



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 689

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 20.155 (1) (j); and *to create* 196.31 (2m) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** Public Service Commission intervenor grants and making an
3 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 20.155 (1) (j) of the statutes is amended to read:

5 20.155 **(1)** (j) *Intervenor financing and grants*. ~~The Biennially, the~~ amounts in
6 the schedule for intervenor financing and grants under s. 196.31. All moneys
7 received for intervenor financing under s. 196.31 (2) shall be credited to this
8 appropriation.

9 **SECTION 2.** 196.31 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

10 196.31 **(2m)** From the appropriation under s. 20.155 (1) (j), the commission
11 shall make an annual grant of \$300,000 to a nonstock, nonprofit corporation that is

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1 described under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and that has a
2 history of advocating on behalf of residential ratepayers for affordable rates, for the
3 purpose of offsetting the general expenses of the corporation, including salary,
4 benefit, rent, and utility expenses.

5 **SECTION 3. Fiscal changes.**

6 (1) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation
7 to the public service commission under section 20.155 (1) (j) of the statutes, as
8 affected by the acts of 2009, the dollar amount is increased by \$300,000 for the first
9 fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect to increase
10 funding for the purpose for which the appropriation is made. In the schedule under
11 section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the public service
12 commission under section 20.155 (1) (j) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2009,
13 the dollar amount is increased by \$300,000 for the second fiscal year of the fiscal
14 biennium in which this subsection takes effect to increase funding for the purpose
15 for which the appropriation is made.

16 (END)