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## Customers Win Under Two PSC Rate Decisions

MADISON - Customers of several Wisconsin utilities will see some rate relief after the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) acted on two major rate case proposals today.

Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) customers will benefit from a rate-freeze settlement approved by the Commission unanimously. The utility had originally requested a 9% increase in electric rates, but after a Commission staff audit, the utility and customer groups were able to reach an agreement to avoid an increase for 2013. In addition, WPSC's 2013 retail natural gas distribution rates will decrease in 2013.

Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WPL) customers will see rates go down after the Commission took action on a proposal to decrease retail electric rates by approximately 2.9%, reflecting an estimated \$28.6 million decrease in the variable cost of fuel from current retail revenue requirements.

"I have always welcomed utilities and stakeholders to come forth with new and innovative proposals to give ratepayers some much-needed relief, and these rate-freeze and -decrease plans do just that," said Chairperson Phil Montgomery. "Today's decisions demonstrate the commitment from the Public Service Commission, customer groups, and utilities to keep costs down for Wisconsin ratepayers."

The new rates will take effect on January 1, 2013.

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