



# Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

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## **PSC Awards Intervenor Compensation to Ratepayer Advocacy Group** *Funding Helps Organizations Participate in Commission Matters*

MADISON - Today, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) awarded a total of \$253,510 to the Citizens' Utility Board (CUB), a non-profit organization representing Wisconsin residential ratepayers. CUB receives the funds in order to participate in the formal review of five proposed utility rate cases before the Commission.

“There are many cases before us that require a sophisticated level of analysis when considering the economic impacts,” said Chairperson Eric Callisto. “The intervenor compensation fund allows the Commission to hear from a diverse range of voices and helps ensure that Commission decisions reflect a broad public interest.”

In 1983, the Wisconsin State Legislature created the intervenor compensation program to provide financial assistance for organizations and individuals who choose to become an intervenor in a PSC proceeding. Each year, the PSC awards a number of various organizations and individuals with finances to help them participate in cases. The PSC is allotted approximately \$750,000 annually for intervenor groups.

In early 2009, five Wisconsin utilities filed applications with the PSC to raise natural gas, steam and electric rates. The utilities are: We Energies/Wisconsin Gas, Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, Wisconsin Power & Light and Madison Gas and Electric. The PSC has the authority to approve, deny or modify any proposed rate adjustment. To ensure a full and complete record, the PSC follows a process outlined by state law for every case. Part of this process is to perform a thorough application review and to gather input from the public and interested parties.

Documents associated with intervenor compensation requests and cases before the Commission are located on the PSC's Electronic Regulatory Filing System at <http://psc.wi.gov>. Type the appropriate case numbers in the boxes provided on the PSC homepage, or click on the Electronic Regulatory Filing System button.

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