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Details: Dan Ebert

(FORM UPDATED: 07/12/2010)

WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

2007-08

(session year)

Senate

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on ... Commerce, Utilities and Rail (SC-CUR)

COMMITTEE NOTICES ...

- Committee Reports ... CR
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INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL

- Appointments ... Appt
- Clearinghouse Rules ... CRule
- Hearing Records ... bills and resolutions
(ab = Assembly Bill) (ar = Assembly Resolution) (ajr = Assembly Joint Resolution)
(sb = Senate Bill) (sr = Senate Resolution) (sjr = Senate Joint Resolution)
- Miscellaneous ... Misc

Vote Record

Committee on Commerce, Utilities and Rail

Date: 1/24/2007
Bill Number: Appt. of Dan Ebert
Moved by: Plale Seconded by: Cowles
Motion: Confirmation

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
<i>Chairman</i> Senator Jeffrey Plale, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Roger Breske	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Robert Wirch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator David Hansen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Robert Cowles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Sheila Harsdorf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Neal Kedzie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Totals:	<u>7</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion Carried Motion Failed





Customers First!
Plugging Wisconsin In

January 23, 2005

Senator Jeffrey Plale, Chairman
Senate Committee on Commerce, Utilities
and Rail
Room 313 South – State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

A Coalition

to Preserve

Wisconsin's

Reliable

and Affordable

Electricity

Dear Chairperson Plale and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Utilities and Rail:

When the committee holds its executive session on January 24, 2007, the *Customers First!* Coalition would like to be placed on record as expressing its support for Senate confirmation of the appointment of Daniel Ebert as Chair of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW).

Daniel Ebert has been serving as chair of the Commission since the spring of 2005. While leading the PSCW Dan has demonstrated a strong understanding of the regulatory issues that are decided by the Commission and has directed the Commission's focus on several issues that are important to Wisconsin energy consumers.

Because of the many challenges that will need to be addressed by our state's energy policies, continued effective leadership at the commission is crucial. It is our coalition's belief that the Public Service Commission and the people of Wisconsin will be well served by the appointment of Mr. Ebert.

Sincerely,

JOHN SUMI
Executive Director
Customers First! Coalition

14 West Mifflin Street

Suite 310

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www.customersfirst.org

CFC is a broad-based alliance representing Wisconsin customer, environmental, labor, business and low-income groups, Wisconsin municipal and cooperative utilities and Madison Gas & Electric Company. Since 1996, the coalition has advocated for energy policies in Wisconsin that preserve the state's historically safe, affordable, reliable and environmentally responsible electricity.







JIM DOYLE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF WISCONSIN

March 31, 2005

Mr. Dan Ebert
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
610 N. Whitney Way
Madison, Wisconsin 53705

Dear Mr. ^{Dan}Ebert:

I am pleased to appoint you as Chair of the Public Service Commission, effective April 11, 2005. Your experience, knowledge, and dedication will be a true asset to my administration and a great benefit to the people of Wisconsin.

Your salary will be \$114,000 annually and you will be assigned to Executive Salary Group 5. This is an unclassified position expiring March 1, 2009.

I look forward to working with you to find creative ways of delivering services and implementing positive change for the citizens of our state.

Sincerely,


Jim Doyle
Governor

cc: Susan Goodwin



JIM DOYLE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF WISCONSIN

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT

NAME: Dan Ebert
MAILING ADDRESS: 610 N. Whitney Way
Madison, WI 53705

E-MAIL ADDRESS: dan.ebert@psc.state.wi.us

RESIDES IN: Madison, WI

TELEPHONE: (608) 266-5473 (w)

OCCUPATION: Executive Assistant, Public Service
Commission

APPOINTED TO: Public Service Commission
Commission Chair

TERM: A term to expire March 1, 2009

SUCCEEDS: Ms. Burnie Bridge

SENATE CONFIRMATION: Yes

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: March 31, 2005

DATE OF NOMINATION: April 11, 2005

COMPENSATION: \$112,000



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Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
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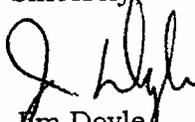
Dear Mr. ^{Don}~~Ebert~~:

