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POWER WISCONSIN FORWARD APPLAUDS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REQUIRING TRANSPARENCY IN ALLIANT BEAVER DAM DATA CENTER CONTRACT

PSC requires the utility to refile payment plan with fewer redactions and extends public comment period

MADISON, Wis. — The following quotes were issued today from Power Wisconsin Forward organizations, regarding Alliant Energy’s refiling of an Individual Contract Rate Agreement:

Abby Novinska-Lois, Healthy Climate Wisconsin

“Rising energy costs force some families to forgo essential medications or healthcare needs. Wisconsin communities deserve transparency on how data center and utility contracts will affect them. Judge Newmark’s decision to require Alliant Energy to share basic details with the public is a step forward. Wisconsinites can weigh in through public comment now and demand that this step becomes a clear path towards far stronger safeguards.”

- For an interview with Abby, contact: abby@healthyclimatewi.org

Britnie Remer, Organizing Director, 350 Wisconsin

“With so much information hidden from view, the public was unable to determine whether this contract protects ratepayers, prevents cost-shifting to families and small businesses, guarantees the data center pays its full costs, or keeps Wisconsin on track to meet its clean energy and climate commitments. We appreciate the PSC’s request of Alliant Energy as a way to make sure organizations are leading with transparency and protecting all Wisconsinites.”

- For an interview with Britnie, contact: britnie.remer@350wisconsin.org

Cassie Steiner, Sierra Club - Wisconsin Chapter

“We applaud the Public Service Commission for listening to the demand for more transparency, and Judge Newmark’s requirement for Alliant to refile. Alliant Energy customers deserve to know how this contract will affect their energy bills and need basic information to adequately weigh in on the proposed contract. We look forward to seeing the Commission continue to listen to Wisconsinites and require that Big Tech pay its fair share and deny any discounts for data centers. Also, if we’re going to welcome very large customers, we need clear rules that apply across the board. We continue to call on the Public Service Commission to require Alliant Energy to refile this request under a Very Large Customer tariff to ensure transparency, consistency, and fairness for families and small businesses.”

- For an interview with Cassie Steiner, contact: Megan Wittman, megan.wittman@sierraclub.org

Kat Klawes, Climate Action Policy Coordinator, Citizen Action of Wisconsin

“Wisconsin families should not have to pay the price for backroom utility deals. When data center contracts are handled one at a time and kept mostly out of public view, it creates real risks. Costs can be shifted onto everyday households, seniors on fixed incomes, renters, homeowners, and small businesses already struggling with high utility bills. New fossil fuel projects can move forward without full public review. And if projections are wrong, working families will be stuck holding the bill. We urge the Commission to continue listening to Wisconsinites by ensuring large corporations pay their full costs and that no special discounts are approved at the expense of our communities.”

- For an interview with Kat Klawes, contact: kat.klawes@citizenactionwi.org or call 920-634-8981

Sarah Zarling, Program Assistant, Wisconsin Environmental Initiative

“Alliant clearly can’t be trusted to have the best interests of the customers it serves in mind and is only operating for its own gain without regard for the consequences. Customers deserve to know that they won’t be required to see their rates go up to pay for an AI Data Center and that Alliant Energy deserves to be held accountable to the fullest extent.”

- For an interview with Sarah, contact: sarahzarling21@gmail.com

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ABOUT POWER WISCONSIN FORWARD

Power Wisconsin Forward is organized on the foundational truth that methane gas infrastructure is bad for our people, planet, and pocketbooks. Supported by the Clean Economy Coalition of Wisconsin (CECW) and its more than 50 partner organizations, the campaign is focused on following the science and educating Wisconsinites and activating change to enable a cleaner energy future for our state that creates jobs, builds energy reliability, and saves people money. Learn more and get involved at www.powerwisconsinforward.com