



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 383
[2009 Assembly Bill 689]

**Public Service Commission
Intervenor Grants**

2009 Wisconsin Act 383 requires the Public Service Commission (PSC) to make an annual grant of \$300,000 to a nonstock, nonprofit corporation that has a history of advocating on behalf of residential ratepayers for affordable rates. The grants must be used to offset the general expenses of the corporation, including salary, benefit, rent, and utility expenses.

Under prior law, the PSC may compensate specified persons who are not public utilities for part or all of their costs in intervening in proceedings before the PSC. The Act expands the appropriation for this intervenor compensation to also fund the grants created by the Act and increases this appropriation by \$300,000 in each year of the fiscal biennium in which the Act takes effect.

Effective date: 2009 Wisconsin Act 383 takes effect on June 2, 2010.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.