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Jim Doyle
Governor

cc: Gordon Grant

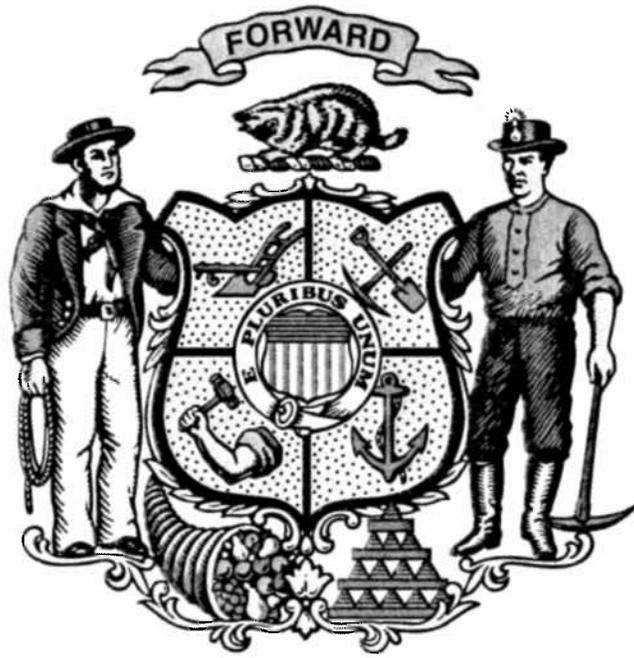
Daniel Ebert was appointed to serve as the Executive Assistant to Public Service Commission Chairperson Burnie Bridge in February 2003. Prior to his appointment, Daniel was the Transition Personnel Director for Governor Jim Doyle.

Daniel has extensive experience in government service, public administration and policy development, focusing on utility, energy and telecommunications issues.

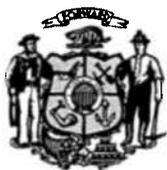
During his 14-year career in Washington D.C., Daniel worked in both the U. S. Senate and the U. S. House of Representatives. For his final two years in Washington, Daniel was Legislative Director for Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee member Maria Cantwell (D-Washington) where he served as a senior policy advisor and managed a 15 person legislative office.

Dan also served as the Executive Director for the nation's first internet focused trade association, Net Coalition.com, and as the Country Director for the National Democratic Institute in Kiev, Ukraine.

A Wisconsin native, Dan grew up in Watertown, Wisconsin, and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in both Political Science and Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.



Energy



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Roth Judd
Director

Senate Committee Members:

The attached Statement of Economic Interests is provided with regard to the individual's nomination to a State Public Office by Governor Jim Doyle.

Sincerely,
STATE OF WISCONSIN ETHICS BOARD

Nominee: Dan Ebert
Date: April 4, 2005

b) For each enterprise you listed in Item #2 that is an unincorporated business, a subchapter S corporation, a service corporation (SC), a limited liability company (LLC), a partnership, or income-producing real estate, list BUSINESSES, ORGANIZATIONS, and any LOBBYISTS that were CUSTOMERS, CLIENTS, or TENANTS that paid the enterprise \$1,000 or more in calendar year 2004.

Businesses, organizations, lobbyists that were customers, clients, or tenants	City	State

3. List the specific location of WISCONSIN REAL ESTATE in which you or your family had an interest (except your principal residence and real estate whose location you listed in item 2).

Location of property			Nature of interest
Street address or fire number	Municipality	County	(e.g., own, lease, option, easement, land contract)

4. List ORGANIZATIONS of which you or a family member was an OFFICER or DIRECTOR.

Business or organization	City	State	Position

5. List ORGANIZATIONS THAT AUTHORIZED YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER TO REPRESENT THEM in their dealings with others as an attorney-at-law, agent, spokesperson, or representative (unless listed in item 4 or 7).

Business or organization	City	State

6. List CREDITORS to which you or your family owed \$5,000 or more

Creditor	City	State	"/" one	
			\$50,000 or less	More than \$50,000
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part B

For calendar year 2004

7. List your and your family's EMPLOYERS (\$1,000 or more of income) in 2004.

Name of employer (If State of Wisconsin, identify agency or institution)	City	State	Nature of employer's business
State of WI - Department of Administration	Madison	WI	State Government
State of WI - Public Service Commission	Madison	WI	State Government

8. List OTHER SOURCES from which you or your family received INCOME of \$1,000 or more in 2004.

Source of income	City	State
Fidelity - early withdrawal from retirement fund	Washington	DC
SCHWAB EARLY WITHDRAWAL	MADISON	WI

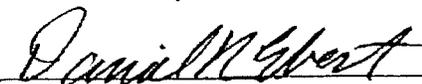
9. List individuals and organizations that provided you with ENTERTAINMENT or GIFTS (more than \$50) in 2004

Name of provider	City	State

10. List, for 2004, sources of HONORARIA and payment of EXPENSES related to your state government duties (more than \$50) not previously reported to the Ethics Board.

Payer	Approximate value of expenses	Amount of honorarium	Circumstances of receipt

I have read the accompanying instructions and certify that the information contained in this Statement of Economic Interests is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. If any part has been left blank, I have done so intentionally because there is nothing to report.

