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### Errata Sheet AIS #4627

Hartford Jackson Interconnect, Washington and Dodge Counties, WI

Dear Reader,

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (the "Department" or "DATCP") published Agricultural Impact Statement ("AIS") #4627 entitled Hartford Jackson Interconnect on April 30, 2025. Upon review of the AIS and consultation with the Public Service Commission (PSC), the Department is no longer recommending that the PSC consider requiring that the project initiator, Wisconsin Gas LLC, be required to hire an Independent Agricultural Monitor (IAM) depending on the route selected. Instead, DATCP has determined that the Agricultural Inspector (AI) that Wisconsin Gas LLC plans to hire will be sufficient for the project, a finding which is based on precedent with past AIS recommendations and PSC rulings. Additionally, the Agricultural Monitoring Form for Pipeline Projects (ARM-LWR-543) was added to the appendices as Appendix I and any incorrect mentions of this attachment as "Appendix G" were corrected.

To view these changes, the Department refers the reader to the following revisions contained within the revised publication on AIS #4627:

## **Agricultural Impact Statement Recommendations: Recommendations to the Public Service Commission**

The Department removed recommendation 2 and 3 from page 13 and 14:

2) Should the PSC select the Preferred Route or a route alternative with substantial impacts to cropland and potential to sever agricultural parcels (see Table 3 in Section 4.4.1. "Severance") the Department recommends that the PSC require Wisconsin Gas LLC to hire an Independent Agricultural Monitor (IAM) for the construction phase of the Project. However, should PSC select the route that the Department recommends (B-1, B-2, A-3, B-4, B-5, B-6, B-7.), or route segments not likely to cause severance of agricultural parcels the Department believes the Agricultural Inspector that Wisconsin Gas LLC hires is sufficient to ensure Wisconsin Gas LLC adheres to the AMP and any additional BMPs the Department has recommended for Wisconsin Gas LLC. See Section



- 4.4.1 "Severance" and Section 5.1 "Agricultural Inspector and Independent Agricultural Monitor" for further discussion regarding this recommendation.
- 3) If PSC determines an IAM should be hired by Wisconsin Gas LLC, the Department suggests that PSC require that the IAM is hired in consultation with and the approval of the PSC, DATCP, and WisDNR and all reports generated by IAM should be shared with the PSC, DATCP, and WisDNR. Furthermore, the IAM should be required to complete the Department's standard Agricultural Monitoring Form for Pipeline Projects (ARM-LWR-543) as seen in Appendix G and submit said monitoring forms to DATCP weekly or a timeframe that is consulted with and approved by PSC, DATCP and WisDNR. If Wisconsin Gas LLC has an applicable form that shares information that is requested on form ARM-LWR-543, then that can be used in lieu of ARM-LWR-543.

#### Recommendation 2 now reads:

1) The Department believes an Agricultural Inspector that Wisconsin Gas LLC plans to hire is sufficient to ensure Wisconsin Gas LLC adheres to the AMP and any additional BMPs the Department has recommended for Wisconsin Gas LLC. DATCP recommends that for the duration of Project construction, the PSC require Wisconsin Gas LLC to hire a dedicated Agricultural Inspector (AI). If this recommendation is approved by the PSC, all reports generated by the AI should be shared with the PSC, DATCP, and DNR. Furthermore, the potential AI should be required to complete DATCP's standard Agricultural Monitoring Form for Pipeline Projects (ARM-LWR-543) as seen in Appendix H and submit said monitoring forms to DATCP weekly or a timeframe that is consulted with and approved by PSC, DATCP and DNR. If Wisconsin Gas LLC has an applicable form that shares information that is requested on form ARM-LWR-543, then that can be used in lieu of ARM-LWR-543.

# Section 5.1 Environmental Impact Monitor (IEM), Agricultural Inspector (AI) & Independent Agricultural Monitor (IAM)

The Department removed the following paragraph on page 45: "If approved by the PSC, the Department recommends Wisconsin Gas LLC be required to hire an IEM for the duration of the construction of Project. The IEM should be hired in consultation with and the approval of the



PSC, DATCP, and WisDNR and all reports generated by IEM should be shared with the PSC, DATCP, and WisDNR."

The Department removed the following paragraphs on page 46:

"In regards to an IAM, should the PSC select the Preferred Route or a route alternative with substantial impacts to cropland and potential to sever agricultural parcels (see Table 3 in Section 4.4.1. "Severance") the Department recommends that the PSC require Wisconsin Gas LLC to hire an Independent Agricultural Monitor (IAM) for the construction phase of the Project. Furthermore, the IAM should be required to complete the Department's standard Agricultural Monitoring Form for Pipeline Projects (ARM-LWR-543) as seen in Appendix I. However, should PSC select the route that the Department recommends where there is not likely to cause severance of agricultural parcels, the Department believes an AI is sufficient to ensure Wisconsin Gas LLC adheres to the AMP and any additional BMPs the Department has recommended for Wisconsin Gas LLC.

Should the PSC decide to require an IEM or an IAM for the Project, the IEM/IAM should be hired in consultation with and the approval of the PSC, DATCP, and WisDNR and all reports generated by IEM should be shared with the PSC, DATCP, and WisDNR."

#### The paragraphs on page 46 now reads:

"Wisconsin Gas LLC plans to hire an experienced Agricultural Inspector to work with farmers in the near future and through negotiations, construct ruction and restoration. Absent an IAM, the AI hired or selected by the Wisconsin Gas LLC will have the ability to assist impacted agricultural landowners and help mitigate the potential agricultural impacts from the Project.

In reviewing the potential magnitude of agricultural impacts from the Project, the Department believes an AI is sufficient to ensure Wisconsin Gas LLC adheres to the AMP and any additional BMPs the Department has recommended for Wisconsin Gas LLC. DATCP recommends that for the duration of Project construction, the PSC require Wisconsin Gas LLC to hire a dedicated Agricultural Inspector (AI). If this recommendation is approved by the PSC, all reports generated by the AI should be shared with the PSC, DATCP, and DNR. Furthermore, the potential AI should be required to complete DATCP's standard Agricultural Monitoring Form for Pipeline Projects (ARM-LWR-543) as seen in Appendix H and submit said monitoring forms to DATCP weekly or a timeframe that is consulted with and approved by PSC, DATCP and DNR. If Wisconsin Gas LLC has an applicable form that shares information that is requested on form ARM-LWR-543, then that can be used in lieu of ARM-LWR-543."