1	2023 RES-077
2 3 4 5 6	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CORPORATION COUNSEL TO INTERVENE IN THE MADISON GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY AND WISCONSIN POWER & LIGHT COMPANY RATE CHANGE PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE PSC
5 7 8 9 10 11	Madison Gas & Electric Company ("MGE") has submitted an application with the Public Service Commission ("PSC") (docket number 3270-UR-125) to increase the electric and natural gas rates in the City of Madison and surrounding communities of Dane County.
11 12 13 14 15 16	Wisconsin Power & Light Company ("WPL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alliant Energy Company, has submitted an application with the Public Service Commission ("PSC") (docket number 6680-UR-124) to increase the electric and natural gas rates in communities throughout Dane County.
10 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37	Dane County this year achieved its goal of powering county facilities with 100% renewable electricity due in large part to its utility-scale solar project partnerships with MGE (Airport Solar) and Alliant/WPL (Yahara Solar). Dane County became the first county in Wisconsin and the 4 th county in the U.S. to achieve the 100% renewable milestone.
	Furthermore, the 2020 Dane County Climate Action Plan puts the county on the path to be carbon-neutral by 2050, with the intermediate goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 50% county-wide by 2030. Both MGE and Alliant/WPL were members of the Climate Action Council that approved the climate goals and steps to be taken to achieve those goals.
	Both MGE and WPL in their respective applications propose to restructure electric rates in ways that, if approved by the PSC, would impact both current and future renewable solar installations by government, residential and business customers. Dane County's participation in the above-referenced PSC rate cases is necessary to ensure that the county's 100% renewable energy achievement is maintained in future years and the county-wide climate goals are achievable. As per the Climate Action Plan, the County has prioritized further adoption of energy efficient and renewable energy technologies resulting in both emissions reductions and energy bill savings for all customers.
38 39 40 41 42	Dane County owns or leases various facilities in order to ensure the provision of numerous critical services to over 550,000 of its citizens. As such, Dane County purchases both electricity and natural gas from MGE and WPL to power these facilities.
42 43 44 45 46	MGE and WPL'S proposal to increase the electric and natural gas rates would have a significant impact on Dane County's operating budget. Furthermore, Dane County will participate to make certain that MGE and WPL's electric rate design will not negatively impact existing and future solar projects.

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- In order to preserve Dane County's right to participate, the Office of the Corporation
- 48 Counsel has filed a request to intervene in each rate case that is contingent upon the
- 49 County Board authorizing such action.
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- 51 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors
- 52 hereby directs the Corporation Counsel to intervene in the MGE and WPL rate cases
- and to litigate the matter in order to advocate for Dane County's interests.