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TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, Jacqueline K. Reynolds, Secretary of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, and custodian of the official records of said commission, do hereby certify that the annexed order repealing Wis. Adm. Code section PSC 113.132(10)(b), 134.062(9)(b) and 185.37(9)(b) was duly approved and adopted by this commission on April 9, 1987.

I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this commission and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

> IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the commission at the Hill Farms State Office Building, in the City of Madison this 15th day of April, 1987.

Jacqueline K. Rev Secretary of the Public Service

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Secretary to the Commission of Wisconsin

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BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Disconnection of Service Law Enforcement Notification Procedures

1-AC-107

ORDER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ADOPTING RULES

To repeal ss. PSC 113.132(10)(b), 134.062(9)(b) and 185.37(9)(b), Wis. Adm. Code relating to disconnection of utility service and law enforcement notification procedures.

ANALYSIS PREPARED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

A number of Public Service Commission rules require utilities to notify law enforcement agencies whenever customer service is disconnected. SS. PSC 113.132(10)(b), 134.062(9)(b), 185.37(9)(b), Wis. Adm. Code, require year-round notification of a law enforcement agency when service has been disconnected for more than 24 hours, because a threat to human safety may exist. SS. PSC 113.1323 and 134.0623 (cold weather disconnection rules) and 113.1324 and 134.0624 (reconnection of service) also contain law enforcement notification requirements. These latter notification requirements, however, are limited to the coldest periods of the year--the winter heating season.

In meeting with commission staff and utility representatives as part of utility/interagency conferences, law

enforcement agencies throughout the state have expressed concern about the many thousands of referrals they receive regarding the disconnection of service. Many of the agencies and utilities are unclear as to what actions are expected of them.

In order to balance the needs of these law enforcement agencies with the protection of customers whose utility service has been disconnected, staff has recommended repeal of ss. PSC 113.132(10)(b), 134.062(9)(b), and 185.37(9)(b), Wis. Adm. Code. Other rules requiring law enforcement agency notification during the winter heating season for gas and electric utilities will be retained to afford adequate protection for customers during the most dangerous time of the year.

The commission is therefore repealing ss. PSC 113.132(10)(b), 134.062(9)(b) and 185.37(9)(b), Wis. Adm. Code. This action will address the law enforcement agency concerns regarding improper and superfluous notification of disconnections, yet preserve adequate protection for the health and safety of utility customers.

PROPOSED RULES AND STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Pursuant to authority vested in the Public Service Commission by sections 196.02(1), 196.03(1), 196.37(2), and 227.11(2)(a), Wis. Stats., the commission amends the following rules:

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SECTION 1: PSC 113.132(10)(b), 134.062(9)(b) and 185.37(9)(b) are repealed.

No additional fiscal burden will be imposed on the state or municipalities, or on small business, as a result of these proposed rule repeals.

This action is classified as a Type 3 action according to PSC 2.90(3), Wis. Adm. Code. No unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the commission that would require further environmental review. It consequently requires neither an environmental impact statement under s. 1.11, Stats., nor an environmental assessment.

These proposed rules have been forwarded to the legislature for review pursuant to s. 227.19, Stats. They will take effect as final rules on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, as provided in s. 227.026, Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin,

April 9, 1987

By the Commission.

Jacqueline K. Reynolds Secretary to the Commission

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Re: 86-198

Dear Mr. Poulson:

Enclosed please find two copies (one certified) of an order of the Public Service Commission adopting rules in the above-entitled matter.

The rules have been seen by legislative committees (sent April 9, 1987).

Sincerely,

Steven Levine

Assistant Chief Counsel

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