Chapter PSC 82

STANDARD CLEARANCE BETWEEN RAILROAD TRACKS

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PSC 82.01 Application of order. Each railroad operating in Wisconsin shall comply with the track clearance standards established herein.

PSC 82.02 Clearance standards. On any new railroad track construction or relocation of yard tracks in Wisconsin, the lateral clearances between the centers of adjacent and parallel railroad tracks covering main lines, passing tracks, and yard tracks over which switching is performed, shall not be less than 14 feet on tangent tracks and on curved tracks not less than the following:

	Curvature					Track Centers			
		0°	to	4°	inclusive	 14	feet		
more	than	4°	to	8°	inclusive	 14	feet	3	inches
more	than	8°	to	12°	inclusive	 14	feet	6	inches
more	than	12°	to	16°	inclusive	 14	feet	9	inches
more	than	16°				 15	feet		

provided that in specific cases if this commission, after hearing, shall find that it would be unreasonable to require a clearance between track centers as above specified, it may by order provide lesser clearances.

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PSC 82.03 Exemptions. The following tracks of electric railways are exempt from the provisions of this order:

- (1) Tracks lying wholly within the limits of a city or village street, town road, county or state trunk highway.
- (2) Tracks constructed on, under, or adjacent to permanent railroad structures, constructed previous to the date of this order and which were designed to provide less than 14-foot clearance for future tracks.

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