

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Memorandum

March 10, 2025

TO: Summer Strand, Chairperson

FROM: Kate Christensen, Administrator
Tara N. Bachman, Deputy Administrator
Division of Energy Regulation and Analysis

RE: Application of American Transmission Company LLC, as an Electric Public Utility, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct and Operate the Mill Road-Granville Transmission Line Project, Consisting of Two New 138 kV Transmission Lines, Rebuilding Two Existing Double-Circuit 345/138 kV Transmission Lines, and Constructing the 345 kV Mill Road Substation Located Primarily in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, and the City of Brookfield and the Village of Menomonee Falls, Waukesha County, Wisconsin 137-CE-212

Request for Extension of Time Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.491(3)(g)

The purpose of this memorandum is to request an extension of time for the Commission to take final action on the application of American Transmission Company LLC (applicant), filed on October 23, 2024 for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) under Wis. Stat. § 196.491(3) to construct the Mill Road-Granville Transmission Line project. The applicant seeks authority to construct two new 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines, rebuild two existing double-circuit 345/138 kV transmission lines, and constructing the 345 kV Mill Road Substation (project). The project would be constructed in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, and the City of Brookfield and the Village of Menomonee Falls, Waukesha County, Wisconsin.

Commission and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources staff are reviewing the application to construct the facilities described above. On November 22, 2024, the Commission,

under Wis. Stat. § 196.491(3)(a)2. and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 111.51, determined the CPCN application to be complete. ([PSC REF#: 524909.](#))

Under Wis. Stat. § 196.491(3)(g), the Commission is required to take final action on a CPCN application within 180 days after the application is determined or considered to be complete. If the Commission fails to take final action within the 180-day period, the Commission is considered to have issued a CPCN with respect to the application. In this matter, the 180-day deadline expires on Wednesday, May 21, 2025. However, Wis. Stat. § 196.491(3)(g) provides that the Chairperson of the Commission, for good cause, may extend the time period for action for an additional 180 days.

Given the size of the project and the various tasks that need to be performed in the docket, including the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and testimony and conducting public hearings, and the workloads of Commission staff, the Administrative Law Judge has ordered a schedule in this docket that extends beyond the 180 days. ([PSC REF#: 533794.](#)) Commission staff respectfully submits that good cause exists for an extension of time and therefore requests that the time period be extended for an additional 180 days. While a 180-day extension of time is requested, Commission staff is diligently working to complete its review and anticipates that the Commission may be able to take action before the end of the extended deadline.

If this request is granted, the new deadline for taking final action will be Monday, November 17, 2025.

PURSUANT TO WIS. STAT. § 196.491(3)(g), THE REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR AN ADDITIONAL 180 DAYS IS:

GRANTED

DENIED

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 10th of March, 2025.



Summer Strand
Chairperson

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Key Background Documents

[Completeness Determination Letter - PSC REF#: 524909](#)

[Prehearing Conference Memorandum Served 2/19/2025 - PSC REF#: 533794](#)