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## ALLIANT UNVEILS DETAILS



META PLATFORMS

An artist's rendering of a data center that is being built by Meta Platforms on the north side of Beaver Dam.

### Utility refiles proposal to supply up to 220 megawatts for Meta facility

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State regulators ordered Madison-based utility Alliant Energy to release more details about the \$1 billion data center project in Beaver Dam.

Unlike We Energies, which wants to create a separate electric rate for hyperscale data centers, Alliant has proposed an individual contract rate agreement with Facebook parent Meta to supply power for the company's 700,000-square-foot data center campus in Beaver Dam.

But the plan that the utility filed with regulators redacted significant amounts of information, including energy usage and

ratepayer protection provisions.

At a hearing Feb. 26, Public Service Commission officials told Alliant to refile the contract rate agreement with fewer redactions, adding that not doing so could flout state open records law.

"We do want to keep our records open for public inspection," said Administrative Law Judge Michael Newmark. "It seemed like the redactions were not going to allow us to do the basic functions of open governance in that sense."

Attorneys for Alliant countered that the PSC had previously approved the redacted version but said they would work with Meta to refile. The utility resubmitted its

application on Feb. 27.

"Alliant Energy met the request of the PSCW and we await their review of our application," the utility told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel in a statement.

Environmental and consumer advocate groups have raised concerns about the lack of transparency in Alliant's case. Nonprofit law firm Midwest Environmental Advocates sued the PSC in December for the release of projected electrical loads for Meta's Beaver Dam data center as well as Vantage's \$15 billion campus in Port Washington.

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## Beaver Dam candidates for county board speak at forum

Road maintenance among topics for Burnett, Rydzewski ahead of April 7 election

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Two candidates running against each other for a seat on the Dodge County Board made their case Thursday during a forum the Beaver Dam Chamber of Commerce held for candidates who seek to represent the city on the county board, Common Council and school board.

District 31 incumbent Kevin Burnett and challenger Steve Rydzewski, both of Beaver Dam, discussed their candidacies at the American Legion. The district includes part of northern Beaver Dam and out toward Fox Lake.

The spring election will be held on April 7.

Burnett has been on the county board for eight years and the Beaver Dam Common Council for 11 years.

"I have been proud to dedicate my time and experience to strengthen our community," he said.

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District 31 incumbent Kevin Burnett, right, and challenger Steve Rydzewski are running for a Dodge County Board seat. The spring election is April 7.

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