

OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

PLEASE NOTE REVISED 4:30 P.M. MEETING STARTING TIME

There will be a Regular meeting of the City of Stoughton Utilities Committee on Monday, August 15, 2011 to be held at 4:30 p.m. in the Edmund T. Malinowski Board Room of the Stoughton Utilities Administration Offices of the Stoughton Utilities Building, 600 S. Fourth Street in Stoughton, WI 53589.

AGENDA:

Tour of the East Electric Substation located at 1200 E. South Street. The tour group will leave the Stoughton Utilities Building at 4:30 p.m.

Call To Order.

Stoughton Utilities Committee Consent Agenda. (All items are considered routine and will be enacted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Stoughton Utilities Committee member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and be considered on the regular agenda.) **(Action.)**

- a) Stoughton Utilities Payments Due List Report.
- b) Draft Minutes of the July 18, 2011 Regular Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting.
- c) Stoughton Utilities June 2011 Financial Summary.
- d) Stoughton Utilities June 2011 Statistical Information.
- e) Stoughton Utilities Communications.
- f) Stoughton Utilities Committee Annual Calendar.
- g) Stoughton Utilities July 2011 Activities Report.

BUSINESS:

1. Status of the Stoughton Utilities Committee Recommendation(s) to The Stoughton Common Council. **(Discussion.)**
2. Stoughton Utilities Proposed 2012 Budget. **(Action.)**
3. Proposed Stoughton Utilities Non-Represented Employees Compensation Adjustment In 2012. **(Action.)**
4. Wisconsin Retirement System-Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (Prior Service Liability) Status Report No. 2. **(Action.)**
5. Rural Development Loan And Grant Program (REDLG) Status Report No. 6. **(Discussion.)**
6. WPPI Energy Thirty-First Annual Meeting. **(Discussion.)**
7. Stoughton Utilities Employees State Of Wisconsin Certifications. **(Discussion.)**
8. Stoughton Utilities Committee Agenda Items Requiring Post-Committee Action. **(Discussion.)**
9. Stoughton Utilities Committee Future Meeting Agenda Item(s). **(Discussion.)**

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Donna L. Olson
Stoughton Utilities Committee Chairperson
August 9, 2011

Notices Sent To:

Mayor Donna L. Olson, Chair
Alderman Eric Hohol, Vice-Chair, Common Council Liaison
Alderman Greg Jenson, Alternate Stoughton Common Council Liaison
Alderman Larry Peterson
Stoughton Utilities Committee Citizen Member David Erdman
Stoughton Utilities Committee Citizen Member Jonathan Hajny
Stoughton Utilities Committee Citizen Member Angie Halverson
Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent Sean Grady
Stoughton Utilities Director Robert P. Kardasz, P.E.

cc: Stoughton Common Council Members
Stoughton Utilities and MEUW Southeastern Regional Safety Coordinator Christopher A. Belz
Stoughton Utilities Billing and Consumer Services Technician Erin N. Bothum
Stoughton City Media Services Director William H. Brehm
Stoughton City Attorney Matthew P. Dregne
Stoughton Utilities Wastewater System Supervisor Brian G. Erickson
Stoughton Utilities Office and Information Systems Supervisor Brian R. Hoops
Stoughton Deputy City Clerk and Confidential Secretary Maria P. (Pili) Hougan
Stoughton Utilities Finance and Administrative Manager Kim M. Jennings, CPA
Stoughton City Clerk and Personnel Director Kelly S. Michaels
Stoughton Library Administrative Assistant Debbie Myren
Stoughton Finance Director Laurie Sullivan
Stoughton Utilities Water System Supervisor Roger M. Thorson
Stoughton Utilities and WPPI Energy Services Representative Alicia VandenOever
Stoughton Utilities Electric Lead Line Worker Craig A. Wood
Stoughton Leadership Team
Stoughton Newspapers
Wisconsin State Journal

IMPORTANT: FIVE MEMBERS ARE NEEDED FOR A QUORUM: If a Stoughton Utilities Committee member encounters a situation that may affect your scheduled participation, please contact Robert Kardasz or Sean Grady at 877-7423 or 877-7416 respectively prior to 4:30 p.m. or via e-mail at bkardasz@stoughtonutilities.com.

It is possible that members of, and possibly a quorum of members of other committees of the Common Council of the City of Stoughton may be in attendance at the above-mentioned meeting to gather information. No action will be taken by any such group(s) at the above-mentioned meeting other than the Stoughton Utilities Committee consisting of Mayor Donna Olson, Alderperson Eric Hohol, Alderperson Greg Jenson, Alderperson Larry Peterson, Citizen Member David Erdman, Citizen Member Jonathan Hajny, and Citizen Member Angie Halverson.

Please note that items taken on the Consent Agenda will not be discussed. Any individual Stoughton Utilities Committee member may request an item be removed from the consent.

Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For information or to request this service, please contact the Stoughton Utilities Director at (608) 877-7423.

An expanded meeting may constitute a quorum of the Common Council.

