



Making Public Comments:

Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Benefit of the Bargain

AUGUST 21, 2025





What We'll Cover Today

- Opportunity for public comment
- Tips for writing public comments
- Where and how to submit comments (ERF & CMS)
- Rules for public comments
- How to stay engaged





Current Situation – BEAD BOB

- BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice
- Preliminary BOB Awards – review the list!
- Public Comment Window (TBD – soon!)
- This is the only opportunity, so take advantage of it!





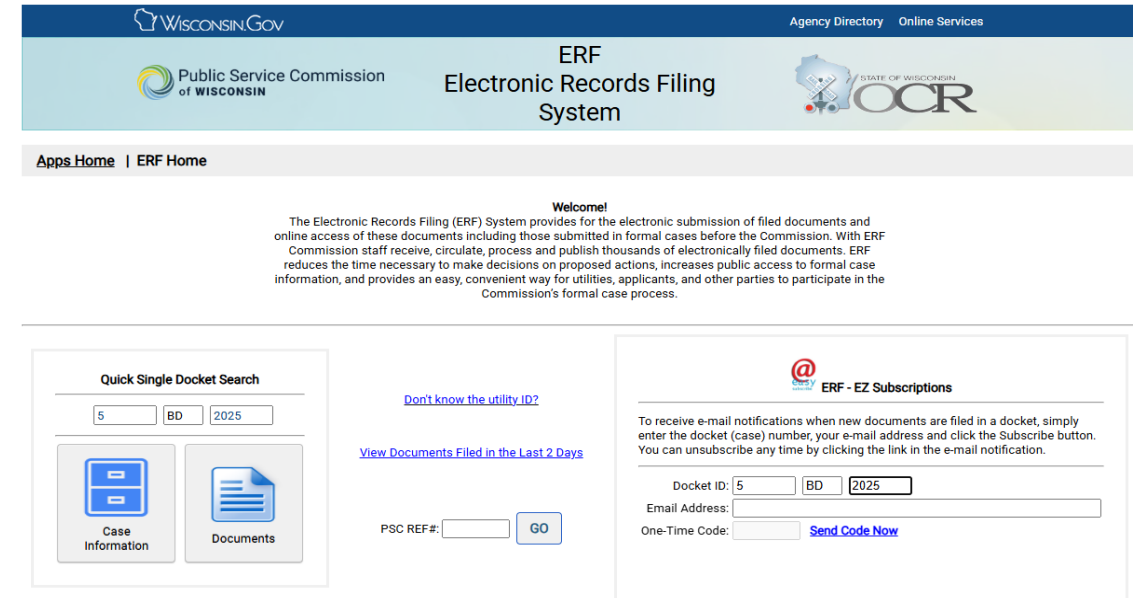
Writing a strong public comment

- Say who you are and why you care
- Be clear about what concerns you
- Explain why from your own knowledge, experience, or opinion
- Suggest a better option



Where and how to submit comments

- File your comment through the Electronic Records Filing System (ERF)
- Find and follow your case using the Case Management System (CMS)
- Write comments directly in the comment box






The screenshot shows the homepage of the Wisconsin Electronic Records Filing System (ERF). The header includes the Wisconsin State Government logo, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin logo, and the ERF Electronic Records Filing System title. Below the header, there is a "Welcome!" message explaining the ERF system's purpose. The main content area features a "Quick Single Docket Search" section with input fields for a docket number (5) and a year (2025), and buttons for "Case Information" and "Documents". There is also a link to "View Documents Filed in the Last 2 Days" and a "PSC REF#" field with a "GO" button. On the right, there is an "ERF - EZ Subscriptions" section with a form to enter a docket ID (5), a year (2025), an email address, and a one-time code, with a "Send Code Now" link.





Where and how to submit comments

 [Agency Directory](#) [Online Services](#)


 **ERF**
Electronic Records Filing System 


[Apps Home](#) | [ERF Home](#)

Welcome!

