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PSC to hold Public Hearings on We Energies' Rate Request

MADISON – The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) will hold public hearings on Tuesday, November 6 in Madison, Brookfield and Kenosha regarding We Energies' request to increase electric and natural gas rates.

We Energies has requested to increase electric rates by approximately 7.5% for 2008 and 7.5% for 2009. The company has also requested to increase natural gas rates by 1.8% for Wisconsin Electric Gas Operations and 4.2% for Wisconsin Gas Company for 2008. The application also includes a request to increase steam operations rates by about 16% for 2008.

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 We Energies needs to provide a reliable source of energy to customers, which includes costs of fuel, maintenance, new construction and environmental protection.

Public comments on We Energies' application will be included in the record the Commission will review to make a decision. The Commission has the authority to approve, deny or modify the application. Citizens are encouraged to attend the hearings, which will be broadcasted simultaneously from three different locations at the following times:

**Tuesday, November 6th
3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

**PSC State Office Building
Amnicon Falls Rm – 1st floor
610 North Whitney Way
Madison, WI**

**Sheraton Hotel
Moorland 3 Room
375 South Moorland Road
Brookfield, WI**

**Gateway Technical College
Center for Bioscience & IT
Executive Training Room
3520 30th Avenue
Kenosha, WI**

If you cannot attend the public hearings, but would like to provide comments, you can do so on the PSC's website at <http://psc.wi.gov> through November 6. Click on the Public Comments button on the PSC's homepage and click on the case title.

The hearing locations are accessible to people in wheelchairs. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate should contact Case Coordinator, Mary McIlwee, at 608-267-7915.

Documents associated with We Energies' application can be viewed on the PSC's Electronic Regulatory Filing System at <http://psc.wi.gov/>. Type case number 5-UR-103 in the boxes provided on the PSC homepage, or click on the Electronic Regulatory Filing System button.

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