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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

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### 2021 Wisconsin Act 86 [2021 Assembly Bill 302]

### Public Service Commission Review of Water Meter Projects

Generally, a public utility must obtain approval from the Public Service Commission (PSC) before undertaking certain construction, installation, or improvement projects. This requirement applies to all public utilities, including water and combined water and sewer public utilities.

2021 Wisconsin Act 86 creates an exception to the requirement to obtain PSC approval for certain projects that are for the purpose of installing, repairing, or replacing meters to measure service to customers. To receive this exception, a project must be completed by a water public utility, a combined water and sewer public utility, or by an entity contracted by one of the foregoing.

The act also directly modifies the administrative code to reflect the new statutory exception for water meter installation projects.

**Effective date:** November 7, 2021; except that the act's treatment of the administrative code takes effect on December 1, 2021.

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