The Electronic Records Filing (ERF) System provides for the electronic submission of filed documents and online access of these documents including those submitted in formal cases before the Commission. With ERF Commission staff receive, circulate, process and publish thousands of electronically filed documents. ERF reduces the time necessary to make decisions on proposed actions, increases public access to formal case information, and provides an easy, convenient way for utilities, applicants, and other parties to participate in the Commission's formal case process.

Quick Single Docket Search


 **Case Information**

 **Documents**

[Don't know the utility ID?](#)

[View Documents Filed in the Last 2 Days](#)

PSC REF#:

 **ERF - EZ Subscriptions**

To receive e-mail notifications when new documents are filed in a docket, simply enter the docket (case) number, your e-mail address and click the Subscribe button. You can unsubscribe any time by clicking the link in the e-mail notification.

Docket ID:

Email Address:

One-Time Code: [Send Code Now](#)

Where and how to submit comments: Example - "Now Accepting..."

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Case Management System(CMS) :: Docket Information

5-UF-2025 (Active)
Administration of the Universal Service Fund 2025

Docket Summary	Documents	Events	Related Dockets	Staff Involved	Ex Parte	Hearing Reports
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Applicant(s): [Administration \(1\)](#)

Case Coordinator: [Billy Mauldin](#)

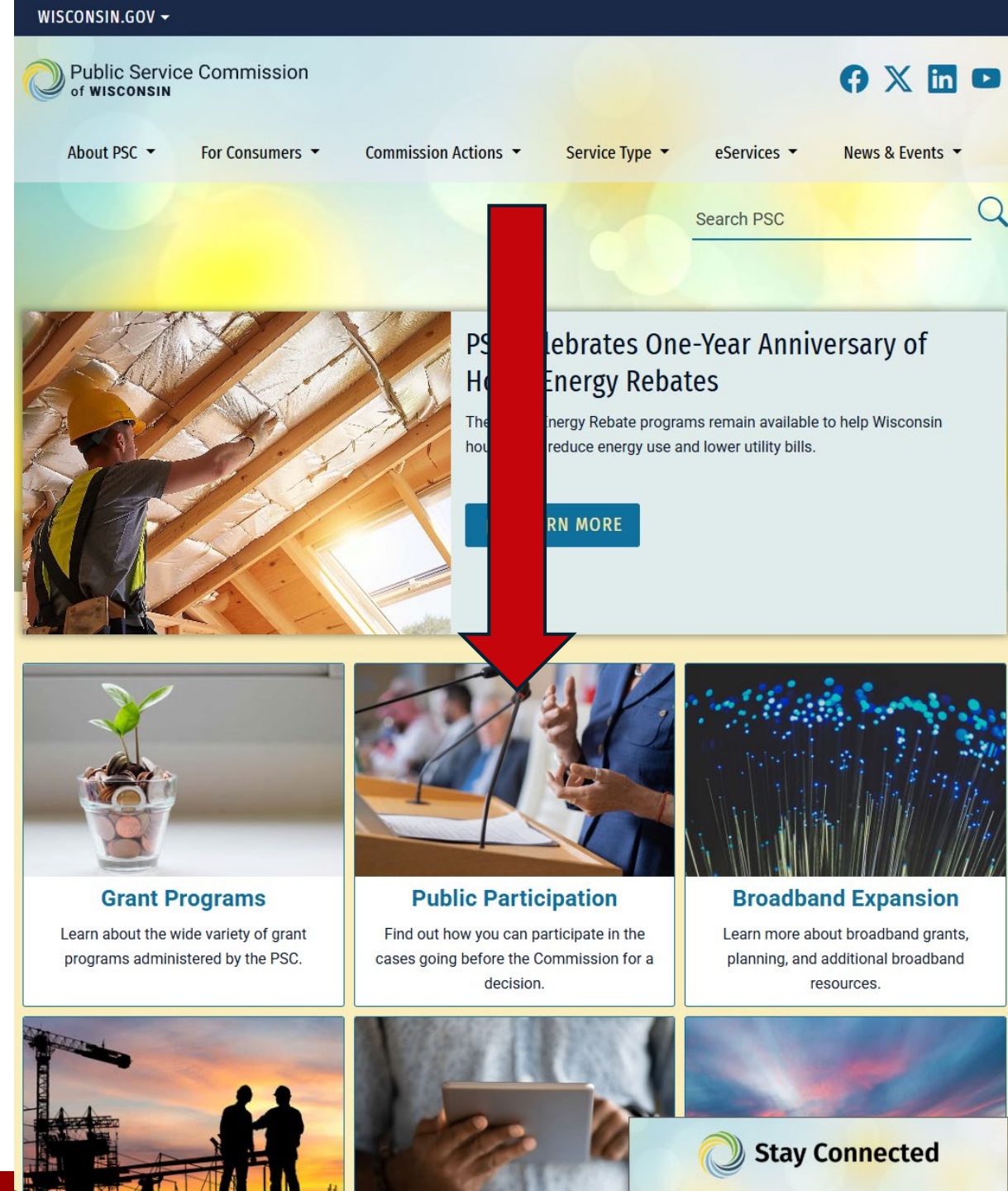
Case Coordinator: [Milena Bernardinello](#)

