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## Weston 4 Draft EIS Available

MADISON - The Public Service Commission (PSC) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have prepared a draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed “Weston 4” power plant.

The Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPS) has applied to the PSC to build a 515-megawatt, coal-fired electric power plant. This would be the fourth plant built at the existing Weston power plant site located by the Wisconsin River, south of Wausau in Marathon County. A new two-mile natural gas pipeline is also part of this project.

A 345-kilovolt transmission line would be needed to connect the power plant to a new substation that would be located in either Shawano or Waupaca County. The transmission line would be built by the American Transmission Company (ATC) who will submit a separate application for the transmission line project at a later date.

The draft Environmental Impact Statement provides a thorough study of the proposed project, outlining the potential for environmental, community and public health impacts. Although the application for ATC’s transmission line has not been submitted to the PSC yet, the possible impacts of the transmission line have also been included in the study.

Public input and feedback will be considered in drafting the final Environmental Impact Statement and public hearings will be held after the final Environmental Impact Statement is issued.

**The PSC and DNR would like your comments in preparing the final Environmental Impact Statement.**

**The draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on March 26<sup>th</sup> on the PSC website at <http://psc.wi.gov>.**

You can also request a copy by calling the PSC at (608) 267-3595 or emailing [westoneis@psc.state.wi.us](mailto:westoneis@psc.state.wi.us).

Comments will be accepted until May 10 and should include docket #6690-CE-187.

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