Current and past Stoughton Utilities Committee documents, including meeting notices, meeting packets, and meeting minutes, are available for public download at <http://uc.stoughtonutilities.com>.



Stoughton Utilities

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Stoughton, WI 53589-0383

Serving Electric, Water & Wastewater Since 1886

Date: August 9, 2011
To: Stoughton Utilities Committee
From: Robert P. Kardasz, P.E. - Stoughton Utilities Director
Subject: Recommended Actions At The August 15, 2011 Regular Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting.

AGENDA:

- Tour the East Electric Substation. **(Participate in the tour.)**
- Stoughton Utilities Committee Consent Agenda.
 - a) Stoughton Utilities Payments Due List Report. **(Review, discuss and accept the Stoughton Utilities Payments Due List Report via the consent agenda approval.)**
 - b) Draft Minutes of the July 18, 2011 Regular Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting. **(Approve the Draft Minutes of the July 18, 2011 Regular Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting via the consent agenda approval.)**
 - c) Stoughton Utilities June 2011 Financial Summary. **(Discuss and accept the Stoughton Utilities June 2011 Financial Summary via the consent agenda approval.)**
 - d) Stoughton Utilities June 2011 Statistical Information. **(Discuss and accept the June 2011 Stoughton Utilities Statistical Information via the consent agenda approval.)**
 - e) Stoughton Utilities Communications. **(Discuss and accept the Stoughton Utilities Communications via the consent agenda approval.)**
 - f) Stoughton Utilities Committee Annual Calendar. **(Discuss and accept the Stoughton Utilities Committee Annual Calendar via the consent agenda approval.)**
 - g) Stoughton Utilities June 2011 Activities Report. **(Discuss and accept the Stoughton Utilities July 2011 Stoughton Utilities Activities Report via the consent agenda approval.)**

BUSINESS:

1. Status Of The Stoughton Utilities Recommendation(s) To The Stoughton Common Council. **(Discussion.) (Review and discuss the Stoughton Utilities Committee recommendation(s) to the Stoughton Common Council.)**
2. Stoughton Utilities Proposed 2012 Budget. **(Action.) (Review, discuss, approve, and recommend the approval of the Stoughton Utilities 2012 Budget to the Stoughton Common Council.)**
3. Proposed Stoughton Utilities Non-Represented Employees Compensation Adjustment In 2012. **(Action.) (Review, discuss, approve, and recommend the approval of the Stoughton Utilities Non-Represented Employees Compensation Adjustment In 2012 to the Stoughton Personnel Committee and the Stoughton Common Council.)**
4. Wisconsin Retirement System-Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (Prior Service Liability) Status Report No. 2. **(Action.) ((Review, discuss, approve, and recommend the approval of the Prior Service Liability to the Stoughton Finance Committee and the Stoughton Common Council.)**
5. Rural Development Loan And Grant Program (REDLG) Status Update No. 6. **(Discussion.) (Review and discuss the Rural Development Loan and Grant Program Status Update No. 6.)**
6. WPPI Energy Thirty-First Annual Meeting. **(Discussion.) (Review, discuss and participate in the WPPI Energy Thirty-First Annual Meeting.)**
7. Stoughton Utilities Employees State Of Wisconsin Certifications. **(Discussion.) (Review and discuss the Stoughton Utilities Employees State of Wisconsin Certifications.)**
8. Stoughton Utilities Committee Agenda Items Requiring Post-Committee Action. **(Discussion.) (Review and discuss the Stoughton Utilities Committee Agenda Items requiring Post-Committee Action.)**
9. Stoughton Utilities Committee Future Meeting Agenda Item(s). **(Discussion.) (Review and discuss future Stoughton Utilities Committee agenda items.)**

cc: Sean O Grady
Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent



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Date: August 9, 2011
To: Stoughton Utilities Committee
From: Robert P. Kardasz, P.E.
Stoughton Utilities Director
Subject: Stoughton Utilities East Electric Substation Tour.

- Located at 1200 E. South Street.
- Placed into service 2003 with the South Transformer, voltage regulators and circuit reclosures.
- The North Transformer, voltage regulators and circuit reclosures were placed into service in 2005.
- Transformer transruptor protection is in place.
- The value of the East Electric Substation is \$3,000,000.