Case Coordinator: [Peter Jahn](#)

[Now Accepting Public Comments](#)

Where and how to submit comments: Main Page Access

[Public Service Commission of Wisconsin Home Page](#)





Where and how to submit comments: Docket items available for comment

WISCONSIN.GOV

Public Service Commission of WISCONSIN

E-Services Portal

[Agency Directory](#)
[Online Services](#)

Case Management System(CMS) :: Public Comments

To comment on a case listed below, please click on the file comment hyperlink associated with the case. All comments will be posted to the PSC's [Electronic Records Filing System \(ERF\)](#).

Comments received during the comment period will be part of the official record. The use of profane, obscene or inappropriate language may result in your comment being redacted or not placed in the official record.


If you have a question about a case, or wish to comment on a case or issue that is not listed below, please contact the case coordinator or call the PSC's general information line at (608) 266-5481 or toll free at (888) 816-3831.

Additional Information



- [Requirements for public comments](#)
- [Suggestions for creating an effective comment](#)

Case	Comment Period	Case Summary	Case Documents	Case Contact
Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity of Emerald Bluffs Solar Park LLC to Construct a 225 MW Alternating Current Solar Electric Generation Facility and 1.14 Mile 345 kV Transmission Tie Line in the Towns of Lemonweir and Seven Mile Creek, Juneau County, Wisconsin File a comment	08/07/2025 - 08/29/2025	9830-CE-100	ERF	Allison Martinson
Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity of Vista Sands Solar LLC to Construct a Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility, a Battery Energy Storage System, Collector and Project Substations, a 345 kV generator tie line, and 138 kV collector transmission lines (Vista Sands Solar Farm) in the Village of Plover and Towns of Plover, Buena Vista, and Grant, Portage County, Wisconsin File a comment	07/28/2025 - 08/28/2025	9820-CE-100	ERF	Allison Martinson
Application for Approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between West Wisconsin Telcom Cooperative Inc and Onvoy LLC File a comment	07/30/2025 - 08/25/2025	5-TI-3083	ERF	Peter Jahn
Application for Approval of the Interconnection Agreement between Level 3 Communications, LLC and Vernon Communications Cooperative File a comment	07/30/2025 - 08/25/2025	5-TI-3084	ERF	Peter Jahn
Application of Madison Gas and Electric Company for Authority to Adjust Electric and Natural Gas Rates File a comment	08/19/2025 - 10/02/2025	3270-UR-126	ERF	Tonya Colvin
Application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin for Authority to Adjust Electric and Natural Gas Rates File a comment	08/08/2025 - 09/15/2025	4220-UR-127	ERF	Eric Griffin
Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company for Approval of its 2026 Fuel Cost Plan File a comment	08/08/2025 - 10/16/2025	6630-ER-107	ERF	Andrew Field
Application of Wisconsin Gas LLC, d/b/a We Energies, as a Gas Public Utility, for Authority to Install Natural Gas Transmission Facilities in the Towns of Hartford, Polk, Jackson, Rubicon, Hustisford, and the Village of Slinger, in Washington and Dodge Counties, Wisconsin File a comment	08/07/2025 - 09/05/2025	6650-CG-275	ERF	Tyler Leslie

