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BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Gas Company, as a Gas Public Utility, for
Authority to Procure Network Data Services for Automated
Meter Reading for Natural Gas Customers

6650-CG-215

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

THIS IS AN INVESTIGATION to consider the June 30, 2003, application of Wisconsin Gas Company (WGC) for authority under Wis. Stat. § 196.49 and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 133.03 to procure network data services for automated meter reading (AMR) for natural gas customers in WGC's Southeast service territory.

WGC is a public utility, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5)(a), engaged in the business of distributing and selling natural gas in areas throughout Wisconsin.

WGC is proposing to procure network data services for AMR. WGC and its affiliated utility Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO) d/b/a We Energies has already implemented a contract to procure network data services for AMR for both its electric and gas customers. WGC's proposed project is designated as AMR Phase 2. The authority to install meter modules and put in place AMR for WEPCO gas customers for Phase 1 was granted by the Commission on September 19, 2002 in docket 6630-CG-117. The Phase 1 project rollout is proceeding and is expected to be completed in early 2004. If WGC's project is approved WGC will phase out its current, functioning, mobile AMR system and transition to meter reading using a fixed radio network.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that 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 which 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.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). No unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely. Neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

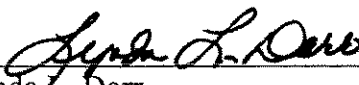
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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Tom Stemrich at (608) 266-2800.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, December 4, 2003

By the Commission:



Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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