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## **PSC Takes Next Step to Meeting Energy Efficiency and Renewables Goals**

MADISON, WI – Today, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) took another step in implementing the state’s energy efficiency and renewables law – bringing Wisconsin to the forefront of energy independence and environmental responsibility.

“The rules we adopted today represent the significant work that all parties have put into moving forward with Governor Doyle’s energy efficiency and renewable goals,” said Chairperson Dan Ebert. “The rules are consistent with the spirit of the law and will help the state move forward in being more energy independent.”

A year ago, Governor Jim Doyle signed the most sweeping energy legislation in Wisconsin’s history into law, 2005 Wisconsin Act 141. The new law requires 10% of the energy used in Wisconsin to come from renewables by 2015 and strengthens Wisconsin’s current statewide energy efficiency program. The rules adopted by the Commission today implement the provisions of the new law, including moving oversight of the statewide and other energy efficiency programs to the PSC.

“I commend the hard work of Chairman Dan Ebert, Commissioner Mark Meyer, and the PSC staff in drafting these critical rules, which help move the energy efficiency and renewables legislation forward,” said Commissioner Lauren Azar.

Last week the Governor announced other initiatives to continue to make Wisconsin a leader energy independence and global warming that included creating an Office of Energy Independence, appointing a Global Warming Task Force and launching a Renewable Energy Credit Trading System for the Midwest.

The rules approved today strengthen the energy efficiency and renewable resource programs for the state and establish guidelines for programs that utilities and industrial customers can implement. The rules establish procedures that will:

- Secure and stabilize funding for energy efficiency and renewable programs
- Outline goals for the state and the various utility and customer programs
- Assess programs to make sure goals are being met
- Help utilities and customers increase efficiency and reduce energy costs

- Provide an avenue for reporting back to ratepayers on energy efficiency gains

The energy efficiency and renewable program rules approved by the Commission today will now go to the Legislature for review.

For more information about the initiatives Governor Doyle and several key energy and environmental stakeholders announced last week, please see the Governor's press release at: [http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/journal\\_media\\_detail.asp?locid=19&prid=2588](http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/journal_media_detail.asp?locid=19&prid=2588).

For more information about Wisconsin implementing the Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking system, please see the PSC's press release at: <http://psc.wi.gov/pdf/News%20Releases/2007/04%20April/M-RETS.pdf>.