**ON LINE PSC COMMENTS EXTENDED THROUGH JULY 7** 



# **Could this be Southern Wisconsin by 2025?**

### CARDINAL HICKORY CREEK PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### LANCASTER – JUNE 25

2 pm & 6 pm Youth & Agriculture Center Grant County Fairgrounds 916 E Elm Street

#### MADISON-PSC – JUNE 26

2 pm & 6 pm PSC Hearing Room (S105) 4822 Madison Yards Way

#### **DODGEVILLE – JUNE 27**

2 pm & 6 pm Dodger Bowl Lanes, 318 King St

#### OR COMMENT ON LINE THROUG

July 7!!

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#### **IN-PERSON OR ON-LINE:**

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1. State where you live, what you do, civic service you have provided and experiences you have. Optionally, state how long you have lived in the area.

**2.** State your final opinion about the Cardinal Hickory Creek transmission line proposal. (Provide 2-4 reasons, key facts are provided below):

**WOULD NOT SAVE MONEY AS CLAIMED:** The Wisconsin Public Service Commission staff found that under 8 of 11 future scenarios they studied, the CHC transmission line would increase rather than decrease utility bills as ATC, ITC and DPC have been claiming for years.

**WOULD NOT BENEFIT REGIONAL CUSTOMERS AS CLAIMED:** PSC staff also found that CHC would not produce savings for regional utility customers in the most likely future scenarios they studied.

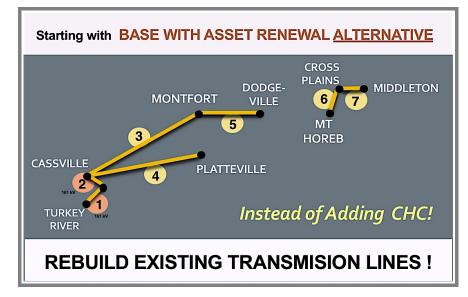
**INSIGNIFICANT BENEFITS.** Engineer Bill Powers states that all potential benefits from CHC are insignificant-- from 1 to 8 cents per month for residential customers on average. To date, despite many requests, transmission builders have refused to provide any estimates of actual impacts on electric bills.

**HIDDN POWER PLANTS:** While electricity use is flat, the "MISO MTEP17" economic projections used by ATC, ITC and DPC stimulate a "need" for CHC by assuming many billions spent on new power plants across the Midwest, The impacts of these additions on electric bills are not accounted for in their economic estimates.

**BILL INCREASES:** ATC, ITC & DPC's planning assumes our electricity use will increase as much as 27% (year 40 at .6% per year). They assume our electricity rates will increase 2.5% per year to 40 cents per kWh in 40 years.

3. State your opinion about the PSC's Staff's *BASE WITH ASSET RENEWAL ALTERNATIVE*, *Do you support it as an <u>Alternative</u> to CHC?* 

Fact Basis: There are seven transmission lines in SW WI that are 60-65 years old. If rebuilt, their power handling capabilities would be doubled. PSC staff observes that the start of this process would cost of only \$1 million and deliver economic and reliability benefits comparable to those of Cardinal Hickory Creek under expected future scenarios.



4. State your opinion about future use of "Non-Transmission Alternatives" in Wisconsin. Typically, these are higher rebates for conservation, accelerated energy efficiency, load management and installations of home/farm/business and community solar.

FACT BASIS: Transmission builders ignored \$132 million in savings from their Non Transmission Alternative. In contrast, Engineer Bill Powers' Optimized \$69 Million Optimized NTA for Southwest Wisconsin would produce \$1.6 billion in economic benefits over 30 years from accelerated energy efficiency, distributed solar, community solar and battery storage to create several 100% renewable energy powered communities.

FACT BASIS: Dr. Henry Choa, an expert in battery storage, demonstrated before the PSC that increases in power transfer from Iowa to Wisconsin could be achieved by a battery storage facility in Cassville as well as a 345 kV transmission line.

5. State whether you think that Wisconsin citizens are ready to increasingly utilize Non-Transmission Alternatives.

6. If applicable, support this opinion with examples of uses of conservation, energy efficiency, making dwelling improvements and buying more efficient appliance and equipment.

## 7. State if you have "gone solar" or is are considering it. State if you are considering an electric vehicle and whether you want to charge it with home or community solar.

8. State whether you are concerned about the size of your current electric bill?

9. State whether your business or household budget would be significantly impacted if electricity service costs were to keep increasing at their current pace.