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Additional Public Hearings Scheduled for WPSC Rate Request *Public Encouraged to Provide Testimony*

MADISON – The Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a second round of public hearings on Wisconsin Public Service Corporation's (WPSC) request to increase electric and natural gas service rates. The hearings will be held on October 18th in Green Bay and Wausau. WPSC is requesting to increase electric rates by \$137 million or 15.8 percent and natural gas rates by \$22.5 million or 3.9 percent.

Due to some confusion over the dates of the hearings held in September, the PSC is holding additional public hearings to ensure citizens and interested parties have an opportunity to provide testimony about WPSC's request. The testimony provided at the previous hearings and at these upcoming hearings will be included in the record which the Commission will review as it prepares to make a decision.

When a utility requests a change in rates, the PSC conducts a thorough audit of the utility's expenses and revenues. The agency will look at the amount WPSC needs to provide a reliable source of energy to customers, which includes costs of fuel, maintenance, new construction and environmental protection.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the public hearings and provide testimony on WPSC's rate request. The hearings will be held by teleconference and will utilize a speaker phone. The PSC also accepts written comments at the public hearings, through mail or electronically through the website at: <http://psc.wi.gov/>. The hearings are set to begin:

Wednesday, October 18th
3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn City Centre
200 Main Street
Lake Erie Room
Green Bay, WI

Westwood Conference Center
1800 Westwood Center Blvd.
Room 106
Wausau, WI

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The hearing locations are accessible to people with wheelchairs. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact Mary McIlwee at 608-267-7915.

Documents associated with WPSC's application, can be viewed on the PSC's Electronic Repository System at <http://psc.wi.gov/>. Click on ERF System, select Search Electronic Repository System and enter docket 6690-UR-118.

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