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*A voluntary organization promoting distributed generation in Wisconsin*

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Sandra J. Paske  
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
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Dear Ms. Paske,

Although the Wisconsin Distributed Resources Collaborative (WIDRC) did not submit comments on Docket 5-EI-148, "Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion Regarding Advanced Renewable Tariff Development", as an organization I would like to offer any assistance our group can provide as a source of accurate technical information on distributed resources to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. WIDRC strives to provide support for policies that are based on sound scientific information and to expand the role of distributed generation in our economy.

WIDRC was initially formed by a collaborative group of stakeholders that met to write guidelines and formulate standard interconnection rules in Wisconsin. That effort over several years resulted in PSC 119. Due to the participation of a broad base of stakeholders, we consider that effort to have resulted in processes that are clear, fair and easily implemented. The track record of interconnections in Wisconsin since PSC 119 confirms that the time and care devoted to developing interconnection standards was a worthwhile investment.

In 2005, WIDRC subsequently formed a tariff team that investigated advanced renewable tariffs for electric and gas producers at distribution scale. The team investigated production costs for various technologies, along with vetting many implementation and cost recovery methods. Given the goals of WIDRC, several guiding principles were widely discussed for the development of advanced renewable energy tariffs:

- The tariff design should focus on removing barriers to smaller renewable distributed generators.
- The tariff should balance Wisconsin's renewable generation targets (RPS) and the value of renewable electricity to the ratepayer.

- All energy procured by utilities under this tariff shall be eligible to comply with the Wisconsin RPS (or to supply renewable energy to a utility green pricing program, but not both).
- The price elements of the tariff should be kept simple.

Although not all utility members of WIDRC were able to come to consensus on a specific tariff framework for a statewide Advanced Renewable Energy Tariffs (ARTs), individual utilities have adopted ARTs on a trial, experimental rate basis and continue to share their experiences with the wider group.

On behalf of WIDRC and its Steering Committee, please consider us as an information resource as you continue your deliberations in this docket.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Donovan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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