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Mr. Edward Marion, Administrative Law Judge
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
610 N. Whitney Way
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Madison Wisconsin 53707-7854

RE: PSCW Docket 137-CE-139: ATC's North Madison to Huiskamp Transmission Project

Judge Marion,

I'm filing as a concerned citizen and requesting full party status in the above-captioned matter. As a ratepayer, I question the effectiveness of the American Transmission Company's proposed transmission projects in Dane County.

I am requesting full party status in the above titled matter so as to assert my interest in the issues of the case. It would be most appropriate for the PSCW to deem this application incomplete, since the ATC has failed to respond to all of the PSCW information requests including information on the effects of conservation and renewables, and because the ATC has failed to provide credible justification of need, among other things.

All ratepayers will be affected by the PSCW decision regarding the ATC's North Madison to Huiskamp Transmission Project. My interests will not be adequately represented by other parties. Please direct all correspondence on this matter to:

Your Name Fred & Eileen Shoemaker
Your address 1209 Johnson, Stoughton, Wi. 53589

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Fred Shoemaker

Your Name

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WE NEED YOU
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TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

For months now, various groups in Dane County have been opposing the proposed American Transmission Company (ATC) high power lines, and we're making an impact through numerous politicians who have joined the cause. All but two of the County Board Supervisors (38) voted in opposition to building these lines, and they called for an independent study to prove the need first. Other opposers include Mayor Dave Cieslewicz, County Executive Kathleen Falk, Attorney General Peg Lautenschlager, Senator Fred Risser, Senator Erpenbach, as well as Representatives Sondy Pope-Roberts, Spencer Black, Mark Pocan, Gary Hebl, Terese Berceau, and Joe Parisi.

The Waunakee project is the first in line for approval. This case is extremely important, not only in how it will affect Waunakee, but as the precedent-setting case for the rest of Dane County. The Energy Initiative Study, which ATC uses to justify the need for all Dane County power lines, will be challenged in this venue.

On July 28th, ATC's Waunakee application was accepted by the WI PSC for consideration. Their acceptance was without ATC supplying additional information to the PSC on the effects of conservation and generation alternatives, as per the PSC's request and per Wisconsin State Statute 1.12 (4), and, despite our request for an independent study to determine the need. Affected parties now have until August 28th to file their requests for full party status in this case. The only way to have one's testimony given full legal consideration is to formally intervene and be granted full party status.

We have until August 28th to show a united front in opposition to the "rushed" project proposed by ATC. Their big rush is to place poles up before someone comes up with an alternative to their high-profit projects. We must act now on the Waunakee issue, or the remaining projects will be hard to oppose, and will follow the path of the Waunakee application, rubber stamped by the PSC.

There's also a new technology out by 3M that will double the capacity of existing power lines, thus eliminating the need for new, 345 kv power lines in Dane County. ATC uses this technology elsewhere, but is proposing more power lines instead to gain a hefty 12.2% rate of return.

You and your friends/family can assist in two very critical ways:

- Please attend the County Board Supervisors meeting, Tuesday, **Aug. 15, 6:30 pm** at the Alliant Center. We need huge numbers in attendance to prove to the Board that Dane County citizens are opposed to high power lines, higher rates, lower real estate values, increased health risks, etc. Some people will stand and voice their opposition, while others can sit, listen, and be counted only. Either way, our attendance is crucial now.
- Please file as an individual intervenor using the attached draft letter. This is very simple; use the same wording and insert your name and address where noted. No one will contact you or question you. Once again, the more people who submit intervenor letters, the greater our impact will be against ATC. Please draft your letter now, **before Aug. 28th**, as time is slipping away.

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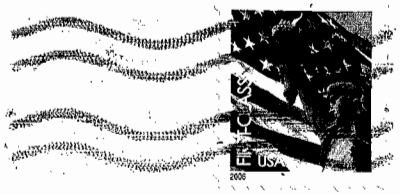

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