	Daytime phone # (608) 266-5473
<u>3/10/05</u>	<u>dan.ebert@psc.state.wi.us</u>
Signature of person filing	Date E-mail address

The information sought in this form is required by §§19.43 and 19.44, *Wisconsin Statutes*. Failure to file a completed form may result in a forfeiture of up to \$500. Statements of Economic Interests are open for public inspection. The Ethics Board will notify you of the identity of any person who examines your Statement. In accordance with §15.04(1)(m), *Wisconsin Statutes*, the Ethics Board states that no personally identifiable information is likely to be used for purposes other than those for which it is collected.

Mail or fax to: Wisconsin Ethics Board, 44 E. Mifflin St., Suite 601, Madison, WI 53703-2800; Fax: (608) 264-9319

Ethics Board's comments about the Statement you filed last year to help you complete this one.

- No Comments

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January 19, 2007

Senator Jeffrey Plale, Chairman
Senate Committee on Commerce, Utilities and Rail
and Members of the Committee
Room 313 South
State Capitol
P. O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707-7882

RE: Dan Ebert

Dear Senator Plale and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Utilities and Rail:

I am writing on behalf of Wisconsin Public Power Inc. and its 46 member municipalities to strongly support the nomination of Dan Ebert as Chairman of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and to urge the Committee to act favorably on his nomination and promptly forward it for floor approval. Dan has done an excellent job as the Acting Chair of the Commission and is very familiar with the many difficult issues that will face the Commission over the coming years. The expertise and institutional knowledge Dan brings to the Commission is essential as we face a period of significant infrastructure development. Dan takes a very balanced approach to the issues and will continue to do an excellent job as the Chair.

Very truly yours,

Roy Thilly
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Dan Ebert, PSC
Nina Plaushin



MEUW

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WISCONSIN

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Waupun
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Whitehall
Wisconsin Dells
Wisconsin Rapids
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TO: State Senate Committee on Commerce, Utilities and Rail

FROM: David J. Benforado, Executive Director

DATE: January 22, 2007

RE: MEUW Support of Dan Ebert's Appointment to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin as Chairman

On behalf of the public power utilities and communities in Wisconsin, we respectfully urge your support for Dan Ebert's appointment to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin as Chairman.

MEUW represents public power communities in Wisconsin, all of which are regulated and monitored by the PSC.

We have found Dan Ebert to be a very thoughtful and thorough regulator, and very concerned about the challenging issues that affect the energy and telecom industry today. We believe his tenure on the Commission will lead to fair and balanced outcomes for utilities and consumers alike. We sincerely appreciate his willingness to arrange visits with utility officials, staff and customers in public power communities.

Thank you for your consideration and support of Dan Ebert's appointment to the PSC. If you or your staffs have any questions, feel free to contact me or MEUW's Associate Director, Scott Meske at (608) 837-2263.

cc: Governor Doyle's Office
Chairman Dan Ebert, PSCW
Eric Callisto, PSC



The hour of 11am having arrived

KATY

~~At this time~~ I will call this executive session of the Senate Committee on Commerce
Utilities and Rail to order. Clerk will call the roll..

(Katy takes roll)

All members are recorded as present, at this time we will take up the confirmation of Dan
Ebert to the position of Chair of the Public Service Commission. As you know,
Governor Doyle appointed Chairman Ebert in April of 2005, and a public hearing on this
nomination was held in October of 2006.

At that time, the following organizations expressed their support for Chairman Ebert's
Appointment:

Forest Ceel – Local 2150 of the IBEW
Richard Strock – Citizens Utility Board
Bill McClenahan – on behalf of Calpine
Michael Vickerman – RENEW WI
David Benforado – Municipal Electric Utilities of WI
Scott Meske – Also MEUW
Rebecca Larson – Xcel Energy
Beata Kalies – WECA (Rural Electric Co-Ops)
Melissa Duffy – WI Fed. Of Co-Ops
Mindy Walker – Governor Doyle's Office
Kenric Scheevel – Dairyland Power Co-Op
Scott Neitzel – MG&E
Randy Satterfield – ATC
John Sumi – Customer's First Coalition
Bill Jordahl – Alliant
Commissioner Mark Meyer – PSC

There were no appearances or registration against the nomination. -

In addition, there are three new registrations in favor of confirmation today:

Customer's First Coalition
Municipal Electric Utilities of WI
Todd Stuart of the WI Industrial Energy Group

Chairman Ebert is here today – at this time I would like to call on him to make a brief
statement and take questions from committee members if there are any.

(Take questions, once that's done)

Seeing no additional questions, ~~I move~~ confirmation of Dan Ebert to the Position of Chair
of the Public Service Commission

~~See~~ I move this committee recommend
the

Is there a second? Clerk will call the roll.

Take roll – record votes

If there is nothing else – we're adjourned.