quality and long-term greenhouse gas emission reduction efforts could be included in the ERGS cost over-run for purposes of determining recoverability in rates under the 105 percent cost limit. The amount at issue could be as much as \$102 million.

WEPCO witness Mr. Ackerman testified that there are several problems with Mr. Kitsemel's suggestion. He also testified that FASB 71 does not apply to an unregulated company (We Power). He testified that, instead, the Commission should continue to look at the annual payments under the WPDES settlement agreement on a rate case by rate case basis.

The Commission determines that the annual payments under the WPDES settlement agreement will be reviewed on a rate case by rate case basis. The Commission further determines that it is not reasonable to allow the annual expense associated with the WPDES settlement agreement in the electric rates for 2013 and 2014.

#### **Defense of WPDES Lawsuit**

The legal fees associated with the defense of the WPDES lawsuit amount to \$4,956,127 million. WEPCO witness Mr. Metcalfe testified that WEPCO incurred legal costs and expert witness expenses defending the ERGS WPDES permit against administrative and judicial challenges. Mr. Ackerman testified that the legal costs associated with obtaining the ERGS WPDES permit were capitalized by We Power because the permit was integral to the plant. He further testified that an alternative approach to capitalizing this expense would be for

WEPCO to include the WPDES legal costs as part of the ERGS escrow because the WPDES permit is related to the operations of the plant.

Because the annual payments under the WPDES settlement will be reviewed case by case, the Commission determines that it is not reasonable to allow recovery of the \$4,956,127 in legal expense associated with the WPDES settlement agreement. Further, the Commission concludes the record is inadequate to determine whether the fees were prudently incurred.

### **Hexavalent Chromium Rule**

On February 28, 2006, OSHA issued a final rule addressing occupational exposure to hexavalent chromium, which became effective on May 30, 2006. This rule significantly reduced the permissible exposure limit and action level for hexavalent chromium, and the rule required exposure assessments and the implementation of additional measures by Bechtel, its subcontractors, and suppliers in connection with the ERGS project. The additional measures included engineering controls, respiratory protection, protective work clothing and equipment, medical surveillance, and communication of hazards for workers involved in tasks that may cause exposure to hexavalent chromium. The amount at issue is \$10,000,000.

WEPCO stated that it believed this was a change in law *force majeure* event. CUB stated that WEPCO provided information indicating that costs associated with the hexavalent chromium rule were incurred as a result of an event that prevented or delayed performance of obligations and therefore did not contest the finding of *force majeure*.

The Commission determines that the cost of \$10,000,000 caused by OSHA's decision to change the administrative rule governing exposure to hexavalent chromium was the result of a change in law *force majeure* event and was prudently incurred.

### **Mercury Continuous Emission Monitoring System**

On May 15, 2005, EPA published the Clean Air Mercury Rule and established standards of performance for mercury emissions from new and existing coal-fired electric utility units. New coal-fired power plants (construction starting on or after Jan. 30, 2004) were required to meet stringent new source performance standards (NSPS) and were subject to emission caps. Under the revised NSPS standards, units that commenced commercial operations on or after July 1, 2008, were required to install and certify mercury monitoring systems by the later of January 1, 2009, or 90 operating days or 180 calendar days, whichever occurred first, after the date on which the unit commenced commercial operations. The amount at issue is \$851,000.

WEPCO witness Mr. Metcalfe testified that due to the new EPA requirements, ERGS incurred additional costs to install and certify mercury emission monitoring systems. WEPCO stated these costs were the result of a change in law *force majeure* event and were prudently incurred.

CUB argued that this item is not *force majeure* because WEPCO has not shown that this cost delayed, impaired, or prevented performance by any party as required to qualify as *force majeure* under the lease agreements.

The Commission finds that the Clean Air Mercury Rule constituted a change in law that either materially impacted or delayed performance under the EPC contract.

The Commission determines that the \$851,000 cost caused by EPA's requirement regarding mercury emission monitoring was *force majeure* and was prudently incurred.

Commissioner Callisto dissents.

### **State Unemployment Insurance Cost Over-Run**

A modification in Wisconsin's payroll tax law went into effect on January 1, 2009. This modification increased the taxable wage base, per employee, that was subject to the State Unemployment Insurance (SUI) tax from \$10,500 to \$12,000. It also adjusted the apportioning of the basic rate and the solvency rate in calculating a company's total rate. When applied, this modification resulted in a higher SUI rate and costs in 2009 and 2010. The amount at issue is \$1,813,000.

Mr. Metcalfe testified that in 2009, the state of Wisconsin enacted a change in payroll tax law resulting in additional cost to ERGS. WEPCO argues that the \$1,813,000 cost caused by the change in Wisconsin payroll tax law was the result of a change in law *force majeure* event and was prudently incurred.

CUB argued that this item is not *force majeure* because WEPCO has not shown that this cost delayed, impaired, or prevented performance by any party as required to qualify as *force majeure* under the lease agreements.

The Commission finds that the modification to Wisconsin's existing payroll tax law did not constitute a material change in law or materially impact performance under the EPC contract.

The Commission determines that the \$1,813,000 cost caused by the change in the Wisconsin payroll tax law was not *force majeure* but was prudently incurred.<sup>7</sup> The Commission further determines that this expense may be included in the 105 percent of the Approved Amount cost over-run limit calculation to the extent the addition of these costs do not result in the recovery of prudent, non-*force majeure* costs in excess of \$109.55 million.

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<sup>7</sup> See Commissioner Callisto's concurrence and concerns noted in Footnote 4.

### **July 2010 Storms**

On July 22 and 23, 2010, the site experienced in excess of five inches of rain within the two-day period, including totals in a 24-hour period that were in excess of the ten-year record for the area. As a result of these heavy rains, extensive erosion and sediment accumulation occurred at the site requiring a significant repair and cleanup effort. Bechtel experienced excessive absenteeism of manual craft employees, was required to divert resources to address immediate storm cleanup, and also experienced delays in materials deliveries and vendor technical assistance and support. The amount at issue is \$630,000.

WEPCO states that this expense was the result of a weather *force majeure* event, these additional costs were prudently incurred in order to address the consequences of these unusually heavy rainstorms.

CUB states that WEPCO provided information indicating that the cost associated with these severe weather events was incurred as a result of an event that prevented or delayed performance of obligations and therefore did not contest the finding of *force majeure*.

The Commission determines that this cost was the result of a weather *force majeure* event and was prudently incurred.

### **Other Force Majeure Events**

A number of miscellaneous events during construction resulted in minor impacts to the cost of ERGS. The events include the interruption of material and equipment deliveries due to Hurricane Ike, a volcanic eruption in Iceland, and a labor strike at the site of the waste-handling contractor, Waste Management. The amount at issue is \$438,515.

Mr. Metcalfe testified that a number of miscellaneous events added to the cost of the project. WEPCO stated that these costs were caused by *force majeure* events as defined by the facility leases and were all prudently incurred.

CUB argued that for the Waste Management strike and the Bowl and Dock fire protection costs (\$370,170 in total), WEPCO has not shown that these costs delayed, impaired, or prevented performance by any party as required to qualify as *force majeure* under the lease agreements. Therefore, only \$68,345 qualifies as *force majeure*.

The Commission determines that the Bowl and Dock fire protection issues were not *force majeure*, leaving only \$137,980 as *force majeure*. The Commission also determines that the entire \$438,515 was prudently incurred. The Commission further determines that the \$300,535 in prudent, non-*force majeure* expense is to be included in the 105 percent of the Approved Amount cost over-run limit calculation.

Commissioner Callisto dissents.

#### **Low-Pressure Turbine Corrosion**

Unusual deposits were discovered on the ERGS Unit 1 LP turbine blades. This finding led to the cleaning of the Unit 1 turbines and the replacement of certain blades. The issue also affects Unit 2 and will be addressed during a late 2012 outage. WEPCO states its belief that the cost associated with this issue is the responsibility of Bechtel. This issue is not settled, as Bechtel believes WEPCO should be responsible for the cost associated with the LP turbine repair.

Mr. Kitsemel testified that if, when this issue is ultimately resolved, WEPCO is responsible for all or a portion of the low-pressure turbine repair cost, the amount WEPCO is

responsible for should also be included in the ERGS cost over-run total. The cost is unknown, but could be several million dollars. The issue of whether to allow WEPCO recovery of any prudently incurred low-pressure turbine repair cost may need to be addressed in a future rate case proceeding.

Mr. Metcalfe testified that WEPCO only became aware of the turbine corrosion issue after turnover of the ERGS units. The issue is being handled under the warranty provisions of the EPC Contract. Warranty rights have been assigned to WEPCO. WEPCO is involved in a dispute with Bechtel on this matter and is seeking to recover its costs accordingly. To the extent it is unable to fully recover its costs, WEPCO believes these costs should be escrowed and form part of a future rate proceeding subject to a prudence determination at that time.

The Commission determines that because the cost issue associated with the low-pressure turbine corrosion is not yet resolved, the cost may be escrowed and be part of a future rate proceeding and subject to a prudence determination at that time.

#### **Other Cost Items**

WEPCO set out approximately \$8.71 million in forecast cost that had not been incurred as of February 29, 2012. This includes expenses such as payments due upon final acceptance of ERGS Units 1 and 2, We Power costs, punch list items for units 1 and 2, and costs associated with final project cost review.

Mr. Kitsemel testified that, as with the low-pressure turbine issue, this amount should also be included in the ERGS cost over-run total and that the issue of allowing recovery of any of these costs may need to be addressed in a future rate case proceeding.

The Commission determines that ERGS cost items not yet settled, such as punch list and final cost review items, should be part of a future rate proceeding and subject to a prudence determination at that time.

### **Number of Employee Positions**

During its audit in this proceeding, Commission staff compared the company's filed estimate of average test-year employee positions to actual average employee positions for the 2008, 2010, and 2012 (through May) test years. Using a simple average of the variance percentages for each test year, and subsequently modified after discussions with the company, Commission staff reduced the company's filed level by 186 positions for WEPCO and by 17 positions for WG's test-year payroll. In surrebuttal testimony, Commission staff witness Mary Kettle suggested that it may be reasonable for the Commission to add back 105 union positions for WEPCO to get staff's employee position level for WEPCO's union and non-union employee category to the actual average level for 2012 through May.

Wisconsin Industrial Energy Group (WIEG) noted that WEPCO has historically overstated its level of employee positions. WIEG recommended a reduction of \$10.539 million to WEPCO's electric payroll expense, associated employee benefits, and payroll taxes to reflect this historical variance.

The company disagreed with any adjustment to its filed level of employee positions because the years used in the budget-to-actual analysis were recessionary years and the company stated that it needed to manage its costs in the face of falling revenues. The company presented testimony from several witnesses describing the negative consequences that would result if the company's filed level of employees was reduced.

The Commission finds that Commission staff's reductions to the company's forecast of average employees with 105 union employees added for WEPCO is reasonable. The company has forecasted significantly more employee positions than it has filled for the last three test years. It is reasonable to rely on these historical variances to forecast a reasonable level of employee positions in the test year. The reasonable test-year forecast of employee positions is 4,179 for WEPCO and 449 for WG.

This reduction in the level of employee positions reduces the company's revenue requirement by \$4.9 million for WEPCO and by \$0.5 million for WG. The Commission also limited wage increases to 2.3 percent and 1.9 percent for 2012 and 2013, respectively, for all non-union employees. Union employees were limited to those percentages for any non-contractual portion of the forecast period. The total reduction to the company's filed payroll estimate is \$5.7 million for WEPCO and \$0.4 million for WG on a Wisconsin retail basis.

### **Non-Labor Production and Distribution Expenses**

In this proceeding, Commission staff performed a budget-to-actual analysis on certain functional areas of each utility. These adjustments were limited to the production and distribution functions. The most significant adjustments were to the company's non-labor production and distribution O&M expenses for WEPCO's electric utility. Staff compared the estimates filed by the company for the 2008 and 2010 test years to the actual levels for those years and found that the company spent significantly less than its estimates in these two areas for both test years. Commission staff also compared the company's 2009 actual levels to the 2008 test-year estimates filed by the company and compared the company's 2011 actual levels to the 2010 test-year estimates filed by the company to see if the variances were different in the second

year of each biennium. The company spent less than its estimates for both of those years as well in both the production and distribution functions. Thus, the company spent significantly less than it estimated in each year from 2008 through 2011 for non-labor production and distribution O&M for WEPCO's electric utility.

The Commission finds that it is reasonable to reduce the company's filed estimates of non-labor production and distribution expense to reflect historical under-spending. The Commission accepted Commission staff's proposed reduction to non-labor electric production O&M, reducing WEPCO's electric revenue requirement by \$9.8 million. For non-labor distribution expense, the Commission reduces the company's filed estimate by 75 percent of Commission staff's adjustment, a reduction of \$5.2 million to WEPCO's electric revenue requirement. The Commission acknowledged the company's historical under-spending in electric distribution, but did not approve one-quarter of the adjustment, acknowledging that the company may need to address its aging infrastructure.

Commissioner Callisto dissents on the level of non-labor electric distribution O&M to include in the test-year revenue requirement.

### **Transmission Escrow**

In this proceeding, the company requested to reinstate its transmission escrow for prospective billings from ATC and MISO and to set transmission expense in the test year equal to the amount included in rates in the 2010 test year. The company's proposal would result in the deferral of increases in transmission billings over the 2010 level. ATC currently has plans to construct a new transmission line in southeastern Wisconsin that may lead to more competitive and lower generation costs for WEPCO in the future. Deferring incremental transmission costs

now would allow those cost increases to be offset to some degree by the expected generation savings in the future.

ATC, whose costs comprise the vast majority of WEPCO's transmission costs, provides an update for the upcoming year in October of each year. Commission staff compared the as-ordered levels of non-payroll transmission expense, which includes the October update information, for 2008 and 2010 to the actual level of expense for each year. The analysis showed that the company's as-ordered level of transmission expenses from the 2008 test year was significantly greater than actual expense for 2008 and 2009, but the as-ordered level from the 2010 test year was slightly less than actual expense for 2010 and 2011 because ATC made improvements to its budgeting process for the 2010 budget. The most significant change was to use the most recent rolling twelve months to measure its customers' load ratio share (LRS) rather than using the most recent calendar year. The LRS is used to allocate ATC's costs among its customers. This change resulted in a better allocation of forecasted costs to individual customers.

Thus, the Commission finds it reasonable to use the company's revised estimate of transmission expenses for 2013 and 2014 which include ATC's October 2012 update. The company estimates that transmission expenditures for 2013 and 2014 will be \$286,198,240 and \$311,155,853, respectively, on a total company basis, or \$264,132,356 and \$287,165,737, respectively, on a Wisconsin retail basis. The company will record \$250,738,748 in expense on a Wisconsin retail basis until the Commission authorizes the company to record a different amount as transmission expense. This will result, on a forecasted basis, in WEPCO deferring an

estimated \$32.4 million in 2013 and an additional \$23 million in 2014 on a total company basis for a total estimated deferral of \$55.4 million over two years.

The Commission finds it reasonable to reinstate the transmission escrow on a temporary basis and to set the associated carrying costs at the short-term debt rate. Carrying costs shall be accrued into the deferred balance.

### **Uncollectible Accounts**

Commission staff used the percentage of net write-offs to revenue to forecast escrowed uncollectible accounts expense. Staff used a three-year average of this percentage to forecast net write-offs for WEPCO's electric operations and for WG because the historical percentages did not show a trend. For WEPCO's gas operations, the percentage of net write-offs to revenue showed a decreasing trend so staff used a trended percentage to forecast the test year.

The company disagreed with Commission staff's methodology and believed that staff should have used the average percentage of net write-offs to revenue for WEPCO's gas operations, just as it did for WEPCO's electric operations and for WG. The Commission agrees with the company.

For non-escrowed uncollectible accounts expense, Commission staff's estimate was based on a review of historical levels. The company argued that staff's estimate was 44 percent lower than the three-year average and the company's estimate is 27 percent lower than the three-year average, which is already a conservative estimate. The Commission finds that the company's test-year estimate of non-escrowed uncollectible accounts expense is reasonable.

The company requested to continue escrow accounting for its residential uncollectible accounts expenses due to the uncertain pace of the state's economic recovery and the

corresponding uncertain impact on customers. Considering that impacts of the poverty levels and higher unemployment rates in We Energies' service territory compared to the rest of the state, the Commission finds it reasonable to continue escrow accounting for residential uncollectible accounts expenses of WEPCO and WG.

Accordingly, the company is directed to record \$26,809,000 in uncollectible accounts expense for WEPCO electric, which is comprised of \$25,252,000 in estimated net write-offs plus an amortization expense of \$1,557,000. For WE-GO, the company shall record \$1,622,000 in uncollectible accounts expense, which is comprised of \$3,909,000 in estimated net write-offs less a negative amortization expense of \$2,287,000. For WG, the company shall record \$2,808,000 in uncollectible accounts expense, which is comprised of \$17,764,000 in estimated net write-offs less a negative amortization expense of \$14,956,000. These expense amounts, which are Wisconsin retail amounts, shall be recorded annually until the Commission authorizes a different amount to be recorded.

### **Employee Benefits**

Commission staff made downward adjustments to employee medical expenses, dental expenses, and post-retirement benefits other than pension expense (SFAS No. 106).

Commission staff used a three-year average to forecast test-year medical and dental expenses because these expenses have been flat or declining over that period. For post-retirement benefits other than pension expense, Commission staff used an average annual growth rate to forecast the test year because there was a slightly increasing trend.

The company disagreed with Commission staff's forecast of these items because staff did not consider all of the factors that affect the cost of these items.

The Commission finds the company's forecasts to be reasonable for employee medical, dental, and post-retirement benefits other than pension expense.

Commissioner Callisto dissents.

### **Board of Directors Expense**

Commission staff reduced the company's filed estimate of test-year Board of Directors expense, in part, to eliminate stock-based compensation. The Commission has historically not allowed rate recovery of stock-based compensation because it is not in the best interest of ratepayers as it may prompt too great a focus on earnings rather than maintaining and improving the safety and reliability of the company's operations.

The company disagreed with this portion of staff's adjustment on the basis that the stock-based compensation is really a director retainer fee paid in stock. The company stated that the stock compensation is a substitute for cash and that paying directors in stock rather than cash should instill a long-term incentive to make decisions that ensure the long-term financial health of the company.

The Commission finds that it is reasonable to reduce the company's test-year estimate of Board of Directors expense to exclude stock-based compensation because it could provide an incentive for directors to act in ways that are detrimental to ratepayers. It is also reasonable to exclude the cost associated with the directors' charitable award. The total reduction to the Board of Directors costs is \$707,000 for WEPCO and \$117,000 for WG on a Wisconsin retail basis.

Chairperson Montgomery dissents.

### **PTF Escrow Adjustment**

During the staff audit in this proceeding, it was discovered that WEPCO had charged \$618,000 to the PTF escrow since its inception for employee bonuses and incentives. WEPCO shall reduce the balance of its PTF escrow at the beginning of the test year by \$618,000 to remove bonuses and incentives charged in error to the escrow, as well as reducing the return on net working capital to reflect the lower average balance of the deferred amount.

### **Electric Gross Receipts Tax**

The gross receipts tax (GRT) expense in any given year is based on the prior year's revenue. The company's filed forecast of electric GRT expense incorporated the test-year 2013 forecast of electric operating revenues as a proxy for 2012 operating revenues in the calculation of the forecasted expense. Commission staff reviewed the company's calculation used to forecast the 2013 electric GRT expense and accepted the forecasted expense of \$88,157,000.

In rebuttal testimony, the company argued that the GRT should be increased in 2013 by \$2.6 million to account for the higher electric sales anticipated in 2012 due to an unusually warm, dry summer. The Commission agrees that a new higher sales forecast was appropriate to forecast the test-year electric gross receipts tax.

Commissioner Callisto dissents.

