



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER # 20

**Relating to a Review of Wisconsin's
Electric Transmission System**

WHEREAS, the failure of the electric transmission system on August 14, 2003, resulted in the loss of over 60,000 megawatts of power and outages in eight eastern states and Ontario with considerable adverse economic and other effects for millions of citizens;

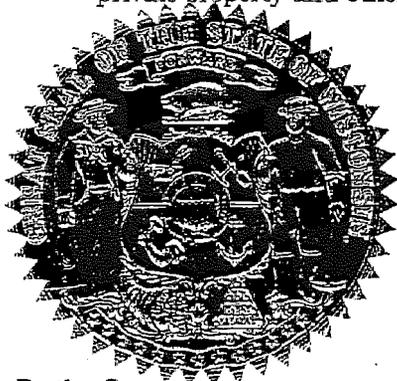
WHEREAS, the precise cause of the transmission system failure has not been identified, but the blackout clearly demonstrates concerns regarding the transmission system reliability;

WHEREAS, the state's transmission system reliability has been the focus of past studies such as the Wisconsin Interface Reliability Enhancement Study, August 1998, that pointed to the need for significant improvements of existing systems in Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, proponents of transmission system improvements must secure regulatory approvals from the Public Service Commission and the Department of Natural Resources, agencies responsible for ensuring that energy services are provided in an efficient, environmentally responsible manner;

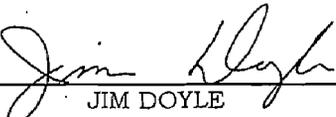
NOW THEREFORE, I, JIM DOYLE, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this state, do hereby:

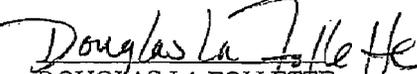
Direct that the Chairperson of the Public Service Commission and the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources explore ways to increase cooperation and coordination for the review of transmission construction projects and report on procedures to improve these processes while taking into account environmental, private property and other concerns as required under state law.



By the Governor:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this eighteenth day of August in the year two thousand three.


JIM DOYLE
Governor


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State