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Commission Awards \$203,000 Intervener Compensation in Elm Road Case

MADISON – The Commission today awarded a total of \$203,637 to four groups to submit expert testimony in the Elm Road Generating Station case. We Energies is proposing to construct and place in operation 1,800 megawatts of coal-fired electric generation near its existing Oak Creek power plant.

Under state law, the Commission may award Intervener Compensation to a participant who would be impacted by a proposal, and who proposes to make a significant, relevant, non-duplicative contribution to the record of the case that would not be possible without compensation. Intervener Compensation is authorized up to a fixed amount by the state legislature and is funded by ratepayers. In deciding whether to award Intervener Compensation, the Commission must balance the benefits of an intervener's proposed contribution to a case with ratepayers' interests. The Commission must also reconcile the total amount of pending requests in each fiscal year with the maximum funds authorized for this use by the legislature.

The awards the Commission made are as follows:

Citizens for Responsible Power received \$76,000 out of \$123,280 requested. CRP proposed to provide expert testimony on land use and transportation impacts.

Citizens' Utility Board received \$40,500 out of \$48,325 requested. CUB proposed to address the need for power, including energy efficiency, load management, renewable resources, and distributed generation, alternative fuel sources and lease terms.

Wisconsin Environmental Decade received \$59,137 out of \$190,714 requested. WED proposed to address the need for the project, alternative fuels and environmental impacts.

Sierra Club received \$28,000 out of \$48,325 requested. The Sierra Club—Southeast Gateway Group proposed to examine environmental and community impacts.

The Commission reduced the awards in order to avoid duplicating analysis that will be performed by Commission staff. In a separate decision today, the Commission awarded the Citizens Utility Board \$47,000 of \$86,325 requested to participate in the review of We Energies' Plan to improve reliability. This award was also reduced to avoid duplicative analysis and legal review in the case.

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