

Chapter PSC 112

EXTENSION OF ELECTRIC PUBLIC UTILITIES

PSC 112.01 Electric utility plant and equipment
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PSC 112.01 Electric utility plant and equipment. (1) Unless and until the commission shall have authorized the same, no electric utility shall construct, install, or place in utility operation:

(a) Any plant, electric line, or other equipment for furnishing service in a town, village, or city in which the utility has not theretofore rendered service;

(b) Any generating station, prime mover, or principal steam or electric generating unit, or any equipment designed to change materially the rated or nominal output characteristics thereof;

(c) Any electric line, substation, or conversion apparatus:

1. Which will connect with the system or facilities of another electric utility; or

2. Which will bring in a new power supply to its own system; or

3. Which materially changes the power supply to an electric system in an incorporated city or village or other principal load center; or

4. The cost of which exceeds \$1,000 or 2 percent of the utility's gross electric operating revenues for the last preceding calendar year, whichever is greater;

(d) Any building or addition thereto (other than hereinbefore included) the cost of which exceeds \$5,000 or 2 percent of the utility's gross electric operating revenues up to \$5,000,000 received during the last preceding calendar year, whichever is greater.

(2) Applications for authorization required by this rule shall set forth insofar as applicable:

(a) Description of the projects;

(b) Cost and proposed method of financing the project;

(c) Purpose and necessity of the project with supporting data;

(d) Effect of the project on cost of operation and on the present quality and quantity of service;

(e) Description and cost of any property being replaced;

(f) Description and costs of alternative methods which may have been considered for accomplishing the purpose of the project with a statement of the reasons for the rejection of such methods;

(g) Designation of public utilities, municipalities, cooperative associations, and others principally affected by the project and a statement as to which, if any, have been notified thereof by the applicant; and such other facts as are necessary to convey a full understanding of the project and the reasons therefor.

(2a) The original and one copy of the application, together with such additional information as may be required, shall be furnished the commission.

(3) If upon consideration of the application, together with any supplemental information and objections, the commission shall be satisfied that the public convenience and necessity require the project as proposed, it will so find and certify without public hearing; other-

wise, it will hold public hearing thereon and thereafter grant or deny the application, in whole or in part, subject to such conditions as may be found necessary as public interest and public convenience and necessity may be found to warrant and require.

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PSC 112.02 Rural electric lines. (1) Unless and until the commission shall give written authority therefor, or such authorization shall be waived as herein provided, no electric utility shall construct, install, or place in operation beyond the limits of an incorporated village or city any rural electric line of less than 15,000 volts and of the following description:

(a) Irrespective of town boundaries, any line to furnish service to premises which are closer to, and within 1,000 feet of, an existing line of less than 15,000 volts of another electric utility or cooperative association.

(b) Any such line extending more than one-half mile in an area reserved to a second distributing agency

1. By territorial agreement on file with the commission, or

2. By filing by a cooperative agency in compliance with section 196.49⁽²⁾, Wis. Stats., or

3. For 60 days after the filing of a map and certificate with the commission by Wisconsin department of agriculture, rural electrification division (or successor agency), designating territory throughout which organization of a cooperative association for the purpose of furnishing electric service to its members is in progress and certifying such organization program, together with a signed statement that a copy of said map and certificate has been mailed or delivered to each electric utility furnishing service in the area reserved by such filing; except that no authority shall be required under this paragraph if the written consent of the second utility or agency has first been obtained.

(c) Any such line which would make service available in any section of land (as defined by government survey) where another electric utility or agency is rendering service and where the applicant utility had no facilities for rendering service on the effective date of this order unless

1. Such extension complies with the provisions of a territorial agreement with such other utility or agency on file with the commission or

2. Does not conflict with filings of a cooperative agency under section 196.49⁽²⁾, Wis. Stats.

(2) No authorization for the construction, installation, or operation of any electric line, as hereinbefore described, shall be required if all electric utilities and cooperative associations protected by this rule consent thereto by waiving such requirement.

(3) Application for the authorization herein required shall set forth information sufficient to convey a full understanding of the project and the reasons and circumstances justifying the same and shall be accompanied by a map or sketch drawn substantially to scale indicating:

(a) The location and length of the proposed line;

(b) The number and location of the customers' premises to be served immediately upon completion, and of other premises to which service will be made available; and

(c) The location of any existing distribution lines within 1 mile of the proposed line.

(3a) Copies of such application shall be delivered or mailed to Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Rural Electrification Division (or successor agency), and to each electric utility and cooperative association protected by this rule. Certificate of such delivery or mailing shall accompany the application.

(4) Within 10 days after the filing of applications, objections may be filed thereto which show the interest of objectors, the grounds of the objection, and, if only a part of the line is objected to, a designation of such part.

(5) If no such objections are filed within the 10-day period herein provided or if within 15 days after the filing of applications no formal investigation has been instituted by the commission, the utility shall be authorized to proceed with the project as proposed. If formal investigation is instituted by the commission, public hearing thereon will be held and the commission will thereafter grant or deny the application, in whole or in part, or subject to such conditions as may be prescribed, as the commission may find the public interest to warrant and public convenience and necessity to require.

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