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## PSC Submits Renewable Portfolio Standard Report

MADISON - At an open meeting earlier today, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin voted to submit a report to the governor and the legislature which evaluates the impact of the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) on electric rates. The report is statutorily required under Wis. Stat. §196.378(4r) and due on July 1, 2012.

The report notes the Commission has approved capital costs amounting to approximately \$1.7 billion since 2007 for new utility-owned renewable facilities. Using two different perspectives, the report summarizes the overall effect of Wisconsin's RPS on ratepayers from 2008 to 2010, concluding ratepayers paid nearly \$210 million from the perspective of new renewable generation, or, from the perspective of new renewable electricity sales, approximately \$191 million.

Analysis Perspective	Revenue Requirement (\$)	Percent Impact (%)
New Renewable Generation	\$209.7 million	1.09%
New Renewable Sales	\$190.9 million	1.00%

"As Wisconsin lawmakers consider the appropriate balance to achieve affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy, it is important to have access to information about the effect of policies that are currently in place," said Commission Chairperson Phil Montgomery. "While many factors, including the economy, have affected the price of and demand for energy since Wisconsin first enacted a Renewable Portfolio Standard, tracking our progress through this biannual report is an important tool for legislators, regulators, and the public."

"Commission staff analysis confirms that balancing the state's generation portfolio with clean, renewable energy facilities comes at a reasonable cost to consumers," said Commissioner Eric Callisto. "As was intended by the passage of the Renewable Portfolio Standard, these additions to the fleet provide balance to the fossil fuel units that make up the majority of Wisconsin's generation, act as important risk mitigation tools in a future of increasing air regulation, and provide opportunities for economic development within the four corners of the state."

"This information contained in this report is helpful to understand the bigger picture and helps put the current policies in context," said Commissioner Ellen Nowak. "Obtaining actual numbers for all of this data is very difficult or impossible, but Commission staff worked extremely hard to provide the most accurate information possible for ratepayers to review."

**The entire report is available at the following link:**

[http://psc.wi.gov/apps35/ERF\\_view/viewdoc.aspx?docid=166782](http://psc.wi.gov/apps35/ERF_view/viewdoc.aspx?docid=166782)

All documents associated with the Renewable Portfolio Standard Evaluation Report to the Legislature can be found by searching the Commission's Electronic Regulatory Filing system for docket number 5-GF-220. To search, click on the "Electronic Regulatory Filing System" button on the Commission home page, <http://psc.wi.gov>.

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