

Chapter PSC 112

EXTENSION OF ELECTRIC PUBLIC UTILITIES

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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.

PSC 112.02 Rural electric lines. (1) No public utility and no cooperative association shall make an extension of 500 feet or more to serve any premises when service is available from another utility or cooperative association through an extension of less than 500 feet, unless the other public utility or cooperative association consents thereto in writing or approval in writing is obtained from the public service commission after public hearing.

(a) An "extension" means the construction of a line from an existing line of less than 15,000 volts actually used in rendering local service to customers. Measurement shall be the airline distance from said existing line to the nearest point on the principal building to be served.

(b) The commission will presume that any extension of 500 feet or more, regardless of type, character and estimated size of the load to be served, is a primary voltage extension.

(2) Upon complaint of any interested party that an electric public utility or cooperative association has made an extension of 500 feet or more which requires the written approval of the commission under section PSC 112.02 (1), without such approval, the commission will hear the complaint and if the commission by order declares that in its opinion the extension was made in violation of section 196.495, Wis. Stats., the respondent utility or cooperative shall promptly remove the extension.

(3) The commission will recognize written contracts governing the extension of electric lines and rights to serve customers as established between electric utilities and cooperative associations when such contracts have been filed with and approved by the commission.

Note: The purpose of this rule is to provide a simple and practical implementation of section 196.495, Wis. Stats.

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