



## 2009 SENATE BILL 479

January 22, 2010 – Introduced by Senator RISSER, cosponsored by Representative POCAN. Referred to Committee on Commerce, Utilities, Energy, and Rail.

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.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Current law allows certain persons who are not public utilities to intervene in proceedings before the Public Service Commission (PSC), and allows the PSC to compensate such persons for their intervention costs. This bill requires the PSC to provide \$300,000 in annual grants from the appropriation for such compensation to a nonprofit corporation that has a history of advocating on behalf of residential ratepayers for affordable rates. The grants must be used to offset the general expenses of the corporation, including salary, benefit, rent, and utility expenses. In addition, the bill increases the appropriation to cover the grants, and changes the appropriation from an annual to a biennial appropriation.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*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:

