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**Public Service Commission Issues Draft Strategic Energy Assessment**

[Madison, Wis.] - Today, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin issued a draft version of its biennial Strategic Energy Assessment. The draft is currently available for public comment and review.

The Commission prepares a strategic energy assessment every two years to evaluate the state's current and future energy demands, how those demands will be met, and the reliability of the electrical system over the next seven years. The report includes data and information from Wisconsin utilities, power cooperatives, municipal electric companies and other electricity and transmission providers. Additional information was collected from the Midcontinent Independent System Operator.

The Commission's latest assessment, "Draft Strategic Energy Assessment 2020," considers issues in Wisconsin related to maintenance of a balanced energy portfolio, stable rates for customers, and sustainable practices regarding power in Wisconsin's future.

The goal of this assessment is to explore these key issues for better planning and integrating energy generation and transmission in the years to come.

The Commission is asking the public to comment on the draft report. Based upon the comments received on the draft, the Commission will issue a final report. The comment period begins today and will run through August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Comments can be provided in the following ways:

- Public hearing testimony:  
Tuesday, July 15, 2014  
Amnicon Falls Hearing Room, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
610 N. Whitney Way, Madison, WI 53707
- By letter addressed to:  
Docket #5-ES-107  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854
- Or, electronically, at the Commission's website, <http://www.psc.wi.gov>, via link under "Hot Topics."

The full version of the draft strategic energy assessment can be viewed here:

[http://psc.wi.gov/apps35/ERF\\_view/viewdoc.aspx?docid=204159](http://psc.wi.gov/apps35/ERF_view/viewdoc.aspx?docid=204159)

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