### **WE-GO and WG Remainder Assessment**

Commission staff based its test-year estimates of the remainder assessment for WE-GO and WG by multiplying the respective forecasted revenues subject to the remainder assessment by a forecasted remainder assessment factor equivalent to the 2011 factor. The companies argued that Commission staff's PSC remainder assessment adjustments were unreasonable in

view of actual assessments over the past six years, and should be rejected. The Commission finds it is reasonable to use the most recent three-year average actual costs to forecast the test-year remainder assessments for WE-GO and WG.

Commissioner Callisto dissents.

### **Deferred DOE Litigation Expenses**

The Final Decision in WEPCO's fuel case, docket 6630-FR-103, dated January 5, 2012, authorized no change in 2012 rates as a result of offsetting the forecasted 2012 fuel increase of \$26.2 million (Wisconsin retail) against a DOE net settlement refund of approximately the same amount. This settlement was related to WEPCO's claim for partial breach of contract for failure to pick up spent nuclear fuel (SNF) at the Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant. The Commission ordered WEPCO to track the amount of actual DOE settlement refund returned to Wisconsin retail ratepayers, to defer any material over- or under-collections to ratepayers to a future rate proceeding, and found it appropriate to defer the determination of appropriate litigation costs related to the DOE settlement to the next rate proceeding. Commission staff has reviewed the litigation expenses in this proceeding totaling \$13.6 million and Commission staff witness Candice Spanjar testified that \$48,000 in employee expenses and catering expenses was questionable.

Based on its discovery requests in docket 6630-FR-103, CUB believes that, at a bare minimum, the amount should be reduced by \$42,000 for costs from the law firm of Piper, Marbury, Rudnic that were unrelated to DOE SNF litigation. However, CUB believes the amount should be reduced by considerably more because WEPCO did not prudently manage and control the expenditure of these outside litigation costs.

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The Commission finds that it is appropriate to disallow \$90,000 of deferred litigation expenses from future rates because these costs were either unrelated to the DOE litigation, or otherwise questionable expenses. These deferred litigation expenses are associated with the DOE settlement refund for partial breach of a contract to pick up SNF at the Point Beach Power Plant that were netted against the DOE settlement and applied to offset the 2012 fuel increase in docket 6630-FR-103. It is also reasonable to continue reviewing the deferred litigation expenses and address this issue in the next annual fuel reconciliation.

### **Production Tax Deduction**

In the company's last full rate case proceeding in docket 5-UR-104, the Commission indicated it was reasonable to continue the escrow for the domestic production activities deduction, also known as the Section 199 deduction, but it should be reevaluated in the company's next rate proceeding. This item was escrowed at the request of WEPCO because it was difficult to accurately forecast at that time.

The company believes that the Section 199 deduction continues to be difficult to accurately forecast because it is a deduction that essentially is determined after all other items of taxable income have been determined. While WEPCO has not claimed a Section 199 deduction in 2011, nor does it expect to file any in 2012 and 2013 due to actual or projected net operating losses primarily related to bonus depreciation claimed, once the bonus depreciation effect is gone, the company estimates that the Section 199 deduction will once again be very difficult to forecast with any precision. The Commission finds that it is reasonable to continue escrow accounting treatment of the Section 199 production tax deduction.

### **WPDES Settlement Funding**

The 2010 test-year order in docket 5-UR-104 approved the recovery of the company's portion of the 2011 payment to fund projects related to water quality impacts in Lake Michigan levelized over the two-year period of 2010 and 2011. The annual recovery was set at half of what the company's actual annual funding payments would be starting in 2011. The company's subsequent 2012 test-year order was based on a limited review that resulted in adjusting certain regulatory amortizations without any rate adjustment, and did not increase recovery of the Lake Michigan funding amount required by the agreement between the company and Clean Wisconsin and the Sierra Club. In this rate proceeding, WEPCO requested authorization to create a regulatory asset for the retail portion of the 2012 Lake Michigan funding amount and amortize the asset in 2013 and 2014. While the 2012 rate case proceeding in docket 5-UR-105 did not specifically address the recovery of the additional half, this was a settled case in which We Energies proposed an alternative approach to a traditional rate case proceeding involving no increase to its 2012 base rates and deferring \$148 million of amortization expenses. In the utility's request for consideration of its alternative rate proposal in docket 5-UR-105, the company acknowledged that its decision to forgo any rate increase in 2012 would involve very real costs for the company, which it would have to manage in 2012. The Commission does not find it appropriate to create a regulatory asset for the one-half of the retail portion of the 2012 Lake Michigan funding amount related to the settlement agreement with Clean Wisconsin and the Sierra Club.

### **Deferral Amortizations**

The Final Decision in docket 5-UR-104 authorized an annual \$1,939,000 amortization of deferred carrying costs on the previously deferred Section 199 tax benefit amount over two years, such that the deferred amount would go to zero by the end of 2011. The Commission also previously authorized amortization of deferred coal legal costs that were to zero out at the end of 2011. WEPCO continued both amortizations into 2012 and proposed to amortize a 2012 estimated Section 199 deferred carrying cost balance of \$1,939,000 over six years and an estimated 2012 negative deferred coal legal costs balance of \$1,182,000 over two years. Commission staff proposed eliminating both the Section 199 amortization of deferred carrying costs and the deferred coal legal costs from 2013 amortizations. Elimination of these deferred balances and test-year amortizations results in a net addition to revenue requirement of \$268,000 in the test year and results in an overall reduction to revenue requirement over the next six years of \$757,000.<sup>8</sup>

When We Energies proposed an alternative approach to a traditional rate case proceeding in docket 5-UR-105 for the 2012 test year, it proposed and the Commission authorized its request to defer \$148.1 million of costs that were currently being amortized. Neither of the amortizations for the Section 199 deferred carrying costs or the deferred coal legal costs were suspended or modified by the 2012 test-year order, and the Commission did not indicate it was changing authorized amortizations of deferred amounts other than the deferral of the specific amortizations amounting to \$148.1 million. Therefore, the Commission finds it appropriate to

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<sup>8</sup> Elimination of the Section 199 deferred account balance of \$1,939,000 netted against the elimination of the deferred coal legal costs account balance of (\$1,182,000) equals \$757,000.

eliminate the deferred balances and test-year amortizations associated with Section 199 deferred carrying costs and deferred local legal costs.

### **Section 1603 Renewable Energy Treasury Cash Grant**

WEPCO expects to receive a treasury grant<sup>9</sup> in early 2014 for the Rothschild renewable energy biomass facility that is forecasted to go into service in the fourth quarter of 2013.

WEPCO proposed to flow through a large portion of the revenue requirement impact of the treasury grant as a bill credit to customers in 2013, and a smaller portion in 2014, such that the non-fuel related electric deficiencies are normalized between 2013 and 2014. The treasury grant is estimated to provide a favorable revenue requirement impact totaling about \$80 million on a Wisconsin retail electric basis.<sup>10</sup> WEPCO proposed to account for the treasury grants as follows:

- The award is a government grant related to the construction of a capital asset and is not an investment tax credit.
- WEPCO will recognize a receivable related to the ARRA grant when it has the unconditional right to receive the cash.
- Prior to considering the effect of rate-regulation, WEPCO will recognize the ARRA grant in income when the conditions necessary to be entitled to the grant are fulfilled, which is when the capital asset is placed into service.
- After considering the effect of rate-regulation, WEPCO will recognize a regulatory liability for the commitment to reduce rates to its customers.
- WEPCO will classify the ARRA grant as a gain within the statement of operations.

The parties to this case and Commission staff did not disagree with WEPCO's decision to use the treasury grant related to the Rothschild biomass facility in lieu of the investment tax credits (ITC) or production tax credits (PTC). However, WIEG disagreed with the methodology that WEPCO proposed to use to quantify the treasury grant and related revenue requirement in

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<sup>9</sup> This treasury grant will be available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) after the Rothschild biomass project goes into service.

<sup>10</sup> The exact amount of the treasury grant proceeds will be known after the Treasury certifies the final costs of the project.

that the company's methodology would have customers pay income taxes related to the treasury grant up front in 2013 and 2014, instead of over the life of the facility. However, the company's methodology reflects the net benefit (including the net income tax benefit) of the treasury grant by matching the proposed ratemaking benefit with the recognition within the financial statements. WIEG's proposed methodology to quantify the treasury grant would require the creation of a regulatory asset in addition to the regulatory liability that will be created under the company's proposal with additional carrying costs associated with the deferred asset.

Commission staff did not oppose the company's proposed accounting treatment for the treasury grant and did not oppose the company's proposed methodology for recognizing the income tax expense associated with the tax basis reduction for both financial reporting and ratemaking purposes. However, Commission staff witness Ms. Spanjar suggested that the estimated carrying costs of \$1.2 million on a Wisconsin retail basis that will result from the 2014 average deferred tax liability balance estimated at \$12.6 million on a Wisconsin retail basis be included as a reduction to the 2014 step-increase.

The Commission finds that it is reasonable to apply the Wisconsin retail portion of the revenue requirement impacts associated with the treasury grant estimated as the company has proposed at \$80 million between 2013 and 2014 electric revenue deficiencies as bill credits such that the non-fuel increases are approximately equivalent in both years. In addition, the Commission finds it is reasonable to reduce the 2014 step-increase by \$1.2 million to reflect the Wisconsin retail revenue requirement reduction for the carrying cost benefit associated with the resulting deferred tax liability in 2014.

Due to the uncertainty of the exact amount of the treasury grant and the timing of the flow-through of the benefits to customers through bill credits on a volumetric basis, the Commission also finds that escrow accounting treatment for this item is appropriate.

### **2014 Electric Step-Increase Request**

WEPCO requested a step-increase in electric non-fuel base rates of \$37.4 million, or 1.3 percent, in 2014 primarily to reflect the Rothschild renewable energy biomass facility and a new solar project estimated to go into service in the fourth quarter of 2013. The requested step-increase also includes a reduction to bill credits in 2014 for Section 1603 renewable energy treasury grants proposed by the company to be included primarily in 2013 rates and the remaining smaller portion in 2014 rates. The Commission finds it reasonable to authorize a 2014 electric increase in the amount of \$73,442,000 on a Wisconsin retail basis.

The Commission-authorized increase for 2014 incorporates several adjustments. First, it is reasonable to reduce the 2014 step-increase to reflect the Wisconsin retail revenue requirement reduction for the carrying cost benefit associated with the deferred tax liability that results from the treasury grant in 2014 as discussed in the previous section. Second, the Commission finds it is appropriate to adjust the 2014 revenue requirement associated with the Rothschild plant for the updated economic cost of capital and to correct for estimated revenues that will be received from Domtar under the capital component of the steam supply agreement. Third, according to the Commission order in docket 6630-CE-305, WEPCO notified the Commission that they would reduce the capital costs of the project allocated to the electric output of the plant by an additional \$10 million to reduce the costs of the project borne by the ratepayers in its letter dated June 24, 2011. The Commission finds it is appropriate to adjust the 2014 revenue requirement to

incorporate this reduction. Prior to implementation of the 2014 electric rates, the Commission finds it is reasonable to require WEPCO to provide a summary of actual costs related to the Rothschild biomass construction project. Lastly, the Commission does not find it reasonable to include the cost of the solar project in 2014 rates because it is not needed to serve load nor is it being completed to meet the Renewable Portfolio Standard.

Commissioner Callisto dissents on the disallowance of recovery for the solar project in 2014.

### **2014 Steam Increases**

WEPCO proposed to spread the 2013 steam utility increases for VA Steam operations and MC Steam operations over the biennial rate case period. The 2014 increase requested for each of the steam utility operations is not related to incremental 2014 cost increases, but is rather merely spreading the 2013 revenue deficiencies over two years. The Commission finds it reasonable to spread the 2013 revenue deficiencies over 2013 and 2014.

### **Summary of Operating Income Statements at Present Rates**

In addition to the findings regarding the specific items discussed in this Final Decision, all other uncontested Commission staff adjustments to WEPCO's filed electric, natural gas, and steam operating income statements and WG's natural gas operating income statements are appropriate. Accordingly, the estimated WEPCO electric, natural gas, and steam operating income statements and WG natural gas operating income statements at present rates for the 2013 test year, which the Commission finds reasonable for the purpose of determining the revenue requirements in this proceeding, are as follows:

	WEPCO				WG Natural Gas (000's)
	Electric (000's)	Natural Gas (000's)	Downtown Milwaukee Steam (000's)	Wauwatosa Steam (000's)	
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>					
Sales Revenues	\$2,767,101	\$419,849	\$20,937	\$14,858	\$624,249
Other Operating Revenues	105,368	1,391	-49		4,544
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>2,872,469</b>	<b>421,240</b>	<b>20,888</b>	<b>14,858</b>	<b>628,793</b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>					
Fuel & Purchased Power	1,014,626			6,119	
Purchased Gas Expense		249,868			347,780
Other Production Expenses	559,214	1,224			661
Steam Generation				4,514	
Generation Transfer			7,376	-2,173	
Gas Supply and Storage Expenses		2,017			1,488
Transmission Expenses	252,654	113			56
Distribution Expenses	90,667	22,993	5,966	846	32,712
Customer Accounts Expenses	58,192	10,893	10	7	22,506
Customer Service Expenses	61,012	20,645	22	13	23,829
Administrative & General Expenses	170,050	18,663	2,838	2,323	26,673
<b>Total Operation &amp; Maintenance Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,206,415</b>	<b>\$326,416</b>	<b>\$16,212</b>	<b>\$11,649</b>	<b>\$455,705</b>
Depreciation/ Amortization Expense	229,817	29,508	2,300	1,321	40,359
Taxes Other Than Income Taxes	119,527	6,787	1,038	897	10,467
Income Taxes	-51,631	-7,937	-92	-65	25,105
Deferred Tax Expense	121,927	27,621	304	215	17,042
Investment Tax Credits	-865	-25	-4	-3	-57
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>2,625,190</b>	<b>382,370</b>	<b>19,758</b>	<b>14,014</b>	<b>548,621</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$247,279</b>	<b>\$38,870</b>	<b>\$1,130</b>	<b>\$844</b>	<b>\$80,172</b>

## Net Investment Rate Base

### Summary of Average Net Investment Rate Base

In addition to the findings regarding the specific items discussed in this Final Decision, all other uncontested Commission staff adjustments to WEPCO's filed electric, natural gas, and steam and WG's natural gas average net investment rate bases are appropriate. Accordingly, the estimated WEPCO electric, natural gas, and steam and WG natural gas average net investment rate bases for the 2013 test year, which the Commission finds reasonable for the purpose of determining the revenue requirements in this proceeding, are as follows:

	WEPCO				WG
	Electric (000's)	Natural Gas (000's)	VA Steam (000's)	MC Steam (000's)	Natural Gas (000's)
Utility Plant in Service	\$7,807,198	\$1,012,187	\$69,332	\$37,583	\$1,577,794
Less: Accumulated Reserve for Depreciation	2,844,201	582,308	41,503	16,787	799,376
Net Utility Plant	4,962,997	429,879	27,829	20,796	778,418
Add: Natural Gas in Storage		25,200			39,067
Fuel Inventory	173,400		6,666	4,358	151
Materials and Supplies	95,062	8,290	1,231	805	4,013
Less: Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	1,260,384	90,084	6,468	3,731	150,994
Customer Advances – Net	42,660	2,320	57		5,856
Average Net Investment Rate Base	\$3,928,415	\$370,965	\$29,201	\$22,228	\$664,799

### Energy Efficiency

It is reasonable for the company to record the following amounts as expense to the conservation escrow until a new rate order is issued by the Commission authorizing different amounts to be recorded. For WEPCO electric, the company should record \$45,848,000 of expense, which consists of \$33,108,000 of estimated expenditures and \$12,740,000 of amortization of overspent amounts. For WE-GO, the company should record \$14,772,000 of expense, which consists of \$10,436,000 of estimated expenditures and \$4,336,000 of amortization of overspent amounts. For WG, the company should record \$14,304,000 of expense, which consists of \$12,745,000 of estimated expenditures and \$1,559,000 of amortization of underspent amounts.

WEPCO proposed a 2013 test-year conservation escrow budget of \$45,632,000, with \$35,196,000 allocated to electric operations and \$10,436,000 allocated to natural gas operations. WEPCO's proposed conservation escrow budget includes funding for 2005 Wisconsin Act 141 (Act 141) required energy efficiency and renewable resource programs, voluntary utility programs, and customer service conservation activities and services. The appropriate WEPCO 2013 conservation escrow budget is \$43,544,000, with \$33,108,000 allocated to electric

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operations and \$10,436,000 allocated to natural gas operations. This conservation escrow budget reflects an adjustment of \$384,148 to electric operations for Act 141 required energy efficiency programs. It also reflects adjustments of \$240,000 and \$1,464,000, respectively, to remove load-management and Farm Rewiring Program expenditures from the conservation escrow budget. In its Order in docket 5-BU-102 ([PSC REF#: 168310](#)), dated July 13, 2012, the Commission provided a definition of customer service conservation activities and services for which conservation escrow treatment is appropriate. WEPCO's load-management and Farm Rewiring expenditures do not meet this definition. It is appropriate to fund load-management and Farm Rewiring activities through non-escrow O&M.

The appropriate conservation escrow budget for WG is \$12,745,000. This includes funding for Act 141 required energy efficiency programs, voluntary utility programs, and customer service conservation activities and services.

### **Renewable Energy Development Program**

WEPCO proposed to suspend its RED Program. The RED Program was intended to meet WEPCO's renewable resource commitments in the Final Decision in docket 5-CE-130 ([PSC REF#: 86450](#)). These commitments included spending an additional \$6 million a year for ten years, subject to regulatory approval and cost recovery, to develop renewable energy technologies and resources. The Commission determines it is not appropriate to include funding of the RED Program in the revenue requirement. Since the early 2000's WEPCO has spent almost a billion dollars to support and permit over 350 MW of renewable energy resources. As such, WEPCO has met the intent of this program, and it is not reasonable to ask ratepayers to pay more for renewable resources at a time of excess capacity.

Commissioner Callisto dissents.

### **Energy for Tomorrow (EFT)/Green Pricing Program**

WEPCO and Commission staff proposed to increase the EFT green pricing premium.

The Commission finds it reasonable to increase these premiums as proposed.

Commissioner Callisto dissents.

### **Financial Capital Structure and Dividend Restriction**

A reasonable long-term range for WEPCO's common equity ratio, on a financial basis, is 48.5 to 53.5 percent common equity. Similarly, a reasonable long-term range for WG's common equity ratio, on a financial basis, is 45.0 to 50.0 percent. The exact level of the common equity ratio within that range should not be static, but rather should dynamically reflect the circumstances facing WEPCO and WG at a given time.

The Commission finds an appropriate target level for WEPCO's test-year average common equity measured on a financial basis is 51.0 percent. Furthermore, an appropriate target level for WG's test-year average common equity measured on a financial basis is 47.5 percent.

In calculating capital structures, on a financial basis, this Commission has imputed debt associated with obligations not reported on balance sheets. Detailed information regarding all off-balance sheet obligations for which the financial markets will calculate a debt equivalent is necessary for the Commission to make an independent judgment regarding WEPCO's financial capital structure. This information is most readily available from WEPCO and shall be provided as part of its next rate case application. The information shall include, at a minimum, all of the following information:

1. The minimum annual lease and purchased power agreement obligations.
2. The method of calculation along with the calculated amount of the debt equivalent.
3. Supporting documentation, including all reports, correspondence, and any other justification that clearly established Standard & Poor's (S&P) and other major credit rating agencies' determination of the off-balance sheet debt equivalent to the extent available, and publicly available documentations when S&P and other major credit rating agencies' documentation is not available.

For the test year, the Commission finds that it was reasonable to impute \$358,160,000 of debt equivalent associated with WEPCO's off-balance sheet obligations. Incorporating this estimate off-balance sheet debt equivalent and other Commission determinations, WEPCO's financial capital structure for the test year consists of 51.00 percent common equity, 0.47 percent preferred stock, 39.16 percent long-term debt, 3.90 percent short-term debt, and 5.47 percent debt-equivalent of off-balance sheet obligations.

