# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Application Review Process

# Applicant's Public Information Meetings

Several public information meetings organized and **sponsored by the applicant** to obtain public input prior to submitting a project application.

### **Application Submitted**

An application is submitted to the PSC and

the PSC mails copies to all city, town, and village clerks in the project area, and to the public libraries in the affected counties.

### **PSC Public Notification Letter**

Letter notifies public that the review process is beginning. Mailed to property owners, government officials, libraries, media, and other interested agencies and individuals.

### **PSC Scoping Meetings**

A PSC meeting for the purpose of obtaining public input regarding the project and its environmental impacts.

# **Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Prepared**

The PSC completes a draft EIS.

The public can request the draft EIS, review it at the local clerks' offices, public libraries, or from the PSC website.

#### **Draft EIS Comment Period**

The public may comment on the draft EIS during the 45-day comment period.

## **Final EIS Prepared**

The PSC completes a final EIS considering public comments and additional analyses. The final EIS is available upon request, at local clerks' offices, public libraries, or from the PSC website.

#### **Find Information**

- In PSC Letters
- At Applicant and PSC Public Meetings
- At the PSC Web Site http://psc.wi.gov
- At Local Libraries,
   Government Offices,
   & at Clerks' Offices
- Within the Environmental Impact Statement

### **Public Hearings**

**How to Get Involved** 

**Attend Meetings** 

Verify That You Are

On the PSC and the

Applicant's Mailing Lists

Review the Application

Ask Questions of the

PSC,

the Applicant,

and the DNR

**Submit Comments** 

**Testify at the Hearing** 

Read the Notification

The public may participate and give testimony. Public Hearings are held near the proposed sites. The testimony presented becomes part of the record used by the Commission in making its decision.

#### **Technical Hearings**

PSC staff and other parties provide testimony and exhibits. The final EIS is submitted. The testimony presented becomes part of the record used by the Commission in making its decision.

# Public Service Commission Decision

The Commission makes a final decision to approve, modify, or deny the project. Commission meetings are open to the public for observation.

# Public Service Commission Issues an Order\*

The Commission's decision is described in a written order to the applicant.

The applicant must obtain federal, state and local permits prior to beginning construction of any project approved by the Commission.