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Joint Application of Dairyland Power Cooperative, Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Public Power, Inc., for Authority to Construct and Place in Service 345 kV Electric Transmission Lines and Electric Substation Facilities for the CapX Twin Cities-Rochester-La Crosse Project, Located in Buffalo, Trempealeau, and La Crosse Counties, Wisconsin

5-CE-136

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider the application of Dairyland Power Cooperative, Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Public Power, Inc. (applicants), under Wis. Stat. § 196.491 and Wis. Admin. Code chs. PSC 4 and 111, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for authority to construct new transmission facilities in order to meet future local community load serving needs for La Crosse, Alma, Buffalo City, Fountain City, Arcadia, Galesville, Trempealeau, Holmen, Onalaska, and surrounding areas. The project would involve construction of a 345 kilovolt transmission line crossing the Mississippi River at Alma, Wisconsin, and would continue to a new substation near Holmen, Wisconsin. The project would be 40 to 55 miles long depending on the route chosen.

The applicants filed their initial application on January 3, 2011. That version of the application was determined to be incomplete on February 1, 2011. The applicants submitted additional application information to address shortcomings in its original filing. All additional supplemental data were received by the Commission by May 10, 2011. The application was deemed complete on June 9, 2011.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicants. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicants in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

Any person desiring to become a party should file a request for party status (called a request to intervene) under Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.21 no later than 14 days from the date of this notice, ***because the Commission may schedule prehearing conferences and other activities in this docket without delay.*** The request should be posted to the Commission's Electronic Regulatory Filing (ERF) system under the docket number. Go to the Commission's web site at <http://psc.wi.gov>, and click on the "ERF Electronic Regulatory Filing System" graphic on the side menu bar. From the side menu bar, click on "Help" for instructions on how to upload a document. A person who lacks access to the Internet shall make such request in a letter addressed to the Administrative Law Judge, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

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At the time of filing, a copy of the request must be served on existing parties, which may respond to the request within five days. Parties wishing to request intervenor compensation are asked to do so as soon as practicable.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).


This is a Type I action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(1). It consequently requires the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) under Wis. Stat. § 1.11. The Commission and the Department of Natural Resources will jointly prepare an EIS that will be the subject of a hearing later in this docket.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this docket or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator William Fannucchi by telephone at (608) 267-3594 or by e-mail at william.fannucchi@wisconsin.gov.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, June 20, 2011

By the Commission:


Sandra J. Paske
Secretary to the Commission

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