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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Joint Application of American Transmission Company LLC and Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin, as Electric Public Utilities, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Rebuild Existing Transmission Infrastructure and Construct and Operate Long Range Transmission Planning Tranche 1 Project 6, a New 345 kV Transmission Line Connecting the Tremval-Arpin-Columbia Substations in the Counties of Trempealeau, Wood, and Columbia, Wisconsin, to be known as the Grid Forward Central Wisconsin Project

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Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
RECEIVED: 1/16/2025 12:15:02 PM**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider the July 31, 2024, joint application of American Transmission Company LLC and Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin, as electric public utilities (applicants), for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to rebuild existing transmission infrastructure and construct and operate Long Range Transmission Planning Tranche 1 Project 6, a new 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line connecting the Tremval-Arpin-Columbia substations in the counties of Trempealeau, Wood, and Columbia, Wisconsin, to be known as the Grid Forward Central Wisconsin Project at a total estimated cost of \$1,596,267,000. The Commission opens this docket by its authority under Wis. Stat. ch. 196.

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

DOCUMENTS. All documents in this docket are filed on the Commission's Electronic Records Filing (ERF) system. To view these documents: (1) go to the Commission's E-Services Portal at <https://apps.psc.wi.gov>, (2) enter "5-CE-157" in the box labeled "Quick Single Docket Search," and (3) select "Documents." To receive electronic notifications when new documents are filed in this docket, go to ERF - [EZ Subscriptions](#) and follow the instructions to subscribe to this docket.

SCHEDULE. For the official schedule in this docket, check the notices and orders filed in this docket on the ERF system. For public convenience only, the Commission will maintain the schedule in this docket on the PSC Docket Calendar. To view the calendar: (1) go to the Commission's E-Services Portal at <https://apps.psc.wi.gov>, and (2) select the button labeled "Docket Calendar." From there you may browse or search the calendar, and subscribe to a particular docket schedule.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. A person may participate either as a member of the public, or as a party. The Commission will provide an opportunity for any member of the public to offer an opinion on this matter either in writing, or in person at a public hearing. A member of the public may participate without becoming a party to the proceeding. Parties participate by intervening (see below) and offering, at a trial-type hearing, expert witnesses and other technical evidence, prepared and filed in advance. A party may also conduct discovery and cross-examine witnesses. The Commission shall provide notice of when, where, and how members of the public and parties may participate in this proceeding at a future date.

INTERVENTION. Any person desiring to become a party shall file a request for party status, known as 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 service of this notice using the ERF system.

To file such a request, go to the Commission's E-Services Portal at <https://apps.psc.wi.gov>, click on the "ERF Upload Documents" link on the left side menu bar. On the next page, log on if you are a registered ERF user, create a new account if you do not have an existing account, or contact PSC Records Management staff at (608) 261-8521 or via e-mail at PSCRecordsMail@wisconsin.gov for assistance.

A person desiring to become a party who lacks access to the internet shall make a request to intervene by U.S. mail addressed to:

Docket 5-CE-157 Intervention Request
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
P.O. Box 7854
Madison, WI 53707-7854

At the time of filing, the person making the request to intervene shall serve a copy of the request on existing parties. An existing party may respond to the request within 5 days of service. A party wishing to request intervenor compensation should do so as soon as practicable.

WISCONSIN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT. 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.

ASSESSMENT. 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 that 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.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person

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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 case coordinator listed below. Any hearing location is physically accessible to individuals with disabilities. The Public Service Commission is located in the Hill Farms State Office Building, which is also physically accessible to individuals with disabilities through the entrances on the first floor. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the ground floor of the parking garage. There is also limited, free handicap visitor parking at the front of the Hill Farms State Office Building.

CONTACT. Please direct questions about this docket or requests for additional accommodations for the individuals with disabilities to the Commission's case coordinator, Kayla Golden, at (608) 266-2072 or Kayla.Golden@wisconsin.gov.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, the 16th day of January, 2025.

By the Commission:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cru Stublely". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cru Stublely
Secretary to the Commission

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