WG's financial capital structure does not contain any debt-equivalent of off-balance sheet obligations. Incorporating the Commission's determinations, WG's financial capital structure for the test year consists of 47.50 percent common equity, 33.17 percent long-term debt, and 19.33 percent short-term debt.

Assessing the reasonableness of WEPCO's and WG's capital structures depends upon three important principles. First, capital structure decisions must be based on WEPCO's and WG's needs, not on the needs of the non-utility operations of the holding company. Second, the capital structure should provide adequate flexibility to WEPCO, WG, and the Commission to allow proper utility investment now and in the future. Third, the dividend policy of WEPCO and WG should be similar to typical electric and natural gas dividend practices as long as WEPCO and WG are below the estimated test-year common equity ratio, on a financial basis.

Under Wis. Stat. § 196.795, the utility's capital needs must take precedence over non-utility needs in order for ratepayers to be protected. The identification of utility needs goes beyond foreseeable needs. WEPCO and WG must have flexibility to finance both foreseen and unforeseen capital requirements.

In previous dockets, the Commission recognized the need to protect ratepayers and to ensure that utility needs are placed before non-utility needs in capital structure and dividend policy choices. Consequently, WEPCO may not pay dividends in excess of the amount forecasted in this case if such dividends cause the average annual common equity ratio, on a financial basis, to fall below the test-year authorized level of 51.00 percent. WG may not pay dividends above those estimates deemed reasonable in this proceeding without prior Commission approval, if after the payment of such dividends the actual average common equity ratio, on a financial basis, would be below the test-year authorized level of 47.50 percent.

The determination of whether the payment of dividends, over and above a typical or normal dividend is appropriate, can only be made at the end of the test year. Therefore, the applicant should wait until the end of the test year to pay additional dividends to the parent. Such dividends may only be paid if their payment will not cause the common equity ratio, on a financial basis, to fall below the test-year authorized level.

### **Ten-Year Financial Forecast**

WEPCO's and WG's ten-year financial forecasts are useful to the Commission and shall be submitted in future rate cases. The ten-year forecast can be combined with other business risk information to assess capital structure needs and rate of return requirements.

### **Regulatory Capital Structure and Cost of Capital**

As in the previous rate case docket, Commission staff deducted WEPCO's investment in common equity of ATC net of deferred income taxes associated with transmission assets transferred to the ATC. In addition Commission staff deducted WEPCO's and WG's investments in other non-utility items from the financial common equity to arrive at the common equity amount for the regulatory capital structure.

A reasonable utility rate-making capital structure for the purpose of establishing just and reasonable rates for WEPCO for the test year consists of 52.09 percent common equity, 0.51 percent preferred stock, 43.10 percent long-term debt, and 4.30 percent short-term debt. Similarly, a reasonable utility rate-making capital structure for the purpose of establishing just and reasonable rates for WG for the test year consists of 46.75 percent common equity, 33.65 percent long-term debt, and 19.60 percent short-term debt. These values are calculated from Commission staff's capital structure, by adjusting for the decisions in this proceeding.

#### **Short-Term Debt**

WEPCO's and WG's test-year capital structures contain approximately \$255,633,000 and \$170,290,000, respectively, of short-term debt. The interest rate associated with the short-term indebtedness is the commercial paper rate. A reasonable estimate of the average cost of short-term commercial paper for the test year is 0.53 percent. This forecast is based on the average of test-year commercial paper rate estimates provided by the *Blue Chip Financial Forecasts* newsletter, adjusted by 33 basis points to reflect the spread between A-1/P-1 and A-2/P-2 rated commercial paper yields. This is a reasonable and objective method of determining short-term debt costs.

### **Long-Term Debt**

WEPCO's test-year long-term debt includes an issuance of 30-year debt aggregating \$250,000,000 principal amount forecasted for issuance in 2012. In addition, the test year included an issuance of 30-year debt aggregating \$350,000,000 principal amount forecasted for issuance in 2013. A reasonable estimate for the cost of the new indebtedness is 3.95 percent for the 2012 issuance and 4.55 percent for the 2013 issuance. The resulting embedded cost of long-term debt for WEPCO of 5.21 percent is reasonable for the test year.

Similarly, WG's test-year long-term debt includes a forecasted 2013 issuance of 30-year debt aggregating \$150,000,000 principal amount. A reasonable estimate for the cost of the new indebtedness is 4.55 percent. A reasonable embedded cost of long-term debt for WG for the test year is 5.61 percent.

### **Preferred Stock**

The average cost of WEPCO's preferred stock of 3.95 percent is reasonable for the test year.

### **Return on Equity**

The Commission previously determined, in docket 5-UR-104, that a 10.40 percent return on utility common equity for WEPCO and a 10.50 percent return on utility equity for WG is reasonable. As rate of return on common equity was not an issue addressed in this proceeding, the Commission determines that this return on equity shall remain in place until addressed in a subsequent rate case proceeding. Using a 10.40 percent return on equity, WEPCO's average utility capitalization ratios, annual cost rates, and the composite cost of capital rate considered reasonable and just for setting rates for the test year are as follows:

	<u>Amount (000's)</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Annual Cost Rate</u>	<u>Weighted Cost</u>
Utility Common Equity	\$3,101,124	52.09%	10.40%	5.42%
Preferred Stock	30,450	0.51%	3.95%	0.02%
Long-Term Debt	2,565,769	43.10%	5.21%	2.25%
Short-Term Debt	<u>255,633</u>	<u>4.30%</u>	0.53%	<u>0.02%</u>
Total Utility Capital	<u>\$5,952,976</u>	<u>100.00%</u>		<u>7.71%</u>

The weighted cost of capital of 7.71 percent is reasonable for WEPCO for the test year. It generates an economic cost of capital of 11.34 percent and a pre-tax interest coverage ratio of 4.99 times, on the regulatory capital structure.

Using a 10.50 percent return on equity, WG's average utility capitalization ratios, annual cost rates, and the composite cost of capital rate considered reasonable and just for setting rates for the test year are as follows:

	<u>Amount (000's)</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Annual Cost Rate</u>	<u>Weighted Cost</u>
Utility Common Equity	\$406,101	46.75%	10.50%	4.91%
Long-Term Debt	292,308	33.65%	5.61%	1.89%
Short-Term Debt	<u>170,290</u>	<u>19.60%</u>	0.53%	<u>0.10%</u>
Total Utility Capital	<u>\$868,699</u>	<u>100.00%</u>		<u>6.90%</u>

The weighted cost of capital of 6.90 percent is reasonable for WG for the test year. It generates an economic cost of capital of 10.19 percent and a pre-tax interest coverage ratio of 5.12 times, on the regulatory capital structure.

**Rate of Return on Rate Base**

The composite cost of capital must be translated into a rate of return that can be applied to the average net investment rate base and used to compute the overall return requirement in dollars. The estimate of WEPCO's average net investment rate base plus Construction Work in Progress (CWIP) for the test year is 84.84 percent of capital applicable primarily to utility operations plus deferred investment tax credits. The estimate of WG's average net investment

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rate base plus CWIP for the test year is 77.33 percent of capital applicable primarily to utility operations plus deferred investment tax credits. These estimates reflect all appropriate Commission adjustments and are reasonable and just for use in translating the composite cost of capital into a return requirement applicable to the average net investment rate base.

To allow a test-year current return on the average CWIP balance, an adjustment must be added to the return on net investment rate base. In considering whether to authorize a current return on any portion of CWIP, the Commission's standard practice has been to consider a company's test-year financing, cash flow requirements, and forecasted amount of construction activity. Providing a current return on CWIP today helps to smooth rates over time. A current return on CWIP mitigates rate increases tomorrow and beyond since on-going rate base will be lower. This Commission has not required a finding of financial distress before allowing a company to earn a current return on CWIP.

Given both WEPCO's and WG's financing and cash-flow requirements in the test year, the forecasted amount of construction activity, and consistent with the Commission's prior decision in docket 5-UR-104, the Commission finds it reasonable to allow electric operations to accrue Allowance for Funds Used During Construction on 100 percent of CWIP associated with two electric utility projects: the Oak Creek Air Quality Control System and the Rothschild renewable energy biomass project. It is also reasonable to allow a current return on 50 percent of all other electric, natural gas, and steam utility CWIP for the test year.

Accordingly, the Commission finds that the rates of return on average electric, natural gas, and steam net investment rate bases, which are reasonable for the purpose of determining just and reasonable rates in this proceeding, are as follows:

	WEPCO				WG
	Electric	Natural Gas	VA Steam	MC Steam	Natural Gas
Weighted Cost of Capital	7.71%	7.71%	7.71%	7.71%	6.90%
Ratio of Average Net Investment Rate Base Plus CWIP to Capital Applicable Primarily to Utility Operations Plus Deferred Investment Tax Credit	84.84	84.84%	84.84%	84.84%	77.33%
Adjusted Cost of Capital to Derive Percent Return Requirement Applicable to Average Net Investment Rate Base	9.09%	9.09%	9.09%	9.09%	8.92%
Adjustment to Return Requirement to Provide Current Return on CWIP	0.06%	0.06%	0.08%	0.09%	0.04%
Adjustment to Return Requirement to Provide Current Return on PTF Escrow, MISO Deferral, and MISO WUMS Deferral at short term debt of 0.53 percent	0.00%				
Required Rate of Return on Average Net Investment Rate Base	9.15%	9.15%	9.17%	9.18%	8.96%

**Revenue Requirement**

On the basis of the findings in this Final Decision, a \$114,821,000 increase in WEPCO electric utility revenues, an \$8,052,000 decrease in WE-GO utility revenues, a \$1,256,000 increase in WEPCO’s VA Steam utility revenues, an \$1,040,000 increase in WEPCO’s MC Steam utility revenues, and a \$34,281,000 decrease in WG natural gas utility revenues, are reasonable for the purpose of determining reasonable and just rates for 2013 in this proceeding. In addition, on the basis of the findings in this Final Decision, a \$73,442,000 increase in WEPCO electric utility revenues, a \$1,332,000 increase in WEPCO’s VA Steam utility revenues, and a \$954,000 increase in WEPCO’s MC Steam utility revenues, are reasonable for the purpose of determining reasonable and just rates for 2014 in this proceeding. These increases and decreases are computed as follows:

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	WEPCO				WG
	Electric	Natural Gas	VA Steam	MC Steam	Natural Gas
Pro Forma Return on Average Net Investment Rate Base at Present Rates	6.29%	10.48%	3.87%	3.80%	12.06%
Required Return on Average Net Investment Rate Base	9.15%	9.15%	9.17%	9.18%	8.96%
Earnings Deficiency (Excess Earnings) as a Percent of Average Net Investment Rate Base	2.86%	(1.33%)	5.30%	5.38%	(3.10%)
Average Net Investment Rate Base (000's)	\$3,928,415	\$370,965	\$29,201	\$22,228	\$664,799
Amount of Earnings Deficiency (Excess Earnings) on Average Net Investment Rate Base (000's)	\$112,174	\$(4,927)	\$1,548	\$1,196	\$(20,587)
Revenue Deficiency (Excess Revenue) to Provide for Earnings Deficiency (Excess Earnings) Plus Federal and State Income Taxes (000's) before Adjustments	\$187,086	\$(8,217)	\$2,582	\$1,994	\$(34,388)
Tax Asset & Liability Settlement Items	\$(1,875)	\$165	\$6		107
Removal of Biomass and Solar Projects and Biomas PTC	\$(7,475)				
2013 Revenue Deficiency (Excess Revenue) to Provide for Earnings Deficiency (Excess Earnings) Plus Federal and State Income Taxes after Adjustments (000's)	\$177,736	\$(8,052)	\$2,588	\$1,994	\$(34,281)
2013 Treasury Grant Bill Credit	\$(62,915)				
2013 Steam increases deferred to 2014			\$(1,332)	\$(954)	
Net 2013 Rate Increase (Decrease) After Electric Bill Credit and Steam Deferrals	\$114,821	\$(8,052)	\$1,256	\$1,040	\$(34,281)
2014 Revenue Deficiency for Biomass Project	\$27,984				
Incremental Treasury Grant Refunded in 2014 <sup>11</sup>	\$45,458				
Net 2014 Rate Increases	\$73,442		\$1,332	\$954	

<sup>11</sup> The Wisconsin retail portion of the treasury grant benefit of \$80,372,000 is split between a bill credit of \$62,915,000 in 2013 and \$17,457,000 in 2014. The 2014 incremental amount of \$45,458,000 is due to a reduction to the 2013 bill credit of this amount to arrive at the 2014 bill credit (\$62,915,000 - \$45,458,000 = \$17,457,000).

## STEAM AND ELECTRIC RATES

### **Electric Cost-of-Service, Revenue Allocation and Rate Design**

WEPCO submitted the results of six different COSS that allocated production plant in a variety of ways. WEPCO submitted a proposed revenue allocation and identified several reasons why its proposed revenue allocation did not match with the results of its COSS, including the mismatch between the allocators used to conduct cost studies and rate design billing elements and a desire for rate stability.

WIEG criticized the use of the equivalent peaker method preferred by WEPCO in several of its cost studies on the basis that WEPCO had not provided any support for the equivalent peaker method's underlying principle that a portion of the costs of production plants were incurred to achieve savings in fuel costs. WIEG recommended that the Commission approve a revenue allocation using the results of WEPCO's 4-CP cost study with 100 percent of production plant allocated on demand and WEPCO's allocation of distribution plant.

CUB argued that a greater share of production plant should be allocated on the basis of energy use than the amount which resulted from WEPCO's equivalent peaker method. CUB also disputed WEPCO's preference for the use of the 4-CP allocator for the demand-related portion of production costs and WEPCO's allocation of distribution costs. CUB proposed that all distribution costs, except services should be allocated using a demand allocator.

Commission staff expressed several concerns with WEPCO's cost studies including its reliance on the 4-CP allocator to allocate production costs in its preferred study and the use of the minimum system method and its split of single-phase and three-phase distribution in its allocation of distribution costs. Commission staff proposed an allocation of the revenue increase

based upon a revenue allocation that WEPCO had submitted, scaled down proportionally to match Commission staff's proposed revenue requirement. In Commission staff's revenue allocation, the incremental fuel costs were allocated on the basis of class energy sales. Fuel costs were not included in WEPCO's revenue allocation.

Consistent with the determinations the Commission has made in previous rate proceedings, the Commission finds that it is useful to take into account the results of a number of different COSS in addition to other factors such as rate stability and bill impacts when making a determination on class revenue allocation in this case. The Commission finds that the electric revenue allocations for 2013 and 2014 shown in Appendix B are reasonable. The Commission finds that it is reasonable to allocate the difference between the fuel costs included in Commission staff's proposed revenue requirement and the fuel costs included in the 2013 revenue requirement in this Final Decision on the basis of class energy sales.

#### **Electric Rate Design**

The Commission finds that the rate design proposed by WEPCO is reasonable. In general, this rate design includes relatively greater increases in demand charges and lesser increases in energy charges for the commercial and industrial rate classes. The Commission finds that it is reasonable to increase monthly facilities charges about halfway between the increases proposed by Commission staff and WEPCO. It is not reasonable to increase the credits for non-firm service as proposed by WIEG.

Commissioner Calisto dissents on the significant increase for the monthly facilities charges and the higher increases for the demand charges than for the energy charges.

### **Residential Air Conditioner Direct Load Control Program**

WEPCO has operated a direct load control program for residential air conditioners for a number of years. This program is known as “Energy Partners.” WEPCO proposed to discontinue this program on the basis that it is no longer cost-effective. The Commission finds that it is reasonable for WEPCO to discontinue this program.

Commissioner Calisto dissents.

### **Rate and Rule Changes**

The Commission finds that the electric rate and rule changes proposed by WEPCO are reasonable.

### **2005 Wisconsin Act 141 Costs in Base Rates**

The electric portion of the company’s Act 141 conservation costs included in the 2013 test-year electric revenue requirement is \$36,876,810. This amount must be allocated differently to “large energy customers”<sup>12</sup> and to non-large customers due to a statutory limitation on how much the “large energy customers” can be billed for Act 141 costs. The Act 141 costs in base rates for the residential rate classes differs from the Act 141 cost in base rates for the commercial and industrial rate classes based on an allocation of the costs between the residential and non-residential classes and the statutory limitation on what the large customers can pay. Commission staff recommended that the appropriate allocation of the Act 141 costs should reflect the Focus on Energy spending for the entire state, which is 40 percent for residential classes and 60 percent for the non-residential classes. Such an allocation would be consistent

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<sup>12</sup> Under Wis. Stat. § 196.374(1)(em), a “large energy customer” is defined as a customer whose facility consumes at least 1,000 kW of electricity per month or at least 10,000 dekatherms of natural gas per month and who is billed at least \$60,000 in a month for electric and natural gas services. All accounts of a company that qualifies as a large energy customer are treated as a large energy customer for billing purposes.

with the allocation of Act 141 costs approved by the Commission for the other large investor-owned utilities. The Commission determines that Commission staff's proposal for the allocation of the Act 141 costs and the associated Act 141 rate factors for electric rates, which are shown in Appendix B, are reasonable.

WEPCO currently excludes the Act 141 revenues from its calculation of the revenue from sales of electricity. It escrows this revenue and includes it as "other revenue" in the overall revenue requirement, not in its calculation of class revenues. Commission staff proposed that the company provide additional information regarding the Act 141 costs and the billings of its large energy customers in its next rate case. The Commission determines that in WEPCO's next rate case, WEPCO must provide billing units and the associated revenue reflecting the Act 141 costs in base rates and the associated refunds given to its large energy customers for each customer class, and include this revenue in both the present and proposed class revenue calculations, rather than continue the company's current approach. This is consistent with the treatment of Act 141 revenues used by the other large investor-owned utilities.

### **Customer-Owned Generation**

WEPCO proposed to transfer existing customers between its CGS2, CGS6, and CGS7 net metering tariffs so as to reorganize customers based on metering and generation type. As this change will not result in a bill impact for existing net metering customers, the Commission finds WEPCO's request to be reasonable.

The company proposed to close its CGS3 tariff to new customers due to current energy market conditions. The CGS3 tariff is for customers who can sell 300 kW or more of dispatchable customer-owned generation to the company. WEPCO anticipates that current

market prices will make the likelihood very low that CGS3 generation will be dispatched. The Commission finds the company's request to close the CGS3 tariff to new customers reasonable.

WEPCO proposed closing the CGS6 tariff to new customers. As part of this proposal, WEPCO requested that the CGS6 tariff be closed to new customers retroactive to May 15, 2012, or alternatively, that the CGS6 tariff be eliminated entirely. WEPCO proposed a new CGS8 net metering tariff that would be available to new customers instead of CGS6. Closing the CGS6 tariff retroactive to May 12, 2012, would amount to retroactive rate-making, which this Commission has long held to be improper. Furthermore, WEPCO failed to provide sufficient justification as to why the Commission should consider retroactive closure. The Commission finds WEPCO's request to close the CGS6 tariff to new customers reasonable, but finds the company's request for retroactive closure, including the company's proposed alternative, to be unreasonable. The CGS6 tariff shall be closed to new customers effective on the same date as the rest of WEPCO's 2013 test-year rates.

WEPCO proposed a new CGS8 net metering tariff that would be available to new customers instead of CGS6. The CGS8 tariff proposed by WEPCO would maintain the 20 kW capacity limit of the CGS6 tariff, but would add a requirement that the customer's generation could, at most, be sized to match the customer's load requirements. The CGS8 tariff proposed by WEPCO differs from the company's existing CGS6 tariff with respect to the way in which net surplus generation is treated. Under CGS6, customers are credited at their applicable retail energy rate for any generation that is in net excess of the customer's monthly consumption. Under CGS8, the customer would be allowed to net their generation against their consumption annually, crediting customers for monthly net surplus generation at the retail energy rate, with

the credit balance carried forward and offset against subsequent billing periods. Any remaining credit balance would be carried forward from month to month until May 1 of each year. At that point, any remaining credit balance would be forfeited by the customer. RENEW Wisconsin and Commission staff felt WEPCO's proposed CGS8 design was generally acceptable, but objected to WEPCO's proposal to confiscate the value of annual net surplus generation. RENEW and Commission staff argued that customers should, at a minimum, be credited for annual net surplus generation at an avoided cost rate. WEPCO indicated that, should the customers be credited for annual net surplus generation, that avoided cost should be based on average LMP. RENEW argued that the annual net surplus credit rate should also reflect the utility's avoided cost of transmission.

