



**Stoughton Utilities**

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# **News Release**

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### **Electric Lineman Don Hanson approaching 40 years of employment with Stoughton Utilities**

Stoughton resident Don Hanson is quickly approaching his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary working as an Electric Lineman for Stoughton Utilities. Don began his career at the City of Stoughton Utilities on November 29, 1976 as an electric lineman, and has been working on the overhead and underground electric distribution system in Stoughton and the surrounding townships since.

For the past four decades, Don's hard work has helped maintain a reliable power system that has kept the lights on in Stoughton, even during the harshest of storms. During Don's tenure at the utility, he has worked on numerous overhead electrical projects, seen the construction of several electric substations, and participated in the recovery and restoration efforts after the 2005 F3 tornado (as well as numerous other ice storms, blizzards, and summer storm events).

At the time he was hired, the City of Stoughton had 7,499 residents. Don has also served as a volunteer firefighter for the Stoughton Fire Department since 1978.

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Stoughton Utilities has served electric customers in Stoughton and the surrounding area since 1891; and wastewater and water customers in Stoughton since 1886. This year marks the city's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Public Power Community.