

State of Wisconsin



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2003 WISCONSIN ACT

AN ACT to amend 196.491 (1) (d), 196.491 (2) (a) 3., 196.491 (2) (a) 3m. and 196.491 (2) (g) of the statutes; relating to: strategic energy assessments.

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

SECTION 1. 196.491 (1) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

196.491 (1) (d) "Electric utility" means any public utility, as defined in s. 196.01, which is involved in the generation, distribution and sale of electric energy, and any corporation, company, individual or association, and any cooperative association, which owns or operates, or plans within the next 3 7 years to construct, own or operate, facilities in the state.

SECTION 2. 196.491 (2) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

196.491 (2) (a) 3. Identify and describe large electric generating facilities on which an electric utility plans to commence construction within 3 7 years.

SECTION 3. 196.491 (2) (a) 3m. of the statutes is amended to read:

196.491 (2) (a) 3m. Identify and describe high-voltage transmission lines on which an electric utility plans to commence construction within 3 7 years.

SECTION 4. 196.491 (2) (g) of the statutes is amended to read:

196.491 (2) (g) No sooner than 30 and no later than 90 days after copies of the draft are issued under par. (b), the commission shall hold a hearing on the draft which may not be a hearing under s. 227.42 or 227.44. The hearing shall be held in an administrative district, established by executive order 22, issued August 24, 1970, which the commission determines will be significantly affected by facilities on which an electric utility plans to commence construction within 3 7 years. The commission may thereafter adjourn the hearing to other locations or may conduct the hearing by interactive video conference or other electronic method. Notice of such hearing shall be given by class 1 notice, under ch. 985, published in the official state newspaper and such other regional papers of general circulation as may be designated by the commission. At such hearing the commission shall briefly describe the strategic energy assessment and give all interested persons an opportunity, subject to reasonable limitations on the presentation of repetitious material, to express their views on any aspect of the strategic energy assessment. A record of the hearing shall be made and considered by the commission as comments on the strategic energy assessment under par. (e).

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2001-02 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].