WEPCO is obligated under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) to purchase power from Qualifying Facilities (QF) unless granted relief from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for purchase obligations. To date WEPCO has not been granted relief from its obligation to purchase power from QFs that fall within the eligibility criteria for CGS8. Additionally, as all customer-owned generation that meets the eligibility criteria for CGS8 service also meets the definitions of a QF, WEPCO is obligated to purchase power from CGS8 generators. In instances where the process of netting is used, such as in the case of the CGS8, it is only when the amount of energy generated exceeds the customer's consumption over the netting period that a sale to the utility occurs, and only in the net excess amount. Consistent with PURPA, this sale is made at an avoided cost rate. The Commission finds WEPCO's CGS8 tariff, modified so as to require that customers be paid for annual net surplus generation at an

avoided cost rate, to be reasonable. The Commission finds it reasonable that the CGS8 avoided cost rate reflect average MISO LMP plus the utility's avoided cost of transmission.

Customers who take service under CGS8 are limited to 20 kW of aggregate capacity per location and may, at most, size their generating equipment so as to match the their load requirements at the same location. The Commission finds these availability conditions reasonable.

Commissioner Callisto dissents.

WEPCO requested that the Commission grant the company a waiver of Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.0406(5) ("Budget Billing") to net metering customers on tariffs CGS 2, 4, 6, 7, and 8. The company argued that budget billing obscures the customer's monthly use and generation, and in the absence of budget billing the customer can more readily see and understand the relationship between their generation and energy use, encouraging customer behavior that would maximize the return on the customer's investment in the renewable energy generator. Currently WEPCO has no customers with net metered customer owned generation receiving budget billing. The Commission finds the company's request for a waiver of Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 113.0406(5) for its CGS 2, 4, 6, 7, and 8 tariffs to be reasonable.

During the review of WEPCO's existing tariffs, Commission staff determined that exclusionary language in WEPCO's Fuel Cost Adjustment (FCA) sheet limiting the application of the FCA to CGS2, CGS4, CGS6, and CGS7 to instances where customers are net purchasers from the company may have inappropriately been added in a prior revision to the FCA. WEPCO indicated that it would voluntarily correct the conflicting language in WEPCO's FCA sheet and issue credits, including interest, to those customers that were not credited fuel cost adjustments,

starting with bills from June 2006. The Commission finds WEPCO's proposed resolution to this issue to be reasonable.

### **Steam Revenue Allocation and Rate Design**

The Commission finds that the steam revenue allocation and rate design proposed by Commission staff is reasonable. The Commission also finds that the changes to the extension allowances and to the steam rules proposed by WEPCO are reasonable.

## **NATURAL GAS RATES**

### **Natural Gas Cost-of-Service Studies**

WE-GO and WG prepared fully embedded natural gas COSS in this proceeding using the companies' proposed revenue requirements. Commission staff allocated the proposed rate decreases to the service rate classes based on the major drivers that lowered the companies' overall revenue requirements since their last rate case.

These approaches provide differing opinions about the reasonableness of the methods used to allocate costs. The Commission has not endorsed a particular natural gas COSS methodology in the past and has relied on the results of all of the COSS to provide a range of reasonableness for revenue allocation and rate design. This continues to be an appropriate policy.

### **Revenue Recovery Adequacy of Service Class Rates**

Overall, the rates authorized for WE-GO in Appendix D of this Final Decision will provide a 9.15 percent rate of return on the average gas net investment rate base. This represents a decrease of 4.74 percent in margin rates and a decrease of 1.92 percent in total natural gas sales revenues. The rates authorized in Appendix E of this Final Decision for WG will provide an

8.96 percent rate of return on the average gas net investment rate base. This represents a decrease of 12.40 percent in margin rates and a decrease of 5.49 percent in total natural gas sales revenues. Margin rates exclude natural gas costs.

Authorized rates as set forth in Appendices D and E are based on the cost of supplying natural gas service to the various service rate classes and other rate setting goals. Summaries of the rate impacts on a service rate class are shown in Appendices D and E for WE-GO and WG, respectively.

As shown in Appendices D and E, the authorized natural gas rates result in a range of decreases in the charges to the various service rate classes. To provide for historical continuity in WE-GO's and WG's rates, the Commission finds it reasonable to authorize service rates that move in the direction of the natural gas COSS results, with intent to make further adjustments in that direction in subsequent rate proceedings. The percentage rate decrease to any individual customer will not necessarily equal the overall percentage decrease to the associated service rate class, but will depend on the specific usage level of the customer.

Appendices D and E also show some typical natural gas bills for residential service, comparing existing rates with new rates, including the cost of natural gas.

#### **Effective Date**

The Commission finds it reasonable for the authorized electric and steam rate increases and all tariff provisions that restrict the terms of service to take effect January 1, 2013, provided that these rates and tariff provisions are filed with the Commission and placed in all offices and pay stations of the utilities by that date. If these rate increases and tariff provisions are not filed with the Commission and placed in all offices and pay stations by that date, it is reasonable to

require that they take effect on the date they are filed with the Commission and placed in all offices and pay stations.

The Commission finds it reasonable for the authorized natural gas rate decreases and all tariff provisions that do not restrict the terms of service to take effect January 1, 2013. It is also reasonable to require that the utilities file these rate decreases and tariff provisions with the Commission and place them in all offices and pay stations of the utilities by that date.

### **Order**

1. This Final Decision takes effect one day after the date of mailing.
2. The authorized rate increases and tariff provisions that restrict the terms of service may take effect January 1, 2013, provided that the utility files these rates and tariff provisions with the Commission and places them in all of the utility's offices and pay stations by that date. If these rate increases and tariff provisions are not filed with the Commission and placed in all offices and pay stations by that date, they take effect on the date they are filed with the Commission and placed in all offices and pay stations.
3. WEPCO may revise its existing rates and tariff provisions for electric and steam utility service, substituting the rate increases and tariff provisions that restrict the terms of service, as shown in Appendix B and C. These changes shall be in effect until the Commission issues an order establishing new rates and tariff provisions.
4. The authorized rate decreases and tariff provisions that expand the terms of service shall take effect January 1, 2013. The utility shall file these rate decreases and tariff provisions with the Commission and place them in all offices and pay stations of the utility by that date.

5. By January 1, 2013, WEPCO and WG shall revise their existing rates and tariff provisions for natural gas utility service, substituting the rate decreases and tariff provisions that expand the terms of service, as shown in Appendices D and E. These changes shall be in effect until the Commission issues an order establishing new rates and tariff provisions.

6. WEPCO and WG are authorized to substitute, for their existing rates and rules for electric, natural gas, and steam service, the rate and rule changes contained in Appendices B, C, D, and E. These rates and rules shall be in effect until the issuance of an order by the Commission establishing new rates and rules.

7. The applicants shall prepare bill inserts that properly identify the rates authorized in this Final Decision. The applicants shall distribute the inserts to customers no later than the first billing containing the rates authorized in this Final Decision and shall file copies of these inserts with the Commission before it distributes the inserts to customers.

8. The applicants shall file tariffs consistent with this Final Decision.

9. The electric fuel costs in Appendix F shall be used for monitoring of WEPCO's 2013 fuel costs, pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code §PSC 116.06(3).

10. The \$24,345,473 in *non-force majeure* fuel flexibility cost shall continue to be deferred until a future rate case proceeding.

11. WEPCO shall be allowed to recover through the ERGS lease payment calculation \$96,572,290 of the \$109,551,303 allowed under the 105 percent of the Approved Amount cost over-run limit.

12. WEPCO shall be allowed to recover through the ERGS lease payment calculation \$56,481,061 in *force majeure* cost over-runs.

13. The cost to WEPCO associated with ERGS cost items not yet settled, such as the low-pressure turbine issue, the punch list items, and the final cost review items, shall be deferred until a future rate case proceeding.

14. The annual cost to WEPCO of compliance with the WPDES settlement may not be included in the electric rates for 2013 and 2014.

15. WEPCO may not recover \$4,956,127 in legal expense associated with the WPDES lawsuit.

16. WEPCO may not recover the cost associated with the 5 MW of solar generation identified in this docket.

17. WEPCO shall reinstate a new transmission escrow account on a temporary basis for non-labor transmission O&M expenses, and WEPCO shall record a transmission expense of \$250.7 million for 2013 and 2014 on a Wisconsin retail basis or until the Commission authorizes a different transmission expense to be recorded.

18. WEPCO shall accrue carrying costs on its new, reinstated, temporary transmission escrow on a net-of-tax basis, calculated at the authorized short-term debt rate.

19. WEPCO shall amortize \$1,557,000 of escrowed uncollectible accounts expense for WEPCO's electric utility on a Wisconsin retail basis, which is a four-year amortization of its under-collected balance, for 2013 and 2014 or until the Commission authorizes a different amortization expense to be recorded.

20. WEPCO shall amortize a negative \$2,287,000 of escrowed uncollectible accounts expense for WEPCO's gas utility, which is a four-year amortization of its over-collected balance,

for 2013 and 2014 or until the Commission authorizes a different amortization expense to be recorded.

21. WG shall amortize a negative \$14,956,000 of escrowed uncollectible accounts expense for WG, which is a four year amortization of its over-collected balance, for 2013 and 2014 or until the Commission authorizes a different amortization expense to be recorded.

22. WEPCO shall reduce the balance of its PTF escrow account at the beginning of the test year by \$618,000 to remove bonuses and incentives charged in error to the escrow.

23. WEPCO shall reduce the deferred balances associated with Section 199 deferred carrying costs and deferred coal legal costs to zero at the beginning of the test year.

24. All authorized amortizations shall begin as of the effective date of this Final Decision.

25. The RLIP is approved as a permanent program.

26. We Energies shall work with Commission staff to ensure the RLIP maintains a positive cost-benefit ratio.

27. Load management expenditures shall be funded through non-escrow O&M.

28. The Agriculture Services program shall be funded through non-escrow O&M.

29. Funding for the RED Program may not be recovered from ratepayers. WEPCO may discontinue the RED Program.

30. WEPCO electric shall record \$45,848,000 of conservation escrow expense, which consists of \$33,108,000 of estimated expenditures and \$12,740,000 of amortization of underspent amounts. For WE-GO, the company shall record \$14,772,000 of expense, which consists of \$10,436,000 of estimated expenditures and \$4,336,000 of amortization of underspent

amounts. For WG, the company should record \$14,304,000 of expense, which consists of \$12,745,000 of estimated expenditures and \$1,559,000 of amortization of underspent amounts.

31. The conservation escrow amounts shall continue to be recorded until a new rate order is issued by the Commission authorizing different amounts to be recorded.

32. WEPCO shall credit CGS8 customers for any annual net-surplus generation at an avoided cost rate based on average LMP plus the company's avoided cost of transmission.

33. Jurisdiction is retained.

**Dissent**

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin,

By the Commission:

Sandra J. Paske  
Secretary to the Commission

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*PETITION FOR REHEARING*

If this decision is an order following a contested case proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3), a person aggrieved by the decision has a right to petition the Commission for rehearing within 20 days of mailing of this decision, as provided in Wis. Stat. § 227.49. The mailing date is shown on the first page. If there is no date on the first page, the date of mailing is shown immediately above the signature line. The petition for rehearing must be filed with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and served on the parties. An appeal of this decision may also be taken directly to circuit court through the filing of a petition for judicial review. It is not necessary to first petition for rehearing.

*PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW*

A person aggrieved by this decision has a right to petition for judicial review as provided in Wis. Stat. § 227.53. In a contested case, the petition must be filed in circuit court and served upon the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin within 30 days of mailing of this decision if there has been no petition for rehearing. If a timely petition for rehearing has been filed, the petition for judicial review must be filed within 30 days of mailing of the order finally disposing of the petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after the final disposition of the petition for rehearing by operation of law pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.49(5), whichever is sooner. If an *untimely* petition for rehearing is filed, the 30-day period to petition for judicial review commences the date the Commission mailed its original decision.<sup>13</sup> The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin must be named as respondent in the petition for judicial review.

If this decision is an order denying rehearing, a person aggrieved who wishes to appeal must seek judicial review rather than rehearing. A second petition for rehearing is not permitted.

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<sup>13</sup> See *State v. Currier*, 2006 WI App 12, 288 Wis. 2d 693, 709 N.W.2d 520.

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In order to comply with Wis. Stat. § 227.47, the following parties who appeared before the agency are considered parties for purposes of review under Wis. Stat. § 227.53.

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**Wisconsin Electric Power Company**  
**Electric Revenue Summary**  
for Test Year ending December 31, 2013 & for 2014

Rate Schedules & Customer Classes	Revenue in TY2013 with Present Rates	Revenue in 2013 with Authorized Rates	Change 2013 Over Current	Revenue in 2014 with Authorized Rates	Change 2014 Over 2013	Change 2014 Over Current
Rg1	\$1,057,910,681	\$1,117,456,631	5.63%	\$1,142,783,993	2.27%	8.02%
Fg1	\$26,838,920	\$28,166,883	4.95%	\$28,836,529	2.38%	7.44%
Rg2	\$39,721,310	\$41,576,296	4.67%	\$42,698,308	2.70%	7.49%
Rg3	\$551,011	\$581,065	5.45%	\$598,110	2.93%	8.55%
Total Residential & Farm	<u>\$1,125,021,922</u>	<u>\$1,187,780,875</u>	5.58%	<u>\$1,214,916,940</u>	2.28%	7.99%
Cg1	\$228,159,939	\$239,690,849	5.05%	\$245,359,060	2.36%	7.54%
Cg6	\$11,754,624	\$12,309,530	4.72%	\$12,640,380	2.69%	7.54%
TSS	\$672,514	\$700,846	4.21%	\$717,959	2.44%	6.76%
Total Small General Secondary	<u>\$240,587,077</u>	<u>\$252,701,225</u>	5.04%	<u>\$258,717,399</u>	2.38%	7.54%
Total Small Customer Class	<b>\$1,365,608,999</b>	<b>\$1,440,482,100</b>	<b>5.48%</b>	<b>\$1,473,634,339</b>	<b>2.30%</b>	<b>7.91%</b>
Cg2 (Medium Customer Class)	<b>\$191,162,285</b>	<b>\$194,945,903</b>	<b>1.98%</b>	<b>\$200,022,495</b>	<b>2.60%</b>	<b>4.63%</b>
Cg3	\$558,569,168	\$573,942,737	2.75%	\$589,468,502	2.71%	5.53%
Cg3A	\$1,446,070	\$1,485,701	2.74%	\$1,526,891	2.77%	5.59%
Cg3C	\$4,864,215	\$4,975,827	2.29%	\$5,121,952	2.94%	5.30%
Cg3S	\$528,296	\$542,709	2.73%	\$557,547	2.73%	5.54%
Total Large General Secondary	<u>\$565,407,749</u>	<u>\$580,946,974</u>	2.75%	<u>\$596,674,892</u>	2.71%	5.53%
Total General Secondary	\$997,157,111	\$1,028,594,102	3.15%	\$1,055,414,786	2.61%	5.84%
Cp1 Low	\$24,576,251	\$25,378,070	3.26%	\$26,116,887	2.91%	6.27%
Cp1 Medium	\$461,136,306	\$475,742,022	3.17%	\$489,929,615	2.98%	6.24%
Cp1 High	\$5,311,961	\$5,492,577	3.40%	\$5,660,352	3.05%	6.56%
Cp3 Medium	\$47,746,191	\$49,677,338	4.04%	\$51,194,964	3.05%	7.22%
Cp3A Low	\$672,287	\$695,900	3.51%	\$716,633	2.98%	6.60%
Cp3A Medium	\$7,500,462	\$7,771,858	3.62%	\$8,006,873	3.02%	6.75%
Cp3S Medium	\$5,865,348	\$6,077,081	3.61%	\$6,260,519	3.02%	6.74%
CpFN Medium	\$26,614,574	\$27,548,539	3.51%	\$28,528,467	3.56%	7.19%
CpFN High	\$28,266,425	\$29,026,484	2.69%	\$30,154,496	3.89%	6.68%
CST High	\$3,421,992	\$3,421,992	0.00%	\$3,421,992	0.00%	0.00%
RTMP	\$4,814,504	\$4,814,504	0.00%	\$4,814,504	0.00%	0.00%
Total General Primary	<u>\$615,926,301</u>	<u>\$635,646,365</u>	3.20%	<u>\$654,805,302</u>	3.01%	6.31%
Total Large Customer Class	<b>\$1,181,334,050</b>	<b>\$1,216,593,339</b>	<b>2.98%</b>	<b>\$1,251,480,194</b>	<b>2.87%</b>	<b>5.94%</b>
Gl1	\$6,455,244	\$6,689,383	3.63%	\$6,712,830	0.35%	3.99%
St1	\$5,027,571	\$5,271,766	4.86%	\$5,463,031	3.63%	8.66%
Cg6	\$670,708	\$691,925	3.16%	\$715,190	3.36%	6.63%
Al1	\$605,874	\$625,806	3.29%	\$628,690	0.46%	3.77%
Ms1	\$79,821	\$80,914	1.37%	\$81,186	0.34%	1.71%
Ms2	\$2,302,612	\$2,445,376	6.20%	\$2,484,238	1.59%	7.89%
Ms3	\$10,012,582	\$10,131,221	1.18%	\$10,164,300	0.33%	1.52%
Ms4	\$3,836,931	\$3,959,016	3.18%	\$3,972,152	0.33%	3.52%
Mg1	\$4,800	\$4,800	0.00%	\$4,800	0.00%	0.00%
Total Street Lighting & Other	<u>\$28,996,143</u>	<u>\$29,900,207</u>	3.12%	<u>\$30,226,417</u>	1.09%	4.24%
Total Wisconsin Retail	<b>\$2,767,101,477</b>	<b>\$2,881,921,549</b>	<b>4.15%</b>	<b>\$2,955,363,445</b>	<b>2.55%</b>	<b>6.80%</b>
Increases (for each year)		<b>\$114,820,072</b>		<b>\$73,441,896</b>		

