



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2003 Wisconsin Act 277 [2003 Senate Bill 113]	Energy Impact Reports
2003 Acts: www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/	Act Memos: www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm

2003 Wisconsin Act 277 directs the Public Service Commission (PSC) to prepare energy impact reports regarding legislation and proposed administrative rules upon the written request of certain persons. An energy impact report must evaluate the probable impact of the proposal on the cost or reliability of electricity generation, transmission, or distribution or of fuels used in generating electricity, and include the PSC's evaluation of whether any impacts are adverse. The PSC must complete the report within 30 days of receiving the request.

With regard to bills and resolutions of the Legislature, the report will be published as an appendix to the proposal and distributed in the same manner as amendments are distributed. Failure of the PSC to produce a requested report does not limit the ability of a standing committee or either chamber of the Legislature to take action on the legislation that is the subject of the requested report. The following persons may request a report:

- The chair or ranking minority member of the committee to which the proposal is referred in the house of origin.
- For proposals that are not referred to a standing committee, the Speaker of the Assembly if the proposal is introduced in the Assembly, or the presiding officer of the Senate if the proposal is introduced in the Senate.

With regard to proposed administrative rules, the following persons may request a report:

- Within 30 days of the agency holding a public hearing on the rule (a step in the rule promulgation process that precedes legislative review), the chair or ranking minority member of *any* standing committee, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the presiding officer of the Senate. A report requested in this manner is presented to the agency proposing the rule, which must consider the report's findings before submitting a final

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.

rule for legislative review. The agency's report to the Legislature must include a description of any changes made to the rule in response to the energy impact report.

- After the rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review, the committee to which it is referred. A report requested in this manner is presented to the committee and the agency proposing the rule. Request of a report by either committee extends the review period for both committees reviewing the rule to the 10th working day following receipt of the report by the committees, or until the expiration of the review period in effect before the request, whichever is later.

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