



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2013 Assembly Bill 39**

**Assembly Amendments 1 and 2**

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2013 Assembly Bill 39 relates to the powers of the American Transmission Company and to the review by the Public Service Commission (PSC) of an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN).

### *American Transmission Company Powers*

The American Transmission Company (ATC) was created under the authority of s. 196.485, Stats., to provide electric transmission services in the eastern portion of Wisconsin. The bill specifies that ATC may provide these services directly or through one or more affiliates.

Assembly Amendment 2 deletes this provision of the bill.

### *Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity*

Any person who proposes to build certain large electric utility facilities must obtain a CPCN from the PSC. When the PSC receives an application for a CPCN, it must send a copy of the application to the municipal clerks and the principal public libraries in the municipalities affected by the proposed construction.

The bill revises this requirement by specifying that the PSC must do the following:

- Send copies of an application to the clerks and libraries at the time it determines that the application is complete, rather than when it receives the application.
- Submit the copies in electronic form, except that it must provide paper copies if requested by a clerk or library.

Assembly Amendment 1 retains the requirement that the PSC send CPCN applications to the clerks and libraries in electronic form, unless paper copies are requested, but revises this provision to require that the PSC send the applications to the clerks and libraries both when it receives an application and when it determines that an application is complete.

**Legislative History**

On April 2, 2013, the Assembly Committee on Energy and Utilities voted to recommend adoption of Assembly Amendments 1 and 2 to 2013 Assembly Bill 39 and passage of the bill, as amended, by votes of Ayes, 10; and Noes, 0.

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