**Wisconsin Electric Power Company  
Present and Authorized Electric Rates**

<b>Rate Schedules / Rate Descriptions</b>	<b>Present Rates</b>	<b>Authorized Rates in 2013</b>	<b>Authorized Rates in 2014</b>	<b>per Unit</b>
<b>Rg1 -- Residential Service</b>				
Rate Schedules & Rate Descriptions	\$0.25000	\$0.30000	\$0.30000	per Day
Facilities Charge - Three Phase	\$0.50000	\$0.60000	\$0.60000	per Day
Extra Meter Charge	\$0.04665	\$0.04665	\$0.04665	per Day
Energy Charge - Base	\$0.12611	\$0.13816	\$0.13945	per kWh
Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00362	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
<b>Rg2 -- Residential Service TOU</b>				
Facilities Charge - Single Phase	\$0.25000	\$0.30000	\$0.30000	per Day
Facilities Charge - Three Phase	\$0.50000	\$0.60000	\$0.60000	per Day
Extra Meter Charge	\$0.04665	\$0.04665	\$0.04665	per Day
On-Peak Energy Charge - Base Level 1	\$0.18881	\$0.20653	\$0.20892	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Base Level 2	\$0.24915	\$0.27284	\$0.27585	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00625	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Base Level 1	\$0.08578	\$0.09403	\$0.09491	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Base Level 2	\$0.04792	\$0.05253	\$0.05303	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00192	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
<b>Rg3 -- Residential Service Experimental TOU</b>				
Facilities Charge - Single Phase	\$0.25000	\$0.30000	\$0.30000	per Day
Facilities Charge - Three Phase	\$0.50000	\$0.60000	\$0.60000	per Day
Extra Meter Charge	\$0.04665	\$0.04665	\$0.04665	per Day
On-Peak Energy Charge - Base Summer	\$0.28668	\$0.38244	\$0.38602	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Base Non Summer	\$0.24915	\$0.27284	\$0.27585	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00625	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
Mid-Peak Energy Charge - Base Summer	\$0.24915	\$0.27284	\$0.27585	per kWh
Mid-Peak Energy Charge - Base Non Summer	\$0.18881	\$0.20653	\$0.20892	per kWh
Mid-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00625	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Base Annual	\$0.04792	\$0.05253	\$0.05303	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00192	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
<b>CPP - Residential &amp; Small Commercial Critical Peak Pricing</b>				
Facilities Charge - Single Phase	\$0.25000	\$0.30000	NA	per Day
Facilities Charge - Three Phase	\$0.50000	\$0.60000	NA	per Day
Extra Meter Charge	\$0.04665	\$0.04665	NA	per Day
Critical-Peak Energy Charge - Base	\$0.88000	\$0.88000	NA	per kWh
Non-Critical On-Peak Energy Charge - Base Annual	\$0.24915	\$0.27284	NA	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00625	\$0.00000	NA	per kWh
Mid-Peak Energy Charge - Base Annual	\$0.18881	\$0.20653	NA	per kWh
Mid-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00625	\$0.00000	NA	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Base Annual	\$0.04792	\$0.05253	NA	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00192	\$0.00000	NA	per kWh
<b>Fg1 -- Farm Service</b>				
Facilities Charge - Single Phase	\$0.25000	\$0.30000	\$0.30000	per Day
Facilities Charge - Three Phase	\$0.50000	\$0.60000	\$0.60000	per Day
Extra Meter Charge	\$0.04665	\$0.04665	\$0.04665	per Day
Energy Charge - Base	\$0.12611	\$0.13816	\$0.13945	per kWh
Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00362	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
<b>Cg1 -- General Secondary Service</b>				
Facilities Charge - Single Phase	\$0.25000	\$0.30000	\$0.30000	per Day
Facilities Charge - Three Phase	\$0.50000	\$0.60000	\$0.60000	per Day
Extra Meter Charge	\$0.04665	\$0.04665	\$0.04665	per Day
Energy Charge - Base	\$0.12611	\$0.13816	\$0.13945	per kWh
Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00362	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh

**Wisconsin Electric Power Company  
Present and Authorized Electric Rates**

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<b>Cg2 -- General Secondary Service - Demand</b>				
Facilities Charge	\$1.52877	\$1.66000	\$1.66000	per Day
Extra Meter Charge	\$0.13151	\$0.13151	\$0.13151	per Day
On-Peak Energy Charge - Base	\$0.11402	\$0.12322	\$0.12421	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00625	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Base	\$0.08777	\$0.09091	\$0.09169	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00192	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
Regular On-Peak Demand Charge - Base	\$5.677	\$6.583	\$6.761	per kW
Regular On-Peak Demand Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	per kW
Low Hours of Use (HOU) Adjustment	\$0.03406	\$0.03950	\$0.04128	per kW per HOU less than 100
<b>Cg3 -- General Secondary Service - Demand/TOU</b>				
Facilities Charge	\$1.52877	\$1.66000	\$1.66000	per Day
Extra Meter Charge	\$0.13151	\$0.13151	\$0.13151	per Day
On-Peak Energy Charge - Base	\$0.07686	\$0.08343	\$0.08419	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00618	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Base	\$0.05600	\$0.05822	\$0.05875	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00190	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
Regular On-Peak Demand Charge - Base	\$11.354	\$13.166	\$13.385	per kW
Regular On-Peak Demand Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	per kW
Low Hours of Use (HOU) Adjustment	\$0.06812	\$0.07899	\$0.08119	per kW per HOU less than 100
Customer Demand Charge	\$1.757	\$1.800	\$1.800	per kW
<b>Cg3A -- Gen. Sec. - Energy Coop. Curtailable</b>				
Facilities Charge	\$3.41918	\$3.50000	NA	per Day
Extra Meter Charge	\$0.13151	\$0.13151	NA	per Day
On-Peak Energy Charge - Base	\$0.07686	\$0.08343	NA	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00618	\$0.00000	NA	per kWh
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Customer Demand Charge	\$1.757	\$1.800	NA	per kW
Curtailable Credit	\$2.000	\$2.000	NA	per kW
<b>Cg3C -- Gen. Sec. - Experimental Curtailable</b>				
Facilities Charge	\$3.41918	\$3.50000	\$3.50000	per Day
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Low Hours of Use (HOU) Adjustment	\$0.06812	\$0.07899	\$0.08119	per kW per HOU less than 100
Customer Demand Charge	\$1.757	\$1.800	\$1.800	per kW
Curtailable Credit	\$0.02080	\$0.02080	\$0.02080	per kW per On Peak HOU
<b>Cg3S -- Gen. Sec. - Seasonal Curtailable</b>				
Facilities Charge	\$3.41918	\$3.50000	\$3.50000	per Day
Extra Meter Charge	\$0.13151	\$0.13151	\$0.13151	per Day
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Customer Demand Charge	\$1.757	\$1.800	\$1.800	per kW
Curtailable Credit	\$2.00000	\$2.00000	\$2.00000	per kW per On Peak HOU

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<b>Cg6 -- General Secondary Service - TOU</b>				
Facilities Charge - Single Phase	\$0.25000	\$0.30000	\$0.30000	per Day
Facilities Charge - Three Phase	\$0.50000	\$0.60000	\$0.60000	per Day
Extra Meter Charge	\$0.04665	\$0.04665	\$0.04665	per Day
On-Peak Energy Charge - Base Level 1	\$0.18881	\$0.20653	\$0.20892	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Base Level 2	\$0.24915	\$0.27284	\$0.27585	per kWh
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Off-Peak Energy Charge - Base Level 1	\$0.08578	\$0.09403	\$0.09491	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Base Level 2	\$0.04792	\$0.05253	\$0.05303	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00192	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
<b>TSSM - General Secondary Transmission Substations - Metered</b>				
Facilities Charge - Single Phase	\$0.25000	\$0.30000	\$0.30000	per Day
Facilities Charge - Three Phase	\$0.50000	\$0.60000	\$0.60000	per Day
Extra Meter Charge	\$0.04665	\$0.04665	\$0.04665	per Day
Energy Charge - Base	\$0.12611	\$0.13816	\$0.13945	per kWh
Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00362	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
<b>TSSU - General Secondary Transmission Substations - UnMetered</b>				
Facilities Charge	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	per Month
Energy Charge - Base	\$0.12611	\$0.13816	\$0.13945	per kWh
Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00362	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
<b>TE1 - General Secondary Telecom Equipment - UnMetered</b>				
Facilities Charge	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	per Month
Energy Charge - Base	\$0.12611	\$0.13816	\$0.13945	per kWh
Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00362	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
<b>ERER1 &amp; ERER3 Renewable Rider</b>				
Energy for Tomorrow - 25%	\$0.00347	\$0.00600	\$0.00600	per kWh
Energy for Tomorrow - 50%	\$0.00694	\$0.01201	\$0.01201	per kWh
Energy for Tomorrow - 100%	\$0.01388	\$0.02401	\$0.02401	per kWh
<b>ERER2 Renewable Rider</b>				
Energy for Tomorrow - < 70,000 kWh per month	\$0.01388	\$0.02401	\$0.02401	per kWh
Energy for Tomorrow - >= 70,000 kWh per month	\$0.01118	\$0.02266	\$0.02266	per kWh
<b>ERER4 Renewable Rider</b>				
Energy for Tomorrow - 25%	\$0.00280	\$0.00567	\$0.00567	per kWh
Energy for Tomorrow - 50%	\$0.00559	\$0.01133	\$0.01133	per kWh
Energy for Tomorrow - 100%	\$0.01118	\$0.02266	\$0.02266	per kWh
<b>Energy Partner's Central Air Conditioning Load Control Credit</b>				
6-Hour Shed	\$0.40323	NA	NA	per Day (May 15 - Sep 15)
4-Hour Shed	\$0.32258	NA	NA	per Day (May 15 - Sep 15)
75% Cycle	\$0.09677	NA	NA	per Day (May 15 - Sep 15)
<b>Peak-Time Rebates</b>				
Energy Credit	\$0.47000	NA	NA	per kWh adjusted
<b>Cp1 -- General Primary Service - TOU</b>				
Facilities Charge	\$17.26027	\$17.26027	\$17.26027	per Day
On-Peak Energy Charge - Base (Low Voltage)	\$0.07095	\$0.07774	\$0.07838	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Base (Medium Voltage)	\$0.06985	\$0.07660	\$0.07724	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Base (High Voltage)	\$0.06891	\$0.07564	\$0.07627	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00593	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Base (Low Voltage)	\$0.05053	\$0.05315	\$0.05357	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Base (Medium Voltage)	\$0.04974	\$0.05238	\$0.05279	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Base (High Voltage)	\$0.04818	\$0.05072	\$0.05112	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00183	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
On-Peak Demand Charge - Base (Low Voltage)	\$11.054	\$12.838	\$13.052	per kW
On-Peak Demand Charge - Base (Medium Voltage)	\$10.882	\$12.650	\$12.861	per kW
On-Peak Demand Charge - Base (High Voltage)	\$10.736	\$12.492	\$12.700	per kW
On-Peak Demand Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	per kW
Customer Demand Charge (Low Voltage)	\$1.023	\$1.326	\$1.326	per kW
Customer Demand Charge (Medium Voltage)	\$1.007	\$1.306	\$1.306	per kW
Customer Demand Charge (High Voltage)	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	per kW

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<b>Cp1R -- Gen. Pri. - Experimental Real-Time Pricing</b>				
Facilities Charge	\$23.01370	NA	NA	per Day
Access On-Peak Demand Charge (Low Voltage)	\$11.054	NA	NA	per kW
Access On-Peak Demand Charge (Medium Voltage)	\$10.882	NA	NA	per kW
Access On-Peak Demand Charge (High Voltage)	\$10.736	NA	NA	per kW
Access Customer Demand Charge (Low Voltage)	\$1.023	NA	NA	per kW
Access Customer Demand Charge (Medium Voltage)	\$1.007	NA	NA	per kW
Access Customer Demand Charge (High Voltage)	\$0.000	NA	NA	per kW
<b>Cp2M -- General Primary Service - Interruptible</b>				
Facilities Charge	\$26.30137	\$26.30137	NA	per Day
On-Peak Energy Charge - Base (Medium Voltage)	\$0.06646	\$0.07282	NA	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Base (High Voltage)	\$0.06646	\$0.07282	NA	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00593	\$0.00000	NA	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Base (Medium Voltage)	\$0.04732	\$0.04977	NA	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Base (High Voltage)	\$0.04732	\$0.04977	NA	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00183	\$0.00000	NA	per kWh
On-Peak Demand Charge - Base (Medium Voltage)	\$5.522	\$7.290	NA	per kW
On-Peak Demand Charge - Base (High Voltage)	\$5.522	\$7.290	NA	per kW
On-Peak Demand Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.000	\$0.000	NA	per kW
Customer Demand Charge (Medium Voltage)	\$1.007	\$1.306	NA	per kW
Customer Demand Charge (High Voltage)	\$0.000	\$0.000	NA	per kW
<b>Cp3 -- Gen. Pri. Service - Curtailable</b>				
Facilities Charge	\$17.26027	\$17.26027	\$17.26027	per Day
On-Peak Energy Charge - Base (Low Voltage)	\$0.07095	\$0.07774	\$0.07838	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Base (Medium Voltage)	\$0.06985	\$0.07660	\$0.07724	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Base (High Voltage)	\$0.06891	\$0.07564	\$0.07627	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00593	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Base (Low Voltage)	\$0.05053	\$0.05315	\$0.05357	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Base (Medium Voltage)	\$0.04974	\$0.05238	\$0.05279	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Base (High Voltage)	\$0.04818	\$0.05072	\$0.05112	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00183	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
On-Peak Demand Charge - Base (Low Voltage)	\$11.054	\$12.838	\$13.052	per kW
On-Peak Demand Charge - Base (Medium Voltage)	\$10.882	\$12.650	\$12.861	per kW
On-Peak Demand Charge - Base (High Voltage)	\$10.736	\$12.492	\$12.700	per kW
On-Peak Demand Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	per kW
Customer Demand Charge (Low Voltage)	\$1.023	\$1.326	\$1.326	per kW
Customer Demand Charge (Medium Voltage)	\$1.007	\$1.306	\$1.306	per kW
Customer Demand Charge (High Voltage)	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	per kW
Curtailable Credit (Low Voltage)	\$0.02028	\$0.02028	\$0.02028	per kW per On Peak HOU
Curtailable Credit (Medium Voltage)	\$0.02000	\$0.02000	\$0.02000	per kW per On Peak HOU
Curtailable Credit (High Voltage)	\$0.01970	\$0.01970	\$0.01970	per kW per On Peak HOU

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<b>Cp3S -- Gen. Pri. - Seasonal Curtailable</b>				
Facilities Charge	\$17.26027	\$17.26027	\$17.26027	per Day
On-Peak Energy Charge - Base (Low Voltage)	\$0.07095	\$0.07774	\$0.07838	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Base (Medium Voltage)	\$0.06985	\$0.07660	\$0.07724	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Base (High Voltage)	\$0.06891	\$0.07564	\$0.07627	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00593	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Base (Low Voltage)	\$0.05053	\$0.05315	\$0.05357	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Base (Medium Voltage)	\$0.04974	\$0.05238	\$0.05279	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Base (High Voltage)	\$0.04818	\$0.05072	\$0.05112	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00183	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
On-Peak Demand Charge - Base (Low Voltage)	\$11.054	\$12.838	\$13.052	per kW
On-Peak Demand Charge - Base (Medium Voltage)	\$10.882	\$12.650	\$12.861	per kW
On-Peak Demand Charge - Base (High Voltage)	\$10.736	\$12.492	\$12.700	per kW
On-Peak Demand Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	per kW
Customer Demand Charge (Low Voltage)	\$1.023	\$1.326	\$1.326	per kW
Customer Demand Charge (Medium Voltage)	\$1.007	\$1.306	\$1.306	per kW
Customer Demand Charge (High Voltage)	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	per kW
Curtailable Credit (Low Voltage)	\$2.000	\$2.000	\$2.000	per kW
Curtailable Credit (Medium Voltage)	\$2.000	\$2.000	\$2.000	per kW
Curtailable Credit (High Voltage)	\$2.000	\$2.000	\$2.000	per kW
<b>Cp4 -- Gen. Pri. Service - Optional Standby</b>				
Facilities Charge	\$17.26027	\$17.26027	\$17.26027	per Day
Extra Meter Charge	\$6.57534	\$6.57534	\$6.57534	per Day
On-Peak Energy Charge - Base (Low Voltage)	\$0.07095	\$0.07774	\$0.07838	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Base (Medium Voltage)	\$0.06985	\$0.07660	\$0.07724	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Base (High Voltage)	\$0.06891	\$0.07564	\$0.07627	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00593	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Base (Low Voltage)	\$0.05053	\$0.05315	\$0.05357	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Base (Medium Voltage)	\$0.04974	\$0.05238	\$0.05279	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Base (High Voltage)	\$0.04818	\$0.05072	\$0.05112	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00183	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
On-Peak Demand Charge - Base (Low Voltage)	\$11.054	\$12.838	\$13.052	per kW
On-Peak Demand Charge - Base (Medium Voltage)	\$10.882	\$12.650	\$12.861	per kW
On-Peak Demand Charge - Base (High Voltage)	\$10.736	\$12.492	\$12.700	per kW
On-Peak Demand Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	per kW
Customer Demand Charge (Low Voltage)	\$1.023	\$1.326	\$1.326	per kW
Customer Demand Charge (Medium Voltage)	\$1.007	\$1.306	\$1.306	per kW
Customer Demand Charge (High Voltage)	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	per kW
Reserved Demand Charge (Low Voltage)	\$1.95714	\$1.787	\$1.787	per kW
Reserved Demand Charge (Medium Voltage)	\$1.92666	\$1.761	\$1.761	per kW
Reserved Demand Charge (High Voltage)	\$0.90760	\$1.739	\$1.739	per kW
Standby Energy Charge (Low Voltage)	OOPC + 10%	OOPC + 10%	OOPC + 10%	per kWh
Standby Energy Charge (Medium Voltage)	OOPC + 10%	OOPC + 10%	OOPC + 10%	per kWh
Standby Energy Charge (High Voltage)	OOPC + 10%	OOPC + 10%	OOPC + 10%	per kWh
Minimum On-Peak Standby Energy Charge (Low Voltage)	\$0.00000	\$0.03000	\$0.03000	per kWh
Minimum On-Peak Standby Energy Charge (Medium Voltage)	\$0.00000	\$0.03000	\$0.03000	per kWh
Minimum On-Peak Standby Energy Charge (High Voltage)	\$0.00000	\$0.03000	\$0.03000	per kWh
Minimum Off-Peak Standby Energy Charge (Low Voltage)	\$0.00000	\$0.02000	\$0.02000	per kWh
Minimum Off-Peak Standby Energy Charge (Medium Voltage)	\$0.00000	\$0.02000	\$0.02000	per kWh
Minimum Off-Peak Standby Energy Charge (High Voltage)	\$0.00000	\$0.02000	\$0.02000	per kWh

