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## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Calculation for Municipal Utilities

5-GF-215

### NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

**THIS IS AN INVESTIGATION** to consider the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Calculation for Municipal Utilities. The Commission opens this docket by its authority under Wis. Stat. ch. 196. The Commission intends to conduct this investigation without a hearing.

The Commission intends to investigate the following issues:

1. The statutory authority for municipalities to collect a payment in lieu of taxes from municipal utilities;
2. The Commission's procedures and administrative rules for calculating the PILOT payment;
3. Whether municipalities distribute revenues to other local taxing jurisdictions comprising the PILOT calculation, including school districts;
4. The amount that municipal water and electric utilities paid in lieu of taxes in calendar years 2010 and/or 2011; and
5. The percentage of the total revenue requirement that the PILOT payment represents for municipal water and electric utilities in 2010 and/or 2011.

**DOCUMENTS.** All documents in this docket are filed on the Commission's Electronic Regulatory Filing (ERF) system. To view these documents: (1) go to the Commission's web site at <http://psc.wi.gov>, (2) enter "5-GF-215" in the box labeled "Link Directly to a Case," and (3) select "GO."

**INTERVENTION.** Any person desiring to become a party shall file a request for party status, known as a request to intervene, under Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.21 no later than 14 days from the date of this notice using the Electronic Regulatory Filing (ERF) system.

To file such a request, go to the Commission's web site at <http://psc.wi.gov>, click on the "ERF - Electronic Regulatory Filing" graphic on the side menu bar. On the next page, click on "Need Help?" for instructions on how to upload a document.

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A person who lacks access to the Internet shall make a request to intervene by U.S. mail addressed to:

Docket 5-GF-215 Intervention Request  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53707-7854

At the time of filing, a copy of the request must be served on existing parties, which may respond to the request within five days. Parties wishing to request intervenor compensation should do so as soon as practicable.

**ASSESSMENT.** The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission that are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.** The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this docket or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the docket coordinator listed below. Any hearing location is accessible to people in wheelchairs. The Public Service Commission Building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building.

**CONTACT.** Please direct questions about this docket or requests for additional accommodations for the disabled to the Commission's docket coordinator, Jeffrey Ripp, at (608) 267-9813 or [Jeffrey.Ripp@Wisconsin.Gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Ripp@Wisconsin.Gov)

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, February 10, 2012

By the Commission:

  
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Sandra J. Paske  
Secretary to the Commission

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