

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to ss. 101.02 (2) and (15) and 101.16, Stats., the Department of Commerce will hold a public hearing on proposed rules under chapter Comm 5 relating to retail liquefied gas suppliers and affecting small business.

The public hearing will be held as follows:

Date and Time:

November 4, 2008
1:00 p.m.

Location:

Conference Room 3B
Thompson Commerce Center
201 W. Washington Avenue
Madison

Interested persons are invited to appear at the hearing and present comments on the proposed rules. Persons making oral presentations are requested to submit their comments in writing. Persons submitting comments will not receive individual responses. The hearing record on this proposed rulemaking will remain open until November 14, 2008, to permit submittal of written comments from persons who are unable to attend the hearing or who wish to supplement testimony offered at the hearing. Written comments should be submitted to James Quast, at the Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 2689, Madison, WI 53701-2689, or Email at jim.quast@wisconsin.gov.

This hearing is held in an accessible facility. If you have special needs or circumstances that may make communication or accessibility difficult at the hearing, please call (608) 266-8741 or contact through Wisconsin Relay at least 10 days prior to the hearing date. Accommodations such as interpreters, English translators, or materials in audio tape format will, to the fullest extent possible, be made available upon a request from a person with a disability.

The proposed rules and an analysis of the proposed rules are available on the Internet at the Safety and Buildings Division Web site at www.commerce.wi.gov/SB/. Paper copies may be obtained without cost from Roberta Ward, at the Department of Commerce, Program Development Bureau, P.O. Box 2689, Madison, WI 53701-2689, or Email at roberta.ward@wisconsin.gov, or at telephone (608) 266-8741 or contact through Wisconsin Relay. Copies will also be available at the public hearing.

The small business regulatory coordinator for the Department of Commerce is Carol Dunn, who may be contacted at telephone (608) 267-0297, or Email at carol.dunn@wisconsin.gov.

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Dear Mr. Hoesly:

**TRANSMITTAL OF WRITTEN NOTICE OF HEARING
AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REVIEW**

RULE NO.: Comm 5.73

RELATING TO: Retail Liquefied Gas Suppliers

AGENCY UNIT RESPONSIBLE: Safety and Buildings Division

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED: YES NO

CONTACT PERSON: James Quast TITLE: Program Manager

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Pursuant to sections 227.14 (4m) and 227.17, Stats., agencies are required to transmit a written notice of submittal of proposed rules to the Legislative Council and a written notice of hearing to the Legislative Reference Bureau, for publication in the Administrative Register.

On the date on this letter the department is submitting proposed rules to the Legislative Council and is submitting the following material to you:

1. Notice of Public Hearing or 30-Day Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.
2. Fiscal Estimate.
3. Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis.
4. Draft of Proposed Rules.

Respectfully submitted,

Aaron Olver
Deputy Secretary

INITIAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS

Department of Commerce

RULE NO.: Comm 5.73

RELATING TO: Retail Liquefied Gas Suppliers

1. Types of small businesses that will be affected by the rules.

The proposed rules implement the licensing mandates imposed by 2007 Wisconsin Act 203. The primary businesses affected by these licensing mandates are suppliers who fill propane gas cylinders. This would include bulk gas suppliers, cooperatives, hardware stores and camp grounds.

2. Reporting, bookkeeping and other procedures required for compliance with the rules.

The Act under s. 101.16 (3r), Stats., requires the licensed gas suppliers to maintain proof of financial responsibility. The financial amounts vary with the type of tanks to be filled.

3. Types of professional skills necessary for compliance with the rules.

No other types of professional skills are necessary for compliance with the rules.

4. Rules have a significant economic impact on small businesses.

No Rules not submitted to Small Business Regulatory Review Board

Yes Rules submitted to Small Business Regulatory Review Board

NOTICE of ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

Department of Commerce

Rule No.: Comm 5.73

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Notice is hereby given that the Department has considered the environmental impact of the proposed rules. In accordance with chapter Comm 1, the proposed rules are a Type III action. A Type III action normally does not have the potential to cause significant environmental effects and normally does not involve unresolved conflicts in the use of available resources. The Department has reviewed these rules and finds no reason to believe that any unusual conditions exist. At this time, the Department has issued this notice to serve as a finding of no significant impact.

FISCAL ESTIMATE
DOA-2048 (R06/99)

ORIGINAL
 CORRECTED

UPDATED
 SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.
Chs. Comm 5 & 40
Amendment No. if Applicable

Subject

Liquefied gas suppliers

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation

Increase Existing Appropriation
 Decrease Existing Appropriation
 Create New Appropriation
 Increase Existing Revenues
 Decrease Existing Revenues

Increase Costs - May be Possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget Yes No

Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs

1. Increase Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

3. Increase Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:

Towns Villages Cities

2. Decrease Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

4. Decrease Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

Counties Others _____

School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The proposed rules implement the licensing mandates imposed by 2007 Wisconsin Act 203 relating to businesses which supply/fill liquid petroleum gas cylinders. The primary businesses affected by these licensing mandates would include bulk gas suppliers, cooperatives, hardware stores and camp grounds. The department estimates there would be 600 suppliers who would be required to obtain licenses. The department proposes to charge \$60 for a license and \$40 for a restricted license which would be limited to filling only DOT cylinders. The department also anticipates that a majority of the suppliers would obtain the restricted licenses. The department estimates that it would realize approximately \$26,000 in revenue for the two-year licenses or \$13,000 annually. The department anticipates that workload associated with this licensing can be absorbed within current resources and staff levels.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

No long-range fiscal implications are anticipated.

Agency/Prepared by: (Name & Phone No.)
Commerce/ James Quast, 266-9292

Authorized Signature/Telephone No.

Date

FISCAL ESTIMATE WORKSHEET
 Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect
 DOA-2047(R06/99)

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LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No. Amendment No.
 Chs. Comm 5 & 40

Subject
 Liquefied gas suppliers

I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):
 None

II. Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal impact on State funds from:	
	Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs By Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$ 0	\$ -0
(FTE Position Changes)	(0 FTE)	(- 0 FTE)
State Operations - Other Costs		-
Local Assistance		-
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		-
TOTAL State Costs By Category	\$ 0	\$ -0
B. State Costs By Source of Funds		
GPR	\$	\$ -
FED		-
PRO/PRS	0	-0
SEG/SEG-S		-
III. State Revenues- Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)		
GPR Taxes	\$	\$ -
GPR Earned		-
FED		-
PRO/PRS	13,000	-0
SEG/SEG-S		-
TOTAL State Revenues	\$ 0	\$ -0

NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>LOCAL</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$ 13,000	\$ 0
NET CHANGE IN REVENUES	\$ 0	\$ 0

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