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<b>CpFN -- Gen Pri. Combined Firm &amp; Non Firm</b>				
Facilities Charge	\$26.30137	\$26.30137	\$26.30137	per Day
On-Peak Firm Energy Charge - Base (Medium Voltage)	\$0.06985	\$0.07660	\$0.07724	per kWh
On-Peak Firm Energy Charge - Base (High Voltage)	\$0.06891	\$0.07564	\$0.07627	per kWh
On-Peak Non Firm Energy Charge - Base (Medium Voltage)	\$0.06646	\$0.07282	\$0.07353	per kWh
On-Peak Non Firm Energy Charge - Base (High Voltage)	\$0.06558	\$0.07191	\$0.07261	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00593	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
Off-Peak Firm Energy Charge - Base (Medium Voltage)	\$0.04974	\$0.05238	\$0.05279	per kWh
Off-Peak Firm Energy Charge - Base (High Voltage)	\$0.04818	\$0.05072	\$0.05112	per kWh
Off-Peak Non Firm Energy Charge - Base (Medium Voltage)	\$0.04732	\$0.04977	\$0.05025	per kWh
Off-Peak Non Firm Energy Charge - Base (High Voltage)	\$0.04584	\$0.04819	\$0.04866	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00183	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
On-Peak Firm Demand Charge - Base (Medium Voltage)	\$10.882	\$12.650	\$12.861	per kW
On-Peak Firm Demand Charge - Base (High Voltage)	\$10.736	\$12.492	\$12.700	per kW
On-Peak Non Firm Demand Charge - Base (Medium Voltage)	\$5.522	\$7.290	\$7.501	per kW
On-Peak Non Firm Demand Charge - Base (High Voltage)	\$5.376	\$7.132	\$7.340	per kW
On-Peak Demand Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	per kW
Customer Demand Charge (Medium Voltage)	\$1.007	\$1.306	\$1.306	per kW
Customer Demand Charge (High Voltage)	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	per kW
<b>CGS1 Customer-Owned Generation - Over 20 kW</b>				
Facilities Charge - Non Demand Metered	\$0.04110	\$0.04110	\$0.04110	per Day
Facilities Charge - Demand Metered	\$0.11507	\$0.11507	\$0.11507	per Day
On-Peak Purchase Price Secondary Voltage	LMP	LMP	LMP	per kWh
On-Peak Purchase Price Primary < 69 kV	LMP	LMP	LMP	per kWh
On-Peak Purchase Price Primary >= 69 kV	LMP	LMP	LMP	per kWh
Off-Peak Purchase Price Secondary Voltage	LMP	LMP	LMP	per kWh
Off-Peak Purchase Price Primary < 69 kV	LMP	LMP	LMP	per kWh
Off-Peak Purchase Price Primary >= 69 kV	LMP	LMP	LMP	per kWh
<b>CGS3 Customer-Owned Generation - 300 kW or More</b>				
Facilities Charge	\$4.93151	\$4.93151	\$4.93151	per Day
Capacity Payment Secondary Voltage	\$4.920	\$0.285	\$0.285	per kW
Capacity Payment Primary < 69 kV	\$5.125	\$0.296	\$0.296	per kW
Capacity Payment Primary >= 69 kV	\$5.042	\$0.300	\$0.300	per kW
Dispatched Energy Flowing Into System Secondary	\$0.07304	\$0.06486	\$0.06486	per kWh
Dispatched Energy Flowing Into System Pri <69 kV	\$0.07608	\$0.06750	\$0.06750	per kWh
Dispatched Energy Flowing Into System Pri >= 69 kV	\$0.07486	\$0.06836	\$0.06836	per kWh
Dispatched Displaced Energy Secondary	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
Dispatched Displaced Energy Primary < 69 kV	\$0.00132	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
Dispatched Displaced Energy Primary >= 69 kV	\$0.00110	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
Purchased Non-Dispatched Energy Secondary	\$0.03641	\$0.02478	\$0.02478	per kWh
Purchased Non-Dispatched Energy Primary < 69 kV	\$0.03793	\$0.02579	\$0.02579	per kWh
Purchased Non-Dispatched Energy Primary >= 69 kV	\$0.03732	\$0.02611	\$0.02611	per kWh
<b>CGS5 Customer-Owned Generation - Biogas - 2000 kW or Less</b>				
On-Peak Purchase Price	\$0.15500	\$0.15500	\$0.15500	per kWh
Off-Peak Purchase Price	\$0.06140	\$0.06140	\$0.06140	per kWh
<b>St1 -- Optional TOU Street Lighting Service</b>				
Facilities Charge - Single Phase	\$0.26175	\$0.30000	\$0.30000	per Day
Facilities Charge - Three Phase	\$0.52350	\$0.60000	\$0.60000	per Day
Extra Meter Charge	\$0.04110	\$0.04665	\$0.04665	per Day
On-Peak Energy Charge	\$0.24818	\$0.27251	\$0.27552	per kWh
On-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00625	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge	\$0.04548	\$0.05150	\$0.05195	per kWh
Off-Peak Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00192	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh

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<b>G11 - Area Lighting</b>				
Standard High Pressure Sodium				
50 Watt	\$10.08	\$10.08	\$10.08	per Month
70 Watt	\$11.49	\$11.67	\$11.67	per Month
100 Watt	\$13.26	\$13.57	\$13.57	per Month
150 Watt	\$15.28	\$15.81	\$15.81	per Month
200 Watt	\$17.90	\$18.42	\$18.42	per Month
250 Watt	\$20.19	\$20.90	\$20.90	per Month
400 Watt	\$26.53	\$27.80	\$27.80	per Month
Flood High Pressure Sodium				
70 Watt	\$13.20	\$13.21	\$13.21	per Month
100 Watt	\$14.89	\$15.07	\$15.07	per Month
150 Watt	\$16.91	\$17.34	\$17.34	per Month
200 Watt	\$19.17	\$19.83	\$19.83	per Month
250 Watt	\$21.40	\$22.26	\$22.26	per Month
400 Watt	\$27.59	\$28.98	\$28.98	per Month
Standard Metal Halide				
175 Watt	\$24.79	\$25.24	\$25.24	per Month
250 Watt	\$25.68	\$26.51	\$26.51	per Month
400 Watt	\$29.15	\$30.69	\$30.69	per Month
Flood Metal Halide				
175 Watt	\$26.25	\$26.55	\$26.55	per Month
250 Watt	\$26.73	\$27.96	\$27.96	per Month
400 Watt	\$30.31	\$31.94	\$31.94	per Month
1000 Watt	\$59.09	\$60.86	\$60.86	per Month
Poles	\$2.57	\$2.81	\$2.81	per Month
Spans	\$2.15	\$2.74	\$2.74	per Month
Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00255	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
<b>A11 - Alley Lighting</b>				
0 - 10 Watt LED	NA	\$2.33	\$2.33	per Month
>10 - 20 Watt LED	NA	\$2.66	\$2.66	per Month
>20 - 30 Watt LED	NA	\$3.07	\$3.07	per Month
>30 - 40 Watt LED	NA	\$3.49	\$3.49	per Month
>40 - 50 Watt LED	NA	\$3.90	\$3.90	per Month
>50 - 60 Watt LED	NA	\$4.31	\$4.31	per Month
50 Watt HPS	\$4.11	\$4.31	\$4.31	per Month
70 Watt HPS	\$5.12	\$5.40	\$5.40	per Month
100 Watt HPS	\$6.83	\$7.27	\$7.27	per Month
Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00255	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
<b>Ms1 - Highway Lighting</b>				
Facilities - 25 Watts or Less	NA	\$3.06	\$3.06000	
Facilities - 25 Watts to 75 Watts	\$3.13	\$3.13	\$3.13	per Month
Facilities - Greater than 75 Watts	\$5.02	\$5.02	\$5.02	per Month
Energy Charge - Base	\$0.12611	\$0.13816	\$0.13945	per kWh
Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00255	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
<b>Ms2 - Street Lighting</b>				
Energy Charge - Base	\$0.11350	\$0.12434	\$0.12551	per kWh
Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00255	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh

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<b>Ms3 - Street Lighting</b>				
High Pressure Sodium Lamps				
50 Watt	\$10.08	\$10.08	\$10.08	per Month
70 Watt	\$11.49	\$11.67	\$11.67	per Month
100 Watt	\$13.26	\$13.57	\$13.57	per Month
150 Watt	\$15.28	\$15.81	\$15.81	per Month
200 Watt	\$17.90	\$18.42	\$18.42	per Month
250 Watt	\$20.19	\$20.90	\$20.90	per Month
400 Watt	\$26.53	\$27.80	\$27.80	per Month
Metal Halide Lamps				
175 Watt	\$24.79	\$25.24	\$25.24	per Month
250 Watt	\$25.68	\$26.51	\$26.51	per Month
400 Watt	\$29.15	\$30.69	\$30.69	per Month
Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00255	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
<b>Ms4 - Street Lighting</b>				
Facilities Charge - Option A	1.90%	1.90%	1.90%	per Month
Facilities Charge - Option B	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	per Month
Non-Standard Lamps				
50 Watt HPS	\$2.11	\$2.31	\$2.31	per Month
70 Watt HPS	\$3.12	\$3.40	\$3.40	per Month
100 Watt HPS	\$4.83	\$5.27	\$5.27	per Month
150 Watt HPS	\$6.84	\$7.47	\$7.47	per Month
175 Watt MH	\$7.75	\$8.46	\$8.46	per Month
200 Watt HPS	\$9.06	\$9.88	\$9.88	per Month
250 Watt HPS	\$11.27	\$12.30	\$12.30	per Month
400 Watt HPS	\$17.41	\$19.00	\$19.00	per Month
1000 Watt HPS	\$40.55	\$44.26	\$44.26	per Month
Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00255	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
<b>Mg1 - Municipal Defense Sirens</b>				
Facilities Charge	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	per Month
Energy Charge - Base	\$0.12611	\$0.13816	\$0.13945	per kWh
Energy Charge - Fuel Cost Adjustment	\$0.00362	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per kWh
<b>Embedded Credits for Line Extensions</b>				
Rg1, Rg2, Rg3 & Fg1 Single Phase	\$914	\$1,043	\$1,043	per Customer
Rg1, Rg2, Rg3 & Fg1 Three Phase	\$2,741	\$3,128	\$3,128	per Customer
Cg1 & Cg6 Single Phase	\$1,002	\$1,215	\$1,215	per Customer
Cg1 & Cg6 Three Phase	\$2,003	\$2,429	\$2,429	per Customer
Cg2, Cg3, Cg3A & Cg3C	\$98.42	\$90.50	\$90.50	per kW
TE1	\$3.70	\$4.05	\$4.05	per Customer
General Primary	\$98.18	\$90.32	\$90.32	per kW
Standard Street Lighting	\$47.27	\$81.55	\$81.55	per Lamp
<b>Act 141 Costs Embedded in Base Rates</b>				
Rg1, Rg2, Rg3, Fg1	\$0.00140	\$0.00184	\$0.00184	per kWh
Cg1, Cg2, Cg3, Cg3A, Cg3C, Cg6, TSSM, TSSU,	\$0.00174	\$0.00152	\$0.00152	per kWh
Cp1, Cp2m, Cp3, Cp3A, Cp4, CpFN	\$0.00174	\$0.00152	\$0.00152	per kWh
Gl1, St1, Al1, Ms1, Ms2, Ms3, Ms4, Mg1, TE1	\$0.00174	\$0.00152	\$0.00152	per kWh
<b>Monitored Fuel Cost</b>				
Unit Monitored Fuel Cost - Total	\$0.02736	\$0.03334	\$0.03334	per kWh
Unit Monitored Fuel Cost Embedded in Base Rates	\$0.02736	\$0.03334	\$0.03334	per kWh
<b>Biomass Tax Grant Credit</b>				
Rg1, Rg2, Rg3, Fg1, Cg1, Cg6, TSSM, TSSU	\$0.00000	(\$0.00291)	(\$0.00081)	per kWh
Cg2	\$0.00000	(\$0.00267)	(\$0.00074)	per kWh
Cg3, Cg3A, Cg3C, Cg3S, Cp1, Cp2m, Cp3, Cp3A, Cp3S, Cp4, CpFN	\$0.00000	(\$0.00239)	(\$0.00066)	per kWh
Gl1, St1, Al1, Ms1, Ms2, Ms3, Ms4, Mg1, TE1	\$0.00000	(\$0.00110)	(\$0.00030)	per kWh

**Wisconsin Electric Power Company**  
**Steam Revenue Summary**  
for Test Year ending December 31, 2013 & for 2014

	<u>Revenue in TY2013 with Present Rates</u>	<u>Revenue in 2013 with Authorized Rates</u>	<u>Change 2013 Over Present</u>	<u>Revenue in 2014 with Authorized Rates</u>	<u>Change 2014 Over 2013</u>
<b><u>Downtown Milwaukee Steam</u></b> <sup>1</sup>					
Ag-1 DMS	\$20,630,998	\$21,870,913	6.0%	\$23,185,858	6.0%
Ag-4 DMS	<u>\$306,229</u>	<u>\$322,289</u>	5.2%	<u>\$339,504</u>	5.3%
Total Downtown Milwaukee	\$20,937,227	<b>\$22,193,202</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>\$23,525,362</b>	<b>6.0%</b>
<b><u>Wauwatosa Steam</u></b> <sup>2</sup>					
Ag-1 Wauwatosa	<u>\$14,857,881</u>	<u>\$15,897,911</u>	<b>7.0%</b>	<u>\$16,851,757</u>	<b>6.0%</b>
Total Steam	\$35,795,109	\$38,091,113	6.4%	\$40,377,119	6.0%
Increases (for each year)		<b>\$2,296,004</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>\$2,286,006</b>	<b>6.0%</b>
Total Cumulative 2-year Increase (Authorized over Present Rates)				<b>\$4,582,010</b>	<b>12.0%</b>

Note <sup>1</sup> -- Downtown Milwaukee Steam is also referred to as the Valley Steam operations

Note <sup>2</sup> -- Wauwatosa Steam is also referred to as the Milwaukee County Steam operations

## Wisconsin Electric Power Company Present and Authorized Steam Rates

Rate Schedules / Rate Descriptions	Present Rates	Authorized Rates for 2013	Authorized Rates for 2014	per Unit
<b>Ag1 Downtown Milwaukee Steam</b>				
Facilities Charge per Customer Day	\$0.66	\$0.66	\$0.66	per Day
Production Energy Charge	\$4.95467	\$5.18746	\$5.56596	per MLbs
Distribution Energy Charge	\$6.05743	\$6.35641	\$6.67528	per MLbs
Fuel Cost included in Base Production Rate	\$4.20578	\$3.77252	\$3.77252	\$/million BTU
Conversion Rate from million BTU production to MLBS sales	0.960	1.032	1.032	
<b>Ag2 Downtown Milwaukee Steam</b>				
Facilities Charge per Customer Day	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	per Day
Production Energy Charge	\$4.95467	\$5.19741	\$5.56596	per MLbs
Distribution Energy Charge	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	per MLbs
Quantity Credit for Returned Condensate	(\$0.13221)	(\$0.13221)	(\$0.13221)	per MLbs
Quality Credit for Returned Condensate	(\$0.30409)	(\$0.30409)	(\$0.30409)	per MLbs
Fuel Cost included in Base Production Rate	\$4.20578	\$3.77252	\$3.77252	\$/million BTU
Conversion Rate from million BTU production to MLBS sales	0.960	1.032	1.032	
<b>Ag4 Downtown Milwaukee Steam</b>				
Facilities Charge per Customer Day	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50	per Day
Production Energy Charge	\$3.99973	\$4.05614	\$4.29850	per MLbs
Distribution Energy Charge	\$6.05743	\$6.35694	\$6.67528	per MLbs
Fuel Cost included in Base Production Rate	\$4.20578	\$3.77252	\$3.77252	\$/million BTU
Conversion Rate from million BTU production to MLBS sales	0.960	1.032	1.032	
<b>Ag1 Wauwatosa Steam</b>				
Facilities Charge per Customer Day	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	per Day
Production Energy Charge	\$17.83904	\$18.31060	\$19.68429	per MLbs
Distribution Energy Charge	\$5.13535	\$5.06065	\$4.98595	per MLbs
Fuel Cost included in Base Production Rate	\$4.81694	\$3.84045	\$3.84045	\$/million BTU
Conversion Rate from million BTU production to MLBS sales	1.456	1.585	1.585	
<b>Embedded Credits</b>				
Downtown Milwaukee	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	per MLbs
Wauwatosa	\$10.00	\$13.00	\$13.00	per MLbs

**Wisconsin Electric - Gas Operations  
Gas Revenue Summary  
2013**

Distribution Classes and Other Cost Categories	Volumes	Margin	+	= Rebundled	+ Authorized	= Total	Percent Change	
		Revenue at Current Rates	Cost of Gas Revenues	Service Revs. by Dist. Class	Total Revenue Change/Class	Bundled Rev. by Dist. Class	Rebundled w/COG	Rebundled w/o COG
<b>Residential and Rely-A-Bill</b>								
Residential (Rg-1)	334,686,472	\$ 114,363,920	\$ 156,153,591	\$ 270,517,511	\$ (4,884,007)	\$ 265,633,504	(1.81)%	(4.27)%
Subtotal	334,686,472	\$ 114,363,920	\$ 156,153,591	\$ 270,517,511	\$ (4,884,007)	\$ 265,633,504	(1.81)%	(4.27)%
<b>Commercial &amp; Industrial, g-1 (0 to 3,999)</b>								
Firm Comm. Ind. (Fg-1)	36,113,274	\$ 10,465,922	\$ 16,991,612	\$ 27,457,534	\$ (656,245)	\$ 26,801,289	(2.39)%	(6.27)%
Agricultural Seasonal Use (Ag-1)	217,461	51,843	85,796	137,638	(4,723)	132,916	(3.43)%	(9.11)%
Natural Gas Vehicles (NGV-1)	5,513	1,344	2,240	3,583	(118)	3,465	(3.29)%	(8.76)%
Transport Commercial (Tf-1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	36,336,248	\$ 10,519,108	\$ 17,079,647	\$ 27,598,755	\$ (661,085)	\$ 26,937,670	(2.40)%	(6.28)%
<b>Commercial &amp; Industrial, g-2 (4,000 to 39,999)</b>								
Firm Comm. Ind. (Fg-2)	104,098,849	\$ 19,782,086	\$ 48,453,709	\$ 68,235,796	\$ (1,342,875)	\$ 66,892,921	(1.97)%	(6.79)%
Agricultural Seasonal Use (Ag-2)	1,474,987	266,087	580,484	846,572	(19,027)	827,544	(2.25)%	(7.15)%
Natural Gas Vehicles (NGV-2)	330,047	56,293	132,833	189,126	(4,258)	184,868	(2.25)%	(7.56)%
Transport Commercial (Tf-2)	1,983,982	284,750	(3,384)	281,365	(18,253)	263,113	(6.49)%	(6.41)%
Subtotal g-2	107,887,865	\$ 20,389,216	\$ 49,163,643	\$ 69,552,859	\$ (1,384,413)	\$ 68,168,446	(1.99)%	(6.79)%
<b>Commercial &amp; Industrial, g-3 (40,000 to 99,999)</b>								
Firm Comm. Ind. (Fg-3)	31,539,279	\$ 4,834,849	\$ 14,557,113	\$ 19,391,961	\$ (309,085)	\$ 19,082,876	(1.59)%	(6.39)%
Agricultural Seasonal Use (Ag-3)	496,261	83,747	195,636	279,383	(4,863)	274,520	(1.74)%	(5.81)%
Natural Gas Vehicles (NGV-3)	59,200	9,045	24,785	33,830	(580)	33,250	(1.71)%	(6.41)%
Inter. Comm. Ind. (Ig-3)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport Commercial (Tf-3)	6,297,509	743,757	(10,742)	733,015	(38,415)	694,600	(5.24)%	(5.16)%
Subtotal g-3	38,392,249	\$ 5,671,398	\$ 14,766,791	\$ 20,438,190	\$ (352,943)	\$ 20,085,246	(1.73)%	(6.22)%
<b>Commercial &amp; Industrial g-4 (100,000 to 499,999)</b>								
Firm Comm. Ind. (Fg-4)	20,844,582	\$ 2,601,848	\$ 9,486,357	\$ 12,088,205	\$ (162,588)	\$ 11,925,618	(1.35)%	(6.25)%
Agricultural Seasonal Use (Ag-4)	274,304	39,997	107,190	147,187	(2,140)	145,047	(1.45)%	(5.35)%
Inter. Comm. Ind. (Ig-4)	4,040,775	475,135	1,571,556	2,046,691	(31,518)	2,015,173	(1.54)%	(6.63)%
Transport Commercial (Tf-4)	43,830,299	3,739,621	(74,767)	3,664,854	(197,236)	3,467,618	(5.38)%	(5.27)%
Subtotal g-4	68,989,960	\$ 6,856,601	\$ 11,090,337	\$ 17,946,938	\$ (393,482)	\$ 17,553,456	(2.19)%	(5.74)%
<b>Commercial &amp; Industrial g-5 (500,000 to 999,999)</b>								
Firm Comm. Ind. (Fg-5)	1,825,598	\$ 196,239	\$ 830,363	\$ 1,026,602	\$ (6,937)	\$ 1,019,665	(0.68)%	(3.54)%
Agricultural Seasonal Use (Ag-5)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inter. Comm. Ind. (Ig-5)	749,991	75,999	291,690	367,689	(2,850)	364,839	(0.78)%	(3.75)%
Transport Commercial (Tf-5)	24,381,811	1,940,460	(41,591)	1,898,869	(34,135)	1,864,734	(1.80)%	(1.76)%
Subtotal g-5	26,957,400	\$ 2,212,698	\$ 1,080,462	\$ 3,293,160	\$ (43,922)	\$ 3,249,239	(1.33)%	(1.98)%
<b>Commercial &amp; Industrial g-6 (1,000,000 to 7,999,999)</b>								
Firm Comm. Ind. (Fg-6)	1,761,210	\$ 147,318	\$ 818,333	\$ 965,650	\$ (6,164)	\$ 959,486	(0.64)%	(4.18)%
Inter. Comm. Ind. (Ig-6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport Commercial (Tf-6)	103,026,513	5,608,944	(175,745)	5,433,199	(206,053)	5,227,146	(3.79)%	(3.67)%
Subtotal g-6	104,787,723	\$ 5,756,261	\$ 642,588	\$ 6,398,849	\$ (212,217)	\$ 6,186,632	(3.32)%	(3.69)%
<b>Commercial &amp; Industrial, g-7 (8,000,000+)</b>								
Firm Comm. Ind. (Fg-7)	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inter. Comm. Ind. (Ig-7)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport Commercial (Tf-7)	50,463,045	1,845,091	(86,081)	1,759,010	(95,880)	1,663,131	(5.45)%	(5.20)%
Subtotal g-7	50,463,045	\$ 1,845,091	\$ (86,081)	\$ 1,759,010	\$ (95,880)	\$ 1,663,131	(5.45)%	(5.20)%
<b>Total Gas Sales Rate Revenues</b>	768,500,962	\$ 167,614,295	\$ 249,890,978	\$ 417,505,272	\$ (8,027,949)	\$ 409,477,323	(1.92)%	(4.79)%
<b>Power Generators</b>	36,967,024	2,365,910	(23,276)	2,342,634	(33,495)	2,309,139	(1.43)%	(1.42)%
<b>Total Gas Sales Revenue</b>	805,467,986	\$ 169,980,205	\$ 249,867,702	\$ 419,847,907	\$ (8,061,444)	\$ 411,786,463	(1.92)%	(4.74)%
<b>Plus Other Revenue</b>		\$ 1,392,200	\$ -	\$ 1,392,200		\$ 1,392,200	0.00%	-
<b>Total Gas Operating Revenues</b>		\$ 171,372,405	\$ 249,867,702	\$ 421,240,107	\$ (8,061,444)	\$ 413,178,663	(1.91)%	(4.70)%

