



2023 SENATE BILL 649

November 9, 2023 - Introduced by Senators COWLES and STROEBEL, cosponsored by Representatives GUSTAFSON, NEYLON, TITTL, BALDEH, GREEN, KRUG, MURPHY, O'CONNOR, RETTINGER, ROZAR, SPIROS and TRANEL. Referred to Committee on Utilities and Technology.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 196.03 (4) of the statutes; **relating to:** the amount certain
2 public utilities may recover in rates relating to amounts assessed by the Public
3 Service Commission.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill lowers the total amount that certain public utilities can recover in rates for PSC proceeding expenditures.

Under current law, a public utility, sewerage system, or power district (collectively, utility) may not raise the rates that it charges to customers without first applying to the PSC for approval of the change. The PSC may assess to utilities certain amounts corresponding to the PSC's expenditures in carrying out its duties relating to utilities. Generally under current law, a public utility that supplies gas or electricity to its customers and that is not a city, town, or village may recover in rates any expenditure for costs in a proceeding before the PSC up to four times the total amount assessed to that public utility by the PSC. This bill reduces this limit to the total amount assessed to that public utility by the PSC.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 196.03 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

SENATE BILL 649**SECTION 1**

1 196.03 (4) Any public utility ~~which~~ that is not a city, town, or village and ~~which~~
2 that supplies gas or electricity to its customers may not recover in rates set by the
3 commission from any customer for any expenditure for costs in a proceeding before
4 the commission ~~which~~ that exceed ~~4 times~~ the total amount assessed to the utility
5 under s. 196.85 (1) and (2) unless the object of the expenditure has been ordered by
6 the commission. The commission, by rule, shall establish procedures whereby a
7 public utility may recover its expenditures under this subsection.

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(END)