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Wisconsin Utilities Remain Strong and Reliable throughout Heat Wave *Wisconsin customers see no interruption of service during repressive heat*

MADISON –The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin announced that Wisconsin businesses and customers were unaffected by the current heat wave. Even with several utilities reaching peak demand, no service interruptions were necessary.

“Wisconsin’s ability to provide reliable and affordable electricity even when demand is high provides great relief to businesses and manufacturers in Wisconsin,” Chairman Montgomery said. “Wisconsin’s investments in infrastructure over the last decade provide a strong healthy climate for both new businesses as well as those who might look to relocate as Wisconsin provides competitive rates and excellent service.”

Wisconsin reaches peak demand when customers are using roughly 14,000 megawatts (MWs). Over the last decade Wisconsin has added 8,000 MWs of generation as well as over 1,200 miles of new or rebuilt transmission lines to help Wisconsin utilities meet this demand.

Wisconsin utilities are also members of Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (MISO). MISO provides an independent platform for transparent regional energy markets. Since starting operations in 2001, MISO encourages wholesale electric competition in the region, and cultivates greater system reliability. On Wednesday, MISO successfully managed its highest demand ever for electricity in its 12-state market area, with demand peaking at 103,975 MWs, surpassing the last record of 103,246 MWs set on July 31, 2006.

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