## Wisconsin Electric - Gas Operations

### Gas Rate Comparison Present and Authorized Gas Rates

	Present Rates	Authorized Rates
<b>Residential</b>		
Daily Basic Distribution Charge (Rg-1, Rt-1)	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.31
Transportation Administrative Charge (Rt-1)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Volumetric Charges:		
Distribution Service Charge (Rg-1, Rt-1)	\$ 0.1644	\$ 0.1441
Daily Balancing Charge (Rg-1, Rt-1)	\$ 0.0018	\$ 0.0018
Competitive Supply Charge (Rg-1)	\$ 0.0369	\$ 0.0332
Peak Day Backup Charge (Rg-1)	\$ 0.0022	\$ 0.0022
<b>Commercial (0 to 3,999)</b>		
Daily Basic Distribution Charge (Fg-1, Ag-1, NGV-1, Tf-1)	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.31
Transportation Administrative Charge (Tf-1)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Volumetric Charges:		
Distribution Service Charge (Fg-1, Ag-1, NGV-1, Tf-1)	\$ 0.1644	\$ 0.1441
Daily Balancing Charge (Fg-1, Ag-1, NGV-1, Tf-1)	\$ 0.0018	\$ 0.0018
Competitive Supply Charge (Fg-1, NGV-1, Ag-1)	\$ 0.0369	\$ 0.0332
Peak Day Backup Charge (Fg-1, NGV-1, Ag-1)	\$ 0.0022	\$ 0.0022
<b>Commercial (4,000 to 39,999)</b>		
Daily Basic Distribution Charge (Fg-2, Ag-2, NGV-2, Tf-2)	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.85
Transportation Administrative Charge (Tf-2)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Volumetric Charges:		
Distribution Service Charge (Fg-2, Ag-2, NGV-2, Tf-2)	\$ 0.1218	\$ 0.1126
Daily Balancing Charge (Fg-2, Ag-2, NGV-2, Tf-2)	\$ 0.0018	\$ 0.0018
Competitive Supply Charge (Fg-2, Ag-2, NGV-2)	\$ 0.0363	\$ 0.0326
Peak Day Backup Charge (Fg-2, Ag-2, NGV-2)	\$ 0.0022	\$ 0.0022

## Wisconsin Electric - Gas Operations

### Gas Rate Comparison Present and Authorized Gas Rates

	Present Rates	Authorized Rates
Commercial (40,000 to 99,999)		
Daily Basic Distribution Charge (Fg-3, Ag-3, NGV-3, Tf-3)	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
Transportation Administrative Charge (Tf-3)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Volumetric Charges:		
Distribution Service Charge (Fg-3, Ag-3, NGV-3, Tf-3)	\$ 0.0755	\$ 0.0694
Daily Balancing Charge (Fg-3, Ag-3, NGV-3, Tf-3)	\$ 0.0018	\$ 0.0018
Competitive Supply Charge (Fg-3, Ag-3, NGV-3)	\$ 0.0363	\$ 0.0326
Peak Day Backup Charge (Fg-3, Ag-3, NGV-3)	\$ 0.0022	\$ 0.0022
Commercial (100,000 to 499,999)		
Daily Basic Distribution Charge (Fg-4, Ag-4, Ig-4, Tf-4)	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.00
Transportation Administrative Charge (Tf-4)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Volumetric Charges:		
Distribution Service Charge (Fg-4, Ag-4, Ig-4, Tf-4)	\$ 0.0649	\$ 0.0604
Daily Balancing Charge (Fg-4, Ag-4, Ig-4, Tf-4)	\$ 0.0018	\$ 0.0018
Competitive Supply Charge (Fg-4, Ag-4, Ig-4)	\$ 0.0330	\$ 0.0297
Peak Day Backup Charge (Fg-4, Ag-4)	\$ 0.0022	\$ 0.0022
Commercial (500,000 to 999,999)		
Daily Basic Distribution Charge (Fg-5, Ag-5, Ig-5, Tf-5)	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
Transportation Administrative Charge (Tf-5)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Volumetric Charges:		
Distribution Service Charge (Fg-5, Ag-5, Ig-5, Tf-5)	\$ 0.0584	\$ 0.0570
Daily Balancing Charge (Fg-5, Ag-5, Ig-5, Tf-5)	\$ 0.0018	\$ 0.0018
Competitive Supply Charge (Fg-5, Ag-5, Ig-5)	\$ 0.0241	\$ 0.0217
Peak Day Backup Charge (Fg-5, Ag-5)	\$ 0.0022	\$ 0.0022

## Wisconsin Electric - Gas Operations

### Gas Rate Comparison Present and Authorized Gas Rates

	Present Rates	Authorized Rates
Commercial (1,000,000 to 7,999,999)		
Daily Basic Distribution Charge (Fg-6, Ig-6, Tf-6)	\$ 115.00	\$ 115.00
Transportation Administrative Charge (Tf-6)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Volumetric Charges:		
Distribution Service Charge (Fg-6, Ig-6, Tf-6)	\$ 0.0288	\$ 0.0268
Demand Charge (Fg-6, Ig-6, Tf-6)	\$ 0.0030	\$ 0.0030
Daily Balancing Charge (Fg-6, Ig-6, Tf-6)	\$ 0.0018	\$ 0.0018
Competitive Supply Charge (Fg-6, Ig-6)	\$ 0.0149	\$ 0.0134
Peak Day Backup Charge (Fg-6)	\$ 0.0022	\$ 0.0022
Commercial (8,000,000+)		
Daily Basic Distribution Charge (Fg-7, Ig-7, Tf-7)	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Transportation Administrative Charge (Tf-7)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Volumetric Charges:		
Distribution Service Charge (Fg-7, Ig-7, Tf-7)	\$ 0.0182	\$ 0.0163
Demand Charge (Fg-7, Ig-7, Tf-7)	\$ 0.0024	\$ 0.0024
Daily Balancing Charge (Fg-7, Ig-7, Tf-7)	\$ 0.0018	\$ 0.0018
Competitive Supply Charge (Fg-7, Ig-7)	\$ 0.0149	\$ 0.0119
Peak Day Backup Charge (Fg-7)	\$ 0.0022	\$ 0.0022
Electric Generation Special Contract Service		
Fixed Daily Charges:		
Pt-2	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Pt-6	\$ 1,444.00	\$ 1,444.00
Pt-7	\$ 267.00	\$ 267.00
Pt-8	\$ 331.00	\$ 331.00
Pt-9	\$ 253.20	\$ 253.20
Volumetric Charges:		
Pt-2	\$ 0.0117	\$ 0.0087
Pt-6	\$ 0.0294	\$ 0.0265
Pt-7	\$ 0.0287	\$ 0.0258
Pt-8	\$ 0.0285	\$ 0.0256
Pt-9	\$ 0.0015	\$ 0.0015
Demand Charge	\$ -	\$ -
Pt-9	\$ 0.0150	\$ 0.0150

## Wisconsin Electric - Gas Operations

### Gas Rate Comparison Present and Authorized Gas Rates

	Present Rates	Authorized Rates
Base Gas Cost Rates:		
Average Peak Day Demand Costs - Volumetric	\$ 0.1493	\$ 0.0929
Average Peak Day Demand Costs - Contracted	\$ 0.0315	\$ 0.0175
Average Annual Contract Demand Costs	\$ 0.0188	\$ 0.0241
Average Annual Demand Costs	\$ 0.0188	\$ 0.0241
Average Commodity Costs	\$ 0.6221	\$ 0.3665
Average Surcharge Costs	\$ -	\$ -
LDC Reserved Gas Supply - Commodity Charge	\$ 0.6340	\$ 0.3864
Gas Lost And Unaccounted For Rate	\$ (0.0054)	\$ (0.0017)
Daily Cashout Charges:		
Competitive Supply	\$ 0.0203	\$ 0.0177
Peak Day Backup	\$ 0.0022	\$ 0.0022
Act 141 Volumetric Distribution Factors 1/		
Residential	\$ 0.0089	\$ 0.0124
Commercial G-1 (0 to 3,999)	\$ 0.0161	\$ 0.0224
Commercial G-2 (4,000 to 39,999)	\$ 0.0161	\$ 0.0224
Commercial G-3 (40,000 to 99,999)	\$ 0.0161	\$ 0.0224
Commercial G-4 (100,000 to 499,999)	\$ 0.0161	\$ 0.0224
Commercial G-5 (500,000 to 999,999)	\$ 0.0161	\$ 0.0224
Commercial G-6 (1,000,000 to 7,999,999)	\$ 0.0001	\$ 0.0001
Commercial G-7 (8,000,000+)	\$ 0.0001	\$ 0.0001

1/ Act 141 volumetric distribution factors are included in the above volumetric Distribution Service Charges.

### Wisconsin Electric - Gas Operations Monthly Residential Bill Impact Analysis

Gas Costs	Summer	Winter
Firm Sales Service	0.3889	0.4818

Monthly Use Therms	Present					Authorized					Monthly Bill Increase (Decrease)	Monthly Percent Increase (Decrease)	
	Present Customer Charge	Volumetric Distribution Charges	Total Monthly Cost	Gas Costs	Total Costs	Authorized Customer Charge	Volumetric Distribution Charges	Total Monthly Cost	Gas Costs	Total Costs			
<b>Rg-1: Residential Firm Sales Service During Summer Months</b>													
5	\$ 8.82	\$ 1.03	\$ 9.85	\$ 1.94	\$ 11.79	\$ 9.43	\$ 0.91	\$ 10.34	\$ 1.94	\$ 12.28	\$ 0.49	4.14%	
15	\$ 8.82	\$ 3.08	\$ 11.90	\$ 5.83	\$ 17.73	\$ 9.43	\$ 2.72	\$ 12.15	\$ 5.83	\$ 17.98	\$ 0.25	1.40%	
21 avg.	\$ 8.82	\$ 4.31	\$ 13.13	\$ 8.17	\$ 21.30	\$ 9.43	\$ 3.81	\$ 13.24	\$ 8.17	\$ 21.40	\$ 0.10	0.49%	
35	\$ 8.82	\$ 7.19	\$ 16.01	\$ 13.61	\$ 29.62	\$ 9.43	\$ 6.35	\$ 15.77	\$ 13.61	\$ 29.39	\$ (0.23)	(0.78)%	
50	\$ 8.82	\$ 10.27	\$ 19.09	\$ 19.45	\$ 38.53	\$ 9.43	\$ 9.07	\$ 18.49	\$ 19.45	\$ 37.94	\$ (0.59)	(1.54)%	
75	\$ 8.82	\$ 15.40	\$ 24.22	\$ 29.17	\$ 53.39	\$ 9.43	\$ 13.60	\$ 23.03	\$ 29.17	\$ 52.20	\$ (1.19)	(2.23)%	
100	\$ 8.82	\$ 20.53	\$ 29.35	\$ 38.89	\$ 68.24	\$ 9.43	\$ 18.13	\$ 27.56	\$ 38.89	\$ 66.45	\$ (1.79)	(2.63)%	
108	\$ 8.82	\$ 22.17	\$ 30.99	\$ 42.00	\$ 73.00	\$ 9.43	\$ 19.58	\$ 29.01	\$ 42.00	\$ 71.01	\$ (1.98)	(2.72)%	
150	\$ 8.82	\$ 30.80	\$ 39.62	\$ 58.34	\$ 97.95	\$ 9.43	\$ 27.20	\$ 36.62	\$ 58.34	\$ 94.96	\$ (2.99)	(3.05)%	
200	\$ 8.82	\$ 41.06	\$ 49.88	\$ 77.78	\$ 127.67	\$ 9.43	\$ 36.26	\$ 45.69	\$ 77.78	\$ 123.47	\$ (4.19)	(3.28)%	
300	\$ 8.82	\$ 61.59	\$ 70.41	\$ 116.68	\$ 187.09	\$ 9.43	\$ 54.39	\$ 63.82	\$ 116.68	\$ 180.50	\$ (6.59)	(3.52)%	
<b>Rg-1: Residential Firm Sales Service During Winter Months</b>													
5	0 \$ 8.82	\$ 1.03	\$ 9.85	\$ 2.41	\$ 12.26	\$ 9.43	\$ 0.91	\$ 10.34	\$ 2.41	\$ 12.74	\$ 0.49	3.98%	
15	0 \$ 8.82	\$ 3.08	\$ 11.90	\$ 7.23	\$ 19.13	\$ 9.43	\$ 2.72	\$ 12.15	\$ 7.23	\$ 19.38	\$ 0.25	1.30%	
21	0 \$ 8.82	\$ 4.31	\$ 13.13	\$ 10.12	\$ 23.25	\$ 9.43	\$ 3.81	\$ 13.24	\$ 10.12	\$ 23.35	\$ 0.10	0.45%	
35	0 \$ 8.82	\$ 7.19	\$ 16.01	\$ 16.86	\$ 32.87	\$ 9.43	\$ 6.35	\$ 15.77	\$ 16.86	\$ 32.64	\$ (0.23)	(0.70)%	
50	0 \$ 8.82	\$ 10.27	\$ 19.09	\$ 24.09	\$ 43.18	\$ 9.43	\$ 9.07	\$ 18.49	\$ 24.09	\$ 42.59	\$ (0.59)	(1.37)%	
75	0 \$ 8.82	\$ 15.40	\$ 24.22	\$ 36.14	\$ 60.35	\$ 9.43	\$ 13.60	\$ 23.03	\$ 36.14	\$ 59.16	\$ (1.19)	(1.97)%	
100	0 \$ 8.82	\$ 20.53	\$ 29.35	\$ 48.18	\$ 77.53	\$ 9.43	\$ 18.13	\$ 27.56	\$ 48.18	\$ 75.74	\$ (1.79)	(2.31)%	
108 avg.	\$ 8.82	\$ 22.17	\$ 30.99	\$ 52.04	\$ 83.03	\$ 9.43	\$ 19.58	\$ 29.01	\$ 52.04	\$ 81.05	\$ (1.98)	(2.39)%	
150	0 \$ 8.82	\$ 30.80	\$ 39.62	\$ 72.27	\$ 111.89	\$ 9.43	\$ 27.20	\$ 36.62	\$ 72.27	\$ 108.90	\$ (2.99)	(2.67)%	
200	0 \$ 8.82	\$ 41.06	\$ 49.88	\$ 96.36	\$ 146.24	\$ 9.43	\$ 36.26	\$ 45.69	\$ 96.36	\$ 142.05	\$ (4.19)	(2.87)%	
300	0 \$ 8.82	\$ 61.59	\$ 70.41	\$ 144.55	\$ 214.96	\$ 9.43	\$ 54.39	\$ 63.82	\$ 144.55	\$ 208.37	\$ (6.59)	(3.07)%	
<b>Avg. Annual Residential Billing</b>													
774	\$ 105.85	\$ 158.90	\$ 264.75	\$ 361.22	\$ 625.98	\$ 113.15	\$ 140.33	\$ 253.48	\$ 361.22	\$ 614.70	\$ (11.28)	(1.80)%	

