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Public Service Commission Issues Final Strategic Energy Assessment 2024

Madison - Today, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin issued the final version of its biennial Strategic Energy Assessment (SEA). This is the 10th Strategic Energy Assessment issued by the Public Service Commission.

Every two years the Commission is charged with assessing Wisconsin's energy demands, how those demands will be met, and the reliability of the electrical system in the upcoming years. The report includes data and information from Wisconsin utilities, power cooperatives, municipal electric companies, and other electricity and transmission providers.

"The assessment released today tells a great story of Wisconsin's energy portfolio and its relationship with customers across the state," said PSC Chairman Lon Roberts. "The Commission's dedication to providing safe, affordable, and reliable energy to all customer classes is detailed throughout this year's Strategic Energy Assessment."

This year's SEA details residential customer energy consumption. Due to energy efficiency standards, Wisconsin's median income family pays a similar percentage of their income each month towards energy use, when compared to other Midwest states. Additionally, Commission staff has undertaken goals to modernize our grid, and improve reliability across the state.

The SEA also documents Wisconsin's diverse energy portfolio. Wisconsin utilities have already met their 10% renewable portfolio standards, and many have taken it upon themselves to expand programs that cut emissions and expand renewable energy sources.

"There will always be room for improvement and efficiencies," said PSC Chairman Roberts. "However, I believe the SEA outlines and describes the significant progress we and our stakeholders have made in addressing the challenges facing Wisconsin and a clear path ahead to continue progress in achieving our goal of safe, reliable, and affordable energy for all customer classes."

A draft SEA was issued on April 27, 2018. The public was given the opportunity to comment until July 25, 2018, when a final report was assembled. Citizens and policy-makers can now access Wisconsin's biennial Strategic Energy Assessment here: http://apps.psc.wi.gov/vs2015/ERF_view/viewdoc.aspx?docid=348358

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