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PSC Statement on Ozaukee County Distribution Interconnection Project

MADISON – The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin today revoked the completeness determination of American Transmission Company's (ATC) application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct and operate the Ozaukee County Distribution Interconnection Project.

A completeness determination starts the clock during which the Commission must take final action in a CPCN proceeding. Once a project application is determined to be complete, the PSC has 180 days to take final action on the application, unless the chairperson of the Commission extends the time period for an additional 180 days for good cause under Wis. Stat. § 196.491(3).

On December 15, 2025, the Commission deemed ATC's application complete, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.491(3)(a)2. Commission staff continued reviewing and analyzing the project, and various individuals and groups were granted party status to participate in the proceeding. A prehearing conference was held on March 20, 2026 and the docket schedule was set to ensure the Commission issued a decision before the statutory deadline. Throughout the proceeding, ATC filed a large number of substantial changes to its project application.

On July 1, 2026, the PSC's Administrative Law Judge, who is granted the authority to regulate the course of the proceeding, raised serious concerns about the missing and changing information and issued directives requesting specific remedies to bring clarity to the proceeding. Participating parties also raised concerns about the numerous project changes and ultimately requested the Commission revoke its completeness determination. On July 30, 2026, the Commission issued a Notice and Request for Comments related to the question of whether the completeness determination should be revoked. A more detailed timeline of the docket proceeding is available in the Commission's Notice and Request for Comment [here](#).

At the August 6, 2026, open meeting, the Commission unanimously revoked the completeness determination and deemed the application incomplete due to substantial changes to the project application. This action terminates the statutory deadline triggered by the initial completeness determination of December 2025 and closes this docket. The Commission's decision is not a denial of the project. The applicant may

choose to file a subsequent application seeking a CPCN in a new, separate docket—an action that would start the process from the beginning.

Due to the decision today, the public hearings originally scheduled for August 18, 2026 in Fredonia and August 19, 2026 in Kiel, are cancelled.

An informational page about this project is available [here](#). All filings related to the Ozaukee County Distribution Project (Docket 137-CE-221) are available on the PSC's Electronic Records Filing (ERF) System [here](#).

A recording of the PSC open meeting discussion is available on the PSC's YouTube channel [here](#).

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