



Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

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PSC Sets Public Hearings on Arrowhead-Weston Transmission Line Project

MADISON – The Public Service Commission (PSC) has scheduled three public hearings in early October in areas along the proposed route of the Arrowhead-Weston transmission line project. The PSC has also set a timeframe in September for written comment from the public.

Citizens can provide oral testimony or submit written testimony on the transmission line project at the following locations on the following dates:

DATE	START TIMES	LOCATION
Wednesday, October 1, 2003	1:00 and 6:00 p.m.	Solon Springs Community Center 11523 S. Business 53 Solon Springs, Wisconsin
Thursday, October 2, 2003	11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.	Veterans Memorial Association 608 Summit Avenue Ladysmith, Wisconsin
Friday, October 3, 2003	11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.	Rib Mountain Municipal Center 3700 N. Mountain Road Wausau, Wisconsin

In addition to receiving oral and written testimony at the public hearings, the PSC also set a time period from September 16-24 where public testimony on the Arrowhead-Weston transmission line project can be submitted to the PSC in writing. This is another way for interested citizens who are unable to attend the public hearings to provide testimony on the transmission line project. Written testimony should include the person's name and address and can be sent by mail between September 16-24 to:

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Technical hearings on the Arrowhead-Weston transmission line project are slated to begin September 16, 2003 in Madison. The applicants, intervenors and other parties will address the technical aspects of the transmission line project at the technical hearings.

The testimony from the public hearings, the public's written testimony and the technical hearings will be part of the record that is developed for the Commission to review as it considers all the different aspects of the Arrowhead-Weston transmission line project. Due to the judicial nature of the proceedings, parties' attorneys will have an opportunity to review and object to the written testimony before it is included in the record.

In October 2001, the Commission approved the application from the American Transmission Company, Wisconsin Public Service and Minnesota Power to construct a 210-mile 345 kilovolt transmission line linking the Arrowhead substation near Duluth, Minnesota with the Weston substation near Wausau, Wisconsin.

The Commission reopened the case in December 2002 after receiving a revised cost estimate from the applicants. In the reopened case, the Commission decided to focus on the following issues:

- Cost estimates for Arrowhead-Weston and four other extra high voltage transmission line alternatives identified in the 1999 Wisconsin Reliability Assessment Organization report and the Commission record for this case.
- Other cost-effective and technically feasible solutions that would resolve the reliability concerns that were identified in the Arrowhead-Weston case.
- Cost benefit analysis on whether Arrowhead-Weston continues to be a reasonable choice compared with other identified solutions.

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