



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Senate Bill 35	Senate Amendments 2 and 3
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2013 Senate Bill 35 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.

Senate 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 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.

Senate Amendment 3 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 March 27, 2013, the Senate Committee on Government Operations, Public Works, and Telecommunications voted to recommend adoption of Senate Amendments 2 and 3 to 2013 Senate Bill 35 and passage of the bill, as amended, by votes of Ayes, 7; and Noes, 0.

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