PSC Awards Wisconsin Refueling Readiness Program Grants

MADISON – The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) announced today the award of $150,000 in Wisconsin Refueling Readiness (WRR) Program grants to support ongoing planning activities that strengthen energy security and disaster preparedness in the state. Since 2015, the PSC has awarded over $547,000 from the WRR Program to facilitate the fueling of utility line trucks and other emergency vehicles during major power outages or declared emergencies.

"The Refueling Readiness Program bolsters energy security in Wisconsin through emergency preparedness and public-private coordination," said PSC Chairperson Summer Strand. "These grants will help ensure that utility workers and others involved in emergency management and response have the tools needed to restore power and public safety as quickly as possible."

The WRR Program supports power restoration efforts in the event of an emergency by expanding the network of designated fueling locations throughout the state. In this fourth round of the grant program, the PSC awarded funding to thirteen projects across ten counties including six county highway shops and seven petroleum bulk storage facilities. These funds will be used to procure and install transfer switch equipment to support emergency vehicle refueling during outages.

The PSC's Office of Energy Innovation began accepting applications on December 8, 2023. Up to $150,000 in funds were available on a first-come, first-served basis through April 30, 2024. Eligible applicants for the WRR Program include municipal, county, and tribal community-owned highway shops and fueling stations; and privately-owned petroleum bulk storage facilities and fueling stations. The WRR program is a partnership with Wisconsin Emergency Management, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and Tribal and county emergency managers.

More information about the WRR Program is available here.

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