**Wisconsin Gas Company LLC  
Gas Revenue Summary  
2013**

Distribution Classes and Other Cost Categories	Volumes	Margin	+	= Rebundled	+ Authorized	= Total	Percent Change	
		Revenue at Current Rates	Cost of Gas Revenues	Service Revs. by Dist. Class	Total Revenue Change/Class	Bundled Rev. by Dist. Class	w/COG	w/o COG
<b>Residential and Rely-A-Bill</b>								
Residential (Rg-1)	430,725,051	\$ 174,248,804	\$ 213,475,696	\$ 387,724,500	\$ (20,846,067)	\$ 366,878,433	(5.38)%	(11.96)%
Subtotal	430,725,051	\$ 174,248,804	\$ 213,475,696	\$ 387,724,500	\$ (20,846,067)	\$ 366,878,433	(5.38)%	(11.96)%
<b>Commercial &amp; Industrial, G-1 (0 to 3,999)</b>								
Firm Comm. Ind. (Fg-1)	51,476,553	\$ 17,857,197	\$ 25,775,687	\$ 43,632,884	\$ (2,491,372)	\$ 41,141,512	(5.71)%	(13.95)%
Agricultural Seasonal Use (Ag-1)	152,491	43,801	62,291	106,091	(7,378)	98,714	(6.95)%	(16.84)%
Natural Gas Vehicles 1 (NGV-1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ornamental Lighting (OL)	-	3,590	-	3,590	(398)	3,192	(11.09)%	(11.09)%
Transport Commercial (TF-1)	49,831	16,385	(55)	16,330	(2,256)	14,074	(13.82)%	(13.77)%
Subtotal	51,678,875	\$ 17,920,974	\$ 25,837,922	\$ 43,758,895	\$ (2,501,404)	\$ 41,257,491	(5.72)%	(13.96)%
<b>Commercial &amp; Industrial, G-2 (4,000 to 39,999)</b>								
Firm Comm. Ind. (Fg-2)	144,968,172	\$ 33,863,608	\$ 71,630,675	\$ 105,494,283	\$ (5,175,221)	\$ 100,319,063	(4.91)%	(15.28)%
Agricultural Seasonal Use (Ag-2)	1,095,331	240,825	442,357	683,182	(39,106)	644,076	(5.72)%	(16.24)%
Natural Gas Vehicles 2 (NGV-2)	162,089	34,893	67,736	102,629	(5,787)	96,842	(5.64)%	(16.58)%
Transport Commercial 2 (TF-2)	6,766,744	1,286,710	(7,530)	1,279,181	(221,274)	1,057,907	(17.30)%	(17.20)%
Subtotal G-2	152,992,336	\$ 35,426,037	\$ 72,133,238	\$ 107,559,275	\$ (5,441,387)	\$ 102,117,887	(5.06)%	(15.36)%
<b>Commercial &amp; Industrial, G-3 (40,000 to 99,999)</b>								
Firm Comm. Ind. (Fg-3)	40,867,084	\$ 7,978,588	\$ 20,071,809	\$ 28,050,397	\$ (1,087,561)	\$ 26,962,835	(3.88)%	(13.63)%
Agricultural Seasonal Use (Ag-3)	781,025	155,702	320,900	476,602	(20,773)	455,829	(4.36)%	(13.34)%
Natural Gas Vehicles 3 (NGV-3)	91,223	16,595	37,737	54,332	(2,428)	51,904	(4.47)%	(14.63)%
Inter. Comm. Ind. (Ig-3)	212,648	40,032	84,503	124,535	(5,654)	118,881	(4.54)%	(14.12)%
Transport Commercial 3 (TF-3)	19,238,635	2,940,888	(21,408)	2,919,480	(457,881)	2,461,600	(15.68)%	(15.57)%
Subtotal G-3	61,190,615	\$ 11,131,806	\$ 20,493,541	\$ 31,625,346	\$ (1,574,297)	\$ 30,051,049	(4.98)%	(14.14)%
<b>Commercial &amp; Industrial G-4 (100,000 to 499,999)</b>								
Firm Comm. Ind. (Fg-4)	21,281,902	\$ 3,350,390	\$ 10,242,404	\$ 13,592,795	\$ (373,645)	\$ 13,219,149	(2.75)%	(11.15)%
Agricultural Seasonal Use (Ag-4)	776,233	135,198	316,456	451,654	(13,661)	437,993	(3.02)%	(10.10)%
Inter. Comm. Ind. (Ig-4)	2,356,273	370,003	936,341	1,306,344	(41,467)	1,264,876	(3.17)%	(11.21)%
Transport Commercial 4 (TF-4)	88,308,615	9,255,774	(98,266)	9,157,508	(1,315,798)	7,841,709	(14.37)%	(14.22)%
Subtotal g-4	112,723,023	\$ 13,111,365	\$ 11,396,935	\$ 24,508,300	\$ (1,744,572)	\$ 22,763,728	(7.12)%	(13.31)%
<b>Commercial &amp; Industrial G-5 (500,000 to 999,999)</b>								
Firm Comm. Ind. (Fg-5)	1,208,415	\$ 153,466	\$ 619,111	\$ 772,577	\$ (16,813)	\$ 755,764	(2.18)%	(10.96)%
Agricultural Seasonal Use (Ag-5)	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inter. Comm. Ind. (Ig-5)	2,131,793	270,777	847,137	1,117,914	(22,596)	1,095,318	(2.02)%	(8.34)%
Transport Commercial 5 (TF-5)	44,219,071	3,875,412	(39,514)	3,835,899	(375,864)	3,460,035	(9.80)%	(9.70)%
Subtotal G-5	47,559,279	\$ 4,299,656	\$ 1,426,734	\$ 5,726,390	\$ (415,273)	\$ 5,311,116	(7.25)%	(9.66)%
<b>Commercial &amp; Industrial G-6 (1,000,000 to 7,999,999)</b>								
Firm Comm. Ind. (Fg-6)	1,350,103	\$ 137,301	\$ 649,949	\$ 787,251	\$ (19,703)	\$ 767,548	(2.50)%	(14.35)%
Inter. Comm. Ind. (Ig-6)	6,627,973	629,988	2,633,838	3,263,826	(58,322)	3,205,504	(1.79)%	(9.26)%
Transport Commercial 6 (TF-6)	187,407,991	10,214,484	(208,539)	10,005,945	(1,255,631)	8,750,315	(12.55)%	(12.29)%
Subtotal g-6	195,386,067	\$ 10,981,773	\$ 3,075,249	\$ 14,057,022	\$ (1,333,656)	\$ 12,723,366	(9.49)%	(12.14)%
<b>Commercial &amp; Industrial, G-7 (8,000,000+)</b>								
Firm Comm. Ind. (Fg-7)	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Inter. Comm. Ind. (Ig-7)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport Commercial 7 (TF-7)	26,733,152	1,392,443	(29,747)	1,362,696	(247,231)	1,115,465	(18.14)%	(17.76)%
Subtotal G-7	26,733,152	\$ 1,392,443	\$ (29,747)	\$ 1,362,696	\$ (247,231)	\$ 1,115,465	(18.14)%	(17.76)%
Total Gas Rate Sales Revenues	1,078,988,398	\$ 268,512,857	\$ 347,809,567	\$ 616,322,423	\$ (34,103,887)	\$ 582,218,536	(5.53)%	(12.70)%
<b>Special Contracts</b>	319,453,478	7,955,770	(29,282)	7,926,488	(178,846)	7,747,642	(2.26)%	(2.25)%
<b>Total Gas Sales Revenues</b>	1,398,441,876	\$ 276,468,627	\$ 347,780,285	\$ 624,248,912	\$ (34,282,733)	\$ 589,966,178	(5.49)%	(12.40)%
<b>Plus Other Revenue</b>		\$ 4,544,100	\$ -	\$ 4,544,100		\$ 4,544,100	0.00%	-
<b>Total Gas Operating Revenues</b>		\$ 281,012,727	\$ 347,780,285	\$ 628,793,012	\$ (34,282,733)	\$ 594,510,278	(5.45)%	(12.20)%

**Wisconsin Gas Company LLC**

**Gas Rate Comparison  
Present and Authorized Gas Rates**

	Present Rates	Authorized Rates
<b>Residential</b>		
Daily Basic Distribution Charge (Rg-1, Rt-1)	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.31
Transportation Administrative Charge (Rt-1)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Volumetric Charges:		
Distribution Service Charge (Rg-1, Rt-1)	\$ 0.2091	\$ 0.1638
Daily Balancing Charge (Rg-1, Rt-1)	\$ 0.0013	\$ 0.0013
Competitive Supply Charge (Rg-1)	\$ 0.0490	\$ 0.0459
Peak Day Backup Charge (Rg-1)	\$ 0.0004	\$ 0.0004
<b>Commercial (0 to 3,999)</b>		
Daily Basic Distribution Charge (Fg-1, Ag-1, NGV-1, Tf-1)	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.31
Transportation Administrative Charge (Tf-1)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Volumetric Charges:		
Distribution Service Charge (Fg-1, Ag-1, NGV-1, Tf-1)	\$ 0.2091	\$ 0.1638
Daily Balancing Charge (Fg-1, Ag-1, NGV-1, Tf-1)	\$ 0.0013	\$ 0.0013
Competitive Supply Charge (Fg-1, NGV-1, Ag-1)	\$ 0.0490	\$ 0.0459
Peak Day Backup Charge (Fg-1, NGV-1, Ag-1)	\$ 0.0004	\$ 0.0004
<b>Commercial (4,000 to 39,999)</b>		
Daily Basic Distribution Charge (Fg-2, Ag-2, NGV-2, Tf-2)	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.85
Transportation Administrative Charge (Tf-2)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Volumetric Charges:		
Distribution Service Charge (Fg-2, Ag-2, NGV-2, Tf-2)	\$ 0.1558	\$ 0.1231
Daily Balancing Charge (Fg-2, Ag-2, NGV-2, Tf-2)	\$ 0.0013	\$ 0.0013
Competitive Supply Charge (Fg-2, Ag-2, NGV-2)	\$ 0.0483	\$ 0.0453
Peak Day Backup Charge (Fg-2, Ag-2, NGV-2)	\$ 0.0003	\$ 0.0003

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**Gas Rate Comparison  
Present and Authorized Gas Rates**

	Present Rates	Authorized Rates
<b>Commercial (40,000 to 99,999)</b>		
Daily Basic Distribution Charge (Fg-3, Ag-3, NGV-3, Tf-3)	\$ 5.80	\$ 5.80
Transportation Administrative Charge (Tf-3)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Volumetric Charges:		
Distribution Service Charge (Fg-3, Ag-3, NGV-3, Tf-3)	\$ 0.1122	\$ 0.0884
Daily Balancing Charge (Fg-3, Ag-3, NGV-3, Tf-3)	\$ 0.0013	\$ 0.0013
Competitive Supply Charge (Fg-3, Ag-3, NGV-3)	\$ 0.0449	\$ 0.0421
Peak Day Backup Charge (Fg-3, Ag-3, NGV-3)	\$ 0.0003	\$ 0.0003
<b>Commercial (100,000 to 499,999)</b>		
Daily Basic Distribution Charge (Fg-4, Ag-4, Ig-4, Tf-4)	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Transportation Administrative Charge (Tf-4)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Volumetric Charges:		
Distribution Service Charge (Fg-4, Ag-4, Ig-4, Tf-4)	\$ 0.0792	\$ 0.0643
Daily Balancing Charge (Fg-4, Ag-4, Ig-4, Tf-4)	\$ 0.0013	\$ 0.0013
Competitive Supply Charge (Fg-4, Ag-4, Ig-4)	\$ 0.0440	\$ 0.0413
Peak Day Backup Charge (Fg-4, Ag-4)	\$ 0.0003	\$ 0.0003
<b>Commercial (500,000 to 999,999)</b>		
Daily Basic Distribution Charge (Fg-5, Ag-5, Ig-5, Tf-5)	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
Transportation Administrative Charge (Tf-5)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Volumetric Charges:		
Distribution Service Charge (Fg-5, Ag-5, Ig-5, Tf-5)	\$ 0.0619	\$ 0.0534
Daily Balancing Charge (Fg-5, Ag-5, Ig-5, Tf-5)	\$ 0.0013	\$ 0.0013
Competitive Supply Charge (Fg-5, Ag-5, Ig-5)	\$ 0.0330	\$ 0.0309
Peak Day Backup Charge (Fg-5, Ag-5)	\$ 0.0003	\$ 0.0003

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**Gas Rate Comparison  
Present and Authorized Gas Rates**

	Present Rates	Authorized Rates
<b>Commercial (1,000,000 to 7,999,999)</b>		
Daily Basic Distribution Charge (Fg-6, Ig-6, Tf-6)	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00
Transportation Administrative Charge (Tf-6)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Volumetric Charges:		
Distribution Service Charge (Fg-6, Ig-6, Tf-6)	\$ 0.0333	\$ 0.0266
Demand Charge (Fg-6, Ig-6, Tf-6)	\$ 0.0026	\$ 0.0026
Daily Balancing Charge (Fg-6, Ig-6, Tf-6)	\$ 0.0013	\$ 0.0013
Competitive Supply Charge (Fg-6, Ig-6)	\$ 0.0330	\$ 0.0309
Peak Day Backup Charge (Fg-6)	\$ 0.0003	\$ 0.0003
<b>Commercial (8,000,000 and over)</b>		
Daily Basic Distribution Charge (Fg-7, Ig-7, Tf-7)	\$ 500.00	\$ 450.00
Transportation Administrative Charge (Tf-7)	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Volumetric Charges:		
Distribution Service Charge (Fg-7, Ig-7, Tf-7)	\$ 0.0259	\$ 0.0187
Demand Charge (Fg-7, Ig-7, Tf-7)	\$ 0.0018	\$ 0.0018
Daily Balancing Charge (Fg-7, Ig-7, Tf-7)	\$ 0.0013	\$ 0.0013
Competitive Supply Charge (Fg-7, Ig-7)	\$ 0.0220	\$ 0.0220
Peak Day Backup Charge (Fg-7)	\$ 0.0003	\$ 0.0003

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**Gas Rate Comparison  
Present and Authorized Gas Rates**

	Present Rates	Authorized Rates
<b>Monthly Ornamental Lighting</b>	\$ 15.75	\$ 14.00
<b>Base Gas Cost Rates:</b>		
Average Peak Day Demand Costs - Volumetric	\$ 0.1568	\$ 0.1183
Average Peak Day Demand Costs - Contracted	\$ 0.0431	\$ 0.0200
Average Annual Contract Demand Costs	\$ 0.0224	\$ 0.0331
Average Annual Demand Costs	\$ 0.0224	\$ 0.0331
Average Commodity Costs	\$ 0.6080	\$ 0.3654
Average Surcharge Costs	\$ -	\$ -
LDC Reserved Gas Supply - Commodity Charge	\$ 0.6442	\$ 0.3993
Gas Lost And Unaccounted For Rate	\$ (0.0053)	\$ (0.0011)
<b>Daily Cashout Charges:</b>		
Competitive Supply	\$ 0.0359	\$ 0.0336
Peak Day Backup	\$ 0.0003	\$ 0.0003
<b>Act 141 Volumetric Distribution Rates 1/</b>		
Residential	\$ 0.0093	\$ 0.0111
Commercial G-1 (0 to 3,999)	\$ 0.0150	\$ 0.0167
Commercial G-2 (4,000 to 39,999)	\$ 0.0150	\$ 0.0167
Commercial G-3 (40,000 to 99,999)	\$ 0.0150	\$ 0.0167
Commercial G-4 (100,000 to 499,999)	\$ 0.0150	\$ 0.0167
Commercial G-5 (500,000 to 999,999)	\$ 0.0150	\$ 0.0167
Commercial G-6 (1,000,000 to 7,999,999)	\$ 0.0001	\$ 0.0001
Commercial G-7 (8,000,000+)	\$ 0.0001	\$ 0.0001

1/ Act 141 volumetric distribution rates are included in the above volumetric Distribution Service Charges.

**Wisconsin Gas LLC  
Monthly Residential Bill Impact Analysis**

<b>Gas Costs</b>	Summer	Winter
<b>Firm Sales Service</b>	0.3974	0.5157

Monthly Use Therms	Present Customer Charge	Present Volumetric Distribution Charges	Total Monthly Cost	Present		Authorized Customer Charge	Authorized Volumetric Distribution Charges	Total Monthly Cost	Authorized		Monthly Bill Increase (Decrease)	Monthly Percent Increase (Decrease)
				Gas Costs	Total Costs				Gas Costs	Total Costs		
<b>Rg-1: Residential Firm Sales Service During Summer Months</b>												
5	\$ 9.43	\$ 1.30	\$ 10.73	\$ 1.99	\$ 12.72	\$ 9.43	\$ 1.06	\$ 10.49	\$ 1.99	\$ 12.47	\$ (0.24)	(1.90)%
15	\$ 9.43	\$ 3.90	\$ 13.33	\$ 5.96	\$ 19.29	\$ 9.43	\$ 3.17	\$ 12.60	\$ 5.96	\$ 18.56	\$ (0.73)	(3.76)%
22 avg.	\$ 9.43	\$ 5.72	\$ 15.14	\$ 8.74	\$ 23.89	\$ 9.43	\$ 4.65	\$ 14.08	\$ 8.74	\$ 22.82	\$ (1.06)	(4.46)%
35	\$ 9.43	\$ 9.09	\$ 18.52	\$ 13.91	\$ 32.43	\$ 9.43	\$ 7.40	\$ 16.83	\$ 13.91	\$ 30.74	\$ (1.69)	(5.22)%
50	\$ 9.43	\$ 12.99	\$ 22.42	\$ 19.87	\$ 42.29	\$ 9.43	\$ 10.57	\$ 20.00	\$ 19.87	\$ 39.87	\$ (2.42)	(5.72)%
75	\$ 9.43	\$ 19.49	\$ 28.91	\$ 29.80	\$ 58.72	\$ 9.43	\$ 15.86	\$ 25.28	\$ 29.80	\$ 55.09	\$ (3.63)	(6.18)%
100	\$ 9.43	\$ 25.98	\$ 35.41	\$ 39.74	\$ 75.15	\$ 9.43	\$ 21.14	\$ 30.57	\$ 39.74	\$ 70.31	\$ (4.84)	(6.44)%
108	\$ 9.43	\$ 28.06	\$ 37.49	\$ 42.92	\$ 80.40	\$ 9.43	\$ 22.83	\$ 32.26	\$ 42.92	\$ 75.18	\$ (5.23)	(6.50)%
150	\$ 9.43	\$ 38.97	\$ 48.40	\$ 59.61	\$ 108.01	\$ 9.43	\$ 31.71	\$ 41.14	\$ 59.61	\$ 100.75	\$ (7.26)	(6.72)%
200	\$ 9.43	\$ 51.96	\$ 61.39	\$ 79.48	\$ 140.87	\$ 9.43	\$ 42.28	\$ 51.71	\$ 79.48	\$ 131.19	\$ (9.68)	(6.87)%
300	\$ 9.43	\$ 77.94	\$ 87.37	\$ 119.21	\$ 206.58	\$ 9.43	\$ 63.42	\$ 72.85	\$ 119.21	\$ 192.06	\$ (14.52)	(7.03)%
<b>Rg-1: Residential Firm Sales Service During Winter Months</b>												
5	\$ 9.43	\$ 1.30	\$ 10.73	\$ 2.58	\$ 13.31	\$ 9.43	\$ 1.06	\$ 10.49	\$ 2.58	\$ 13.06	\$ (0.24)	(1.82)%
15	\$ 9.43	\$ 3.90	\$ 13.33	\$ 7.74	\$ 21.06	\$ 9.43	\$ 3.17	\$ 12.60	\$ 7.74	\$ 20.34	\$ (0.73)	(3.45)%
22	\$ 9.43	\$ 5.72	\$ 15.14	\$ 11.35	\$ 26.49	\$ 9.43	\$ 4.65	\$ 14.08	\$ 11.35	\$ 25.43	\$ (1.06)	(4.02)%
35	\$ 9.43	\$ 9.09	\$ 18.52	\$ 18.05	\$ 36.57	\$ 9.43	\$ 7.40	\$ 16.83	\$ 18.05	\$ 34.88	\$ (1.69)	(4.63)%
50	\$ 9.43	\$ 12.99	\$ 22.42	\$ 25.79	\$ 48.21	\$ 9.43	\$ 10.57	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.79	\$ 45.79	\$ (2.42)	(5.02)%
75	\$ 9.43	\$ 19.49	\$ 28.91	\$ 38.68	\$ 67.59	\$ 9.43	\$ 15.86	\$ 25.28	\$ 38.68	\$ 63.96	\$ (3.63)	(5.37)%
100	\$ 9.43	\$ 25.98	\$ 35.41	\$ 51.57	\$ 86.98	\$ 9.43	\$ 21.14	\$ 30.57	\$ 51.57	\$ 82.14	\$ (4.84)	(5.56)%
108 avg.	\$ 9.43	\$ 28.06	\$ 37.49	\$ 55.70	\$ 93.19	\$ 9.43	\$ 22.83	\$ 32.26	\$ 55.70	\$ 87.96	\$ (5.23)	(5.61)%
150	\$ 9.43	\$ 38.97	\$ 48.40	\$ 77.36	\$ 125.76	\$ 9.43	\$ 31.71	\$ 41.14	\$ 77.36	\$ 118.50	\$ (7.26)	(5.77)%
200	\$ 9.43	\$ 51.96	\$ 61.39	\$ 103.14	\$ 164.53	\$ 9.43	\$ 42.28	\$ 51.71	\$ 103.14	\$ 154.85	\$ (9.68)	(5.88)%
300	\$ 9.43	\$ 77.94	\$ 87.37	\$ 154.72	\$ 242.09	\$ 9.43	\$ 63.42	\$ 72.85	\$ 154.72	\$ 227.57	\$ (14.52)	(6.00)%
<b>Avg. Annual Residential Billing</b>												
780	\$ 113.15	\$ 202.64	\$ 315.79	\$ 386.64	\$ 702.44	\$ 113.15	\$ 164.89	\$ 278.04	\$ 386.64	\$ 664.68	\$ (37.75)	(5.37)%

2013 Approved Fuel Cost Plan  
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	<u>Fuel Costs</u>	<u>Net MWh Produced</u>	<u>Fuel Cost per Net MWh Produced</u>	<u>Cumulative Cost per MWh</u>
January	\$ 80,130,000	2,549,889	\$ 31.42	\$ 31.42
February	72,826,000	2,293,280	31.76	31.58
March	73,779,000	2,424,990	30.42	31.20
April	66,877,000	2,226,355	30.04	30.92
May	80,028,000	2,303,068	34.75	31.67
June	90,617,000	2,551,143	35.52	32.36
July	108,785,000	2,792,605	38.95	33.43
August	107,338,000	2,793,215	38.43	34.13
September	83,423,000	2,389,929	34.91	34.21
October	69,307,000	2,361,665	29.35	33.75
November	68,148,000	2,236,840	30.47	33.48
December	<u>79,270,000</u>	<u>2,486,968</u>	<u>31.87</u>	<u>33.34</u>
	<u>\$ 980,528,000</u>	<u>29,409,947</u>	<u>\$ 33.34</u>	<u>\$ 33.34</u>