

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

In the Matter of Proposed Revision of Wis. Admin Code ch.
PSC 114 as Wisconsin State Electrical Code, Volume 1

1-AC-223

NOTICE OF HEARING

Hearing Date:	Friday, April 13, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.
Hearing Location:	Amnicon Falls Hearing Room (1300), Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI

The Commission proposes to amend by repeal and recreation ch. PSC 114, Wis. Admin. Code, relating to rules concerning electric safety-Revision of Volume 1 of the Wisconsin State Electrical Code.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a hearing will be held beginning on Friday, April 13, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. in the Amnicon Falls Room (1300) at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, and continuing at times to be set by the presiding Administrative Law Judge. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

**ANALYSIS PREPARED BY THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN**

Statutory authority: ss. 196.74 and 227.11(2)
Statute interpreted: s.196.74

By letter dated August 17, 2006, the Commission appointed an advisory committee pursuant to s. 227.13, Stats., to review and submit recommendations for updating Volume 1 of the Wisconsin State Electrical Code. This part of the Code is administered by the Commission.

Volume 1 has been and is based on the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC), which is also known as American National Standards Institute (ANSI) C2. In 1979, 1982, 1985, 1988, 1991, 1994, 1997 and 2003, the Commission adopted the 1977, 1981, 1984, 1987, 1990, 1993, 1997 and 2002 editions of the NESC, respectively, with certain changes, deletions and additions.

The 2007 edition of the NESC was recently issued, and a corresponding revision of Volume 1 is now desired to reflect the latest national code, correct existing deficiencies, and make other changes, as necessary, to update and improve the state code. The rules in ch. PSC 114, Wis. Admin. Code deal with safety requirements for the installation, operation, and maintenance of primarily outdoor electric supply and communications lines and facilities used by utilities, including electric and telephone suppliers, railroads, and cable television providers.

A statement of scope on this rule was approved by the Commission on June 1, 2006, and was published in the Wisconsin Administrative Register on Mid-June 2006. Meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee were held on September 28, 2006, November 10, 2006, and December 8, 2006.

INITIAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS

Utilities and others subject to the proposed rules, including municipally-owned electric utilities that serve in rural areas, may experience modest increases in the cost of new rural distribution construction due to the proposed increased requirements for grounding rural lines. The proposed rules will have no effect on small business.

FISCAL ESTIMATE

This rule has no fiscal impact. A completed Fiscal Estimate form is attached.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Mohammed Monawer at (608) 266-3900. Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may also use the Commission's TTY number: (608) 267-1479.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, February 16, 2007

By the Commission.

/s/ Sandra J. Paske

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Secretary to the Commission

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LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.
1-AC-223

Amendment No. if Applicable

- ORIGINAL
- UPDATED
- CORRECTED
- SUPPLEMENTAL

FISCAL ESTIMATE

DOA-2048 N(R10/96)

Subject

Revision of Wis. Admin. Code Ch. PSC114 State Electrical Code

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

- Increase Existing Appropriation
- Decrease Existing Appropriation
- Create New Appropriation
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues

- Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget Yes No
- Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs

- 1. Increase Costs
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory
- 2. Decrease Costs
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory

- 3. Increase Revenues
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory
- 4. Decrease Revenues
 - Permissive
 - Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:
- Towns
 - Villages
 - Cities
 - Counties
 - Others _____
 - School Districts
 - WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

- GPR
- FED
- PRO
- PRS
- SEG
- SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

20.155(l)(g)

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The revision of these rules do not result in any increase costs to state or local government.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None.

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Date

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