

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Omnibus Motion
[LFB Papers #525 thru #536]

Motion:

Move to adopt the following provision:

1. *Broadband Grants (Paper #525)*. Authorize the issuance of \$125,000,000 in general fund-supported general obligation bonds to make broadband expansion grants under section 196.504 of the statutes. Specify that the Legislature finds and determines that providing grants for construction of broadband infrastructure to increase internet access in unserved and underserved areas of the state is a statewide responsibility of statewide dimension. Further, specify that it is in the public interest, and it is the public policy of this state, to assist internet service providers in providing access to high speed internet to all residents of Wisconsin. Specify that the Building Commission may authorize the issuance of bonds for broadband expansion projects approved by the Public Service Commission under section 196.504 of the statutes. Finally, reestimate year-end transfers of unencumbered amounts in universal service fund appropriations at \$2,000,000 SEG each year for broadband expansion grants. Under the motion, funding available for broadband expansion grants totals \$129,000,000 during the 2021-23 biennium.

2. *Intervenor Compensation (Paper #536)*. Adopt Alternative 1, which deletes \$300,000 PR each year from the Commission's intervenor compensation appropriation. Intervenor compensation would be budgeted at \$542,500 each year of the 2021-23 biennium.

Note:

[Change to Base: \$4,000,000 SEG, -\$600,000 PR, and \$125,000,000 in GPR-supported general obligation bonding.]