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Public Service Commission  
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Dear Elise,

Senator Lasee has asked me to obtain from the P.S.C. some information regarding Industrial Wind Turbines (IWT's) in Wisconsin.

Do you have information about how much electricity IWT's actually are producing in Wisconsin? Can you break the information down by:

- Percentage generated by IWT's compared to total electricity consumed
- Percentage generated by IWT's compared to the rated capacity of the turbines
- Actual IWT output in MWh compared to total MWh generated/consumed from other generation sources

What are the unsubsidized and subsidized pay back for wind turbines?

How much more cost is added to rates because of rate payers paying extra for this type of power?

It's my understanding that Wisconsin has 35% more electric generating capacity than usage. Is this true? What are the projections of future electricity usage?

If the projections don't show a 35% increase in electricity usage, and IWT projects add additional cost to the ratepayers in the form of subsidies, and additional costs in the form of higher rates, why is PSC approving any IWT projects at this time?

Please let me know the answers to these questions as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Rob Kovach  
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