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Public Service Commission Issues Draft Strategic Energy Assessment

MADISON - Today the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin issued a draft version of "Energy 2018," Wisconsin's biennial, statutorily-required, 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 is based on data and information collected in 2010 and 2011 from Wisconsin utilities and power cooperatives.

"Energy 2018" outlines ongoing issues to help Wisconsin maintain a balanced energy portfolio, provide stable rates for customers, and engage sustainable practices to power the future. The Commission's stated goal for the assessment is to further explore these key issues and to focus on a framework for better planning and integrating energy generation and transmission.

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.

Comments can be provided in the following ways:

- Public hearing testimony:

Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at 1 p.m.
Amnicon Falls Hearing Room, Public Service Commission
610 N. Whitney Way, Madison, WI 53707

- By letter addressed to:

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- Electronically, at the Commission's website, <http://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=166622