Where and how to submit comments: Written Public Comment Page



Written Public Comment Page

Electronic Records Filing System

[ERF Home](#) | [Public Comment](#)

To file comments in this case fill out the information below and click on the **File Comments** button.

Filers may compose their comment in Notepad or another text editor and copy and paste the text into the Comments box. Special formatting like bold and italic will be removed when the text is pasted into the Comments box. Special characters < and > are not allowed and will be removed when the **File Comments** button is clicked.

A comment may consist of the writer's personal knowledge or personal opinions only. A reference document, newspaper article, professional journal article, white paper, study or any other prepared material not written by the person commenting is not considered a public comment, but may be referenced in a person's comment.

Public Comment Open Period: 05/12/2025 - 07/26/2025

Docket: S-CE-153
Docket Title: Joint Application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin and American Transmission Company LLC, as Electric Public Utilities, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Rebuild Existing Transmission Infrastructure and Construct and Operate Long Range Transmission Planning Tranche 1 Project 5, which consists of Expanding the Tremval and Eau Claire Substations, a New Jump River Substation, and a New 345 kV Transmission Line connecting the Tremval-Eau Claire-Jump River Substations, in the Counties of Chippewa, Clark, Eau Claire, and Trempealeau, Wisconsin, to be known as the Western Wisconsin Transmission Connection Project

Commentor Information

Name:
City:
State:

NOTE: Public comments are currently being accepted in lieu of testimony at a public hearing pursuant to a Notice of Hearing in this docket. For written comments submitted in lieu of testifying, only one comment may be submitted per person per comment period. Only the first comment a person submits in lieu of testifying at a public hearing may be accepted as part of the official record for this docket.


Special characters < and > are not allowed and will be removed when the File Comments button is clicked.

Comments:

I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that these comments are a public record and that the information I submit will appear on the Commission's website.

NOTE: This comment is submitted in lieu of testimony pursuant to a Notice of Hearing issued by the Commission in this docket. I affirm that these comments consist of my personal knowledge or opinion only, and that I have not included information prepared by another person, and that I have not previously submitted written public comments in this docket in response to this Notice of Hearing.

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File Comments



Simple Rules to Follow



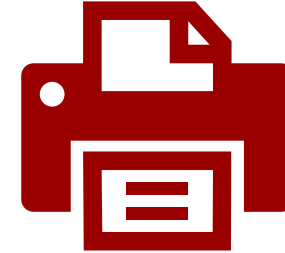
Share only **your own knowledge or opinion.**



Only **one written comment** per person/entity.



Attachments, reference documents, and articles are **not counted as comments.**



Email or fax **won't be accepted.**



Only comments submitted **during the official comment period** are accepted.





Where to find additional help



[UW-Madison Writer's Handbook](#)



[Small Business Guide to Comment Letter Writing](#)

Small Business
Administration



[Public Comments on Federal Regulations](#)

General Services
Administration





How to Stay Engaged

Sign Up for Office Hours

- Friday, August 22, 2025, 9 – 10 AM
- Monday, August 25, 2025, Noon – 1 PM
- Tuesday, August 26, 2025, 9 – 10 AM
- Wednesday, August 27, 2025, Noon – 1 PM
- Thursday, August 28, 2025, 9 – 10 AM



Office Hours
Registration





How to Stay Engaged



Stay informed

Follow a case

Subscribe to a docket

Follow the Commission
Calendar



Make your voice heard

Provide a comment "for the record"
during open comment period

Submit comments during other
open comment periods

Attend Commission's Open
Meeting

Thank You! Questions?

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