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PSC Report Shows Wisconsin Electric Providers Meeting or Exceeding Renewable Energy Standards

MADISON – The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) today announced that all 118 Wisconsin electric providers have met their renewable portfolio standards for 2007, 111 providers have exceeded the requirements for the year, and most are well on their way to meeting their increased obligations.

One key provision in 2005 Wisconsin Act 141 was an increase in the renewable portfolio standard, requiring Wisconsin retail electric providers to produce 10% of their electricity from renewable resources by the year 2015. For the years leading to 2015, Wisconsin utilities are required to report their progress in meeting the renewable milestones to the PSC. In 2007, Wisconsin utilities generated 114% of the 2007 requirement and as a result have excess renewable energy credits to use in the future.

“Although there are many challenges ahead, this report shows that Wisconsin is staying on a steady course to reaching Governor Doyle’s renewable energy goals,” said Chairperson Eric Callisto. “I commend the state’s electric utilities for their commitment to meeting Act 141 requirements, especially the nine utilities who have already met 2010 standards. I encourage utilities to continue their efforts and look forward to reviewing more proposed renewable projects in the future.”

“This report is good news for Wisconsin as it shows the significant progress Wisconsin utilities have made in increasing the use of renewable energy resources,” said Commissioner Mark Meyer. “Wisconsin continues to be a leader, and adopting M-RETS, a renewable energy generation tracking system, which helps electric providers keep track of their renewable energy credits in complying with Act 141, has proven itself to be a very effective tool.”

Currently, Wisconsin utilities generate about four percent of the state’s electricity from renewable resources – just under half of the requirements for the year 2015. In the past year, the PSC has approved several projects which will significantly increase renewable generation in the state, leading Wisconsin down the path of energy independence.

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Specific renewable energy projects that have been approved by the Commission and are completed or expected to be completed soon include:

- Forward Wind Energy's 66 turbine, 98 megawatt wind farm in Fond du Lac County, completed in 2008.
- Blue Sky Green Field – We Energies' 88 turbine, 200 megawatt wind farm in Fond du Lac County, completed in 2008.
- Cedar Ridge Wind Farm – Alliant Energy's 41 turbine, 98 megawatt wind farm in Fond du Lac County, completed in 2008.
- Top of Iowa – Madison Gas and Electric's 18 turbine, 30 megawatt wind farm in Iowa, completed in 2008.
- Crane Creek – Wisconsin Public Service's purchase of a 99 megawatt wind farm in Iowa, expected to be completed in 2009.

Documents associated with this case, including a chart of the 118 electric providers' reporting data, can be viewed on the PSC's Electronic Regulatory Filing System at <http://psc.wi.gov>. Type case number 5-GF-173 into the boxes provided on the PSC homepage, or click on the Electronic Regulatory Filing System button. For more information about M-RETS, please visit the PSC's website at: <http://psc.wi.gov/aboutus/initiatives/mrets.htm>.

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