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Ald. Dimitrijevic issues objection to Wisconsin Electric Power Company proposal

Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic has submitted written testimony in objection to the "Very Large Customer and Bespoke Resources Tariffs" proposed by the Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPC) that are currently before the Public Service Commission (PSC) of Wisconsin. The discussion before the PSC comes at a time when We Energies customers have seen rising electric bills over the last two years.

The full written testimony (**attached**) states, in part, "I come to join my voice to those who believe the currently-proposed Very Large Customer and Bespoke Resources Tariffs are ill-considered, short-sighted, and in need of significant revision prior to adoption. Any rate design that shifts data-center-related costs, or related risk, onto existing residential and small business customers in the City of Milwaukee is something I strongly oppose."

The written testimony also urges the PSC to ensure several conditions are met. These include that data center customers pay 100% of all incremental and fixed costs required to serve them, with no cost shunted to other customers, and that the PSC adopts enforceable, long-term protections such as binding service agreements aligned with the life of new infrastructure, exit/termination charges, and other safeguards so Wisconsin ratepayers are not left responsible if data center plans change or demand falls.

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TESTIMONY OF ALDERWOMAN MARINA DIMITRIJEVIC REGARDING WISCONSIN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY'S PROPOSED VERY LARGE CUSTOMER AND BESPOKE RESOURCES TARIFFS

By way of introduction, my name is Marina Dimitrijevic. I serve as 14th District Alderwoman on the City of Milwaukee's Common Council where I represent nearly 40,000 residents.

I come to join my voice to those who believe the currently-proposed Very Large Customer and Bespoke Resources Tariffs are ill-considered, short-sighted, and in need of significant revision prior to adoption. Any rate design that shifts data-center-related costs, or related risk, onto existing residential and small business customers in the City of Milwaukee is something I strongly oppose. Wisconsin households and local businesses should not be required to subsidize or assume the financial risk of infrastructure built primarily to benefit billion-dollar corporations.

As such, I urge the Commission to reject or substantially modify this proposal to ensure:

1. Data center customers pay 100% of all incremental and fixed costs required to serve them (including generation capacity, operations and maintenance, and fuel costs attributable to serving data center load), with no cost shunted to other customers. Full cost causation and strong, enforceable protections for non-participating customers must be required.
2. The Commission adopts enforceable, long-term protections such as binding service agreements aligned with the life of new infrastructure, exit/termination charges, and other safeguards so Wisconsin ratepayers are not left responsible if data center plans change or demand falls.
3. Any eligibility threshold is set low enough to prevent avoidance. The 500 megawatt threshold is entirely too high, and as predictable as the sunrise, corporations will put forward proposals underneath it, meaning the cost to power these still-massive developments will then be passed on to those who can least afford it: the We Energies customers who have been forced to bear the burden of so many increases in recent years.

I'd also be remiss if I didn't note that the power plants built to feed these bespoke developments appear certain to run on fossil fuels. Even as the evidence for the deleterious effects of climate change piles up around us, this seems a commitment to what is the absolute worst in our energy policy. No proposal of this type should move forward without strict requirements for the inclusion of renewable energy.

With these concerns in mind, I again urge the Commission not to adopt these proposals as submitted. More time must be allowed and further direction given that they be carefully studied to address these and the other concerns you have heard during this process.

I affirm that these comments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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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