

Two model letters for your office

These letters carry two of the three requests in our packet. Sign them as they are, or put the text on your own letterhead and change what you like.

Letter A, Request 3. To the Public Service Commission, filed in docket 2708-NC-100. It asks the Commission to hold a full public hearing on MGS Wisconsin's application to become a utility, and to decide on that record before the legal deadline, never by default.

Letter B, Request 2. To Sen. Julian Bradley and Rep. David Steffen, who chair the Senate and Assembly energy committees. It asks for a public informational hearing on MISO's Tranche 2.1 plan by December 15, 2026, with testimony from MISO and from its Independent Market Monitor, Dr. David Patton.

To sign on. Sign the letter page and send it to info@no765line.org by Monday, October 12, or hand it to our team at your October 13 meeting. We deliver every signature to the office filing the joint letters.

To send your own. Word versions of both letters are at no765line.org/day-of-power/legislators.

Filing Letter A. Upload it through the Commission's Electronic Records Filing system (ERF, "Upload Document") in docket 2708-NC-100, as the School District of Lodi did on October 7. The Commission's "File a Public Comment" form does not list this docket yet. Address it to the Commission, never to an individual commissioner. Filing questions: the Commission's information line, 608-266-5481.

The docket in one file. Every public filing in docket 2708-NC-100, in one zip, is on the same page.

At our 4:30 p.m. press conference at the Capitol on October 13, we will name the legislators who have committed.

Questions: Michael Browne, 412-335-8295, info@no765line.org

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Secretary to the Commission
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
4822 Madison Yards Way
Madison, WI 53705

Re: Docket 2708-NC-100, Application of Midcontinent Grid Solutions Wisconsin, LLC, for a Certificate of Authority to Operate as a Public Utility in Wisconsin

To the Commission:

We write as members of the Wisconsin Legislature to ask the Commission to hold a full public hearing on the application of Midcontinent Grid Solutions Wisconsin, LLC (MGS Wisconsin) to operate as a public utility in Wisconsin, and to decide the application on that record.

MGS Wisconsin is the developer of BECI, a proposed 765 kV transmission line. Its application, filed June 4, 2026, asks the Commission to declare 18 sections of chapter 196 “not presently applicable” to it, and to find that “MGS Wisconsin and its upstream affiliates are not subject to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.795 regulating holding companies and holding company systems.”

Four parties have asked the Commission for a hearing: the Wisconsin Utilities Association, WPPI Energy, Dairyland Power Cooperative and the Lake Wisconsin Land and Community Alliance. MGS Wisconsin has told the Commission it “is mindful that the Commission has broad discretion on whether to hold a hearing in this docket.” When ITC Midwest applied for the same kind of certificate (docket 2707-NC-100), the Commission’s notice of November 4, 2013 made the case “a Class 1 proceeding,” and the Commission held technical and public hearings in 2014.

Once the Commission issues a notice opening the docket, it has 90 days to decide without a hearing. If it holds a hearing, it has 180 days from the notice of hearing. The chairperson may add up to 90 or 180 more days for good cause. If the Commission misses the deadline, the law says it “is considered to have issued a certificate of authority” (Wis. Stat. § 196.49(5r)).

We ask the Commission to announce a full public hearing in the notice that opens this docket, with a public session where residents can speak, and to decide on that record before the legal deadline, so that no certificate is issued by default. A hearing gives the Commission a complete public record, whatever it decides.

Please place this letter in docket 2708-NC-100.

Sincerely,

Name, Senate or Assembly District

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[Date]

The Honorable Julian Bradley, Chair, Senate Committee on Utilities, Technology and Tourism
The Honorable David Steffen, Chair, Assembly Committee on Energy and Utilities
State Capitol, Madison, Wisconsin

Re: A public informational hearing on MISO's Tranche 2.1 plan by December 15, 2026

Dear Chair Bradley and Chair Steffen:

We ask you to hold a public informational hearing on MISO's Tranche 2.1 transmission plan by December 15, 2026.

MISO's board approved the \$21.8 billion Tranche 2.1 portfolio on December 12, 2024. It includes two proposed 765 kV lines in Wisconsin: MariBell, from Marion, Minnesota, to Bell Center, and BECI, from Crawford County through Walworth County to the Wisconsin-Illinois border. Ratepayers across MISO's Midwest region, Wisconsin's among them, would pay for it.

MISO's own Independent Market Monitor, Dr. David Patton of Potomac Economics, recommended in writing on October 30, 2024 that the board "postpone approval of Tranche 2.1." On March 13, 2025, he told the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that MISO's transmission plans and business case analyses are "highly biased in favor of over-building transmission," and that "a properly calculated benefit-cost ratio for Tranche 2.1 would be less than 0.4": less than 40 cents of benefit for every dollar customers pay. MISO's own estimate is \$1.80 to \$3.50. On September 9, 2025, he told FERC that Tranche 2.1 "will cost each family in the Midwest more than \$2500." His comments concern the whole portfolio, not either Wisconsin line by itself.

In his March filing, Dr. Patton also told FERC that MISO's board had directed MISO not to pay the monitor for reviewing its transmission planning unless FERC found that work within the monitor's role. In May 2025, MISO asked FERC to declare that review "outside the scope" of the monitor's engagement. On July 18, 2025, FERC denied MISO's request. Then-Chairman Mark Christie wrote in a concurring statement that by critiquing MISO's case for the plan, the monitor did "exactly what the MISO IMM and any market monitor should do."

MariBell's developers expect to apply to the Public Service Commission in late 2026, and BECI's developer plans to apply in early 2027. The people who would pay for this plan deserve to hear that dispute in public before those cases begin. We ask that you schedule a public informational hearing by December 15, 2026, with testimony from MISO and from Dr. Patton.

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