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Potential Reconnection for Utility Customers with Health Risks *Suggestions to Help Stay Cool During Extreme Heat*

MADISON – When summer temperatures reach unbearable levels like they are predicted to today and tomorrow, staying cool is a priority, especially for those with health problems. The National Weather Service has issued a heat advisory until tomorrow evening for Wisconsin. Temperatures are expected to reach the upper 90s and heat index readings are over 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) would like to remind customers who have had their electric service disconnected to contact their utility for possible reconnection. If you believe you face a potential threat to your health or life because of the heat and do not have electric service to help keep you cool, please contact your local utility for possible reconnection. The utility may require that you provide a licensed physician's statement or notice from a public health, social service or law enforcement official that identifies your medical emergency. Upon expiration of the heat advisory, the utility may disconnect your service without prior notice if an approved payment arrangement has not been established.

The PSC would also like to remind all Wisconsin citizens of some simple ways to stay safe and cool during these hot days.

- Drink plenty of fluids, stay out of the sun and check up on relatives, neighbors and pets.
- Close windows, drapes, shades and blinds to keep the sun out – especially on the west and south sides of your home.
- Stay away from direct heat and wear lighter and looser clothing.
- Use natural lighting rather than heat-generating light bulbs.
- Use air conditioners that are Energy Star® qualified.
- Check that no objects are blocking the air vents of your air conditioner.
- Turn off electronics, such as computers, radios and televisions which you are not using.
- If you do not have an air conditioner, use window fans to blow warm air out of your home. Use a house fan and ceiling fans to keep the air circulating.
- Cook outside or with small appliances rather than using the stove or oven.
- Avoid doing laundry or using dishwashers.

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