cc: Sean O Grady
Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent

Date: Monday, August 01, 2011
 Time: 01:38PM
 User: SGUNSOLUS

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Company: 7430					
000468	HC	7/30/2011	8,991.29	020 Wells Fargo Client Ana-Ach	Client Anal-July Ach/Client Anal-July Ach/Client Anal-July Ach/Client Anal-July Ach/Client Anal-July Ach/Client Anal-July Ach
000469	HC	7/30/2011	843.44	002 Employee Benefits Corp - Ach	Emp Ben Corp - July Ach/Emp Ben Corp - July Ach/Emp Ben Corp - July Ach/Emp Ben Corp - July Ach/Emp Ben Corp - July Ach/Emp Ben Corp - July Ach
000470	HC	7/30/2011	1,614.00	014 A T C Company - Ach	A T C Co - July Ach/A T C Co - July Ach
000471	HC	7/30/2011	39.06	004 Us Cellular - Ach	Us Cellular - July Ach/Us Cellular - July Ach
000472	HC	7/30/2011	47,584.52	010 WI Dept. of Revenue Taxpayment-Ach	Revenue Tax-July Ach/Revenue Tax-July Ach/Revenue Tax-July Ach/Revenue Tax-July Ach
000473	HC	7/30/2011	247.68	003 Alliant Energy - Ach	Alliant Energy - July Ach/Alliant Energy - July Ach/Alliant Energy - July Ach/Alliant Energy - July Ach/Alliant Energy - July Ach/Alliant Energy - July Ach/Alliant Energy - July Ach/Alliant Energy - July Ach/More...
000474	HC	7/30/2011	29,097.54	025 Payroll Federal Taxes- Ach	Federal Taxes-July Ach/Federal Taxes-July Ach/Federal Taxes-July Ach/Federal Taxes-July Ach/Federal Taxes-July Ach/Federal Taxes-July Ach
000475	HC	7/30/2011	204.99	547 Charter Communications-Ach	Charter-July Ach/Charter-July Ach/Charter-July Ach/Charter-July Ach/Charter-July Ach/Charter-July Ach
000476	HC	7/30/2011	6,597.47	008 Payroll State Taxes - Ach	State Taxes-July Ach/State Taxes-July Ach
000477	HC	7/30/2011	1,483.30	001 Delta Dental - Ach	Delta Dental - July Ach/Delta Dental - July Ach/Delta Dental - July Ach/Delta Dental - July Ach/Delta Dental - July Ach
000478	HC	7/30/2011	1,051,136.45	009 WPPI	WPPI-Renewabl energy ach/WPPI-Renewabl energy ach/WPPI-Solar buy Back ach/WPPI-Solar buy Back ach/WPPI-Lg Power ach/WPPI-Lg Power ach
020966	CK	7/13/2011	838.33	101 PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT SERVICES, LLC	Prof Plac-Collection Fees/Prof Plac-Collection Fees

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020967	CK	7/13/2011	98.42	134 CRESCENT ELEC. SUPPLY CO.	Crescent-Meter Covers/Crescent-Meter Covers
020968	CK	7/13/2011	10.80	148 FASTENAL COMPANY	Fastenal-JB weld/Fastenal-JB weld
020969	CK	7/13/2011	32.82	183 MIDWEST SAFETY SUPPLY LLC	Midwest Safety-Supplies/Midwest Safety-Supplies
020970	CK	7/13/2011	728.40	400 RESCO	Resco-Inventory/Resco-Inventory/Resco-Supplies/R esco-Supplies
020971	CK	7/13/2011	439.20	474 UNIFIED NEWSPAPER GROUP	Unif Newspaper-Pub Pwr wk/Unif Newspaper-Pub Pwr wk
020972	CK	7/13/2011	322.68	521 WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP.	Wesco-Inventory/Wesco-Inventory/Wesco-supplies/ Wesco-supplies
020973	CK	7/13/2011	206.76	550 FIRST SUPPLY LLC MADISON	First Supply-Bubbler parts/First Supply-Bubbler Parts/First Supply-Bubbler parts/First Supply-Bubbler Parts/First Supply-Bubbler parts/First Supply-Bubbler parts
020974	CK	7/13/2011	404.04	591 AUXIANT	Auxiant-Medical Claims/Auxiant-Medical Claims/Auxiant-Medical Claims/Auxiant-Medical Claims/Auxiant-Medical Claims/Auxiant-Medical Claims
020975	CK	7/13/2011	115.00	674 NORTHERN SEWER EQUIP. CO. INC	N Sewer Equip-Televising equip/N Sewer Equip-Televising equip
020976	CK	7/13/2011	41.17	707 RHD PLUMBING, INC.	RHD-bubbler parts bldg/RHD-bubbler parts bldg
020977	CK	7/13/2011	307.00	718 CGC, INC.	CGC-Consulting costs/CGC-Consulting costs/CGC-Consulting costs/CGC-Consulting costs/CGC-Consulting costs/CGC-Consulting costs/CGC-Consulting costs/CGC-Consulting costs
020978	CK	7/13/2011	238.13	748 THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO.	Sherwin-Railing paint/Sherwin-Railing paint
020979	CK	7/13/2011	500.55	809 CINTAS CORPORATION #446	Cintas-11 clothing/Cintas-11 clothing/Cintas-11 clothing/Cintas-11 clothing/Cintas-11 clothing/Cintas-11 clothing
020980	CK	7/13/2011	50.00	866 JEFF LOVELL	J Lowell-Pub Ben #15/J Lowell-Pub Ben #15
020981	CK	7/20/2011	323.07	125 CHAMPION, INC.	Champion-Test Switch/Champion-Test Switch

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020982	CK	7/20/2011	14,631.14	131 CITY OF STOUGHTON	City Stoton-July Retirement/City Stoton-July Retirement/City Stoton-July Retirement/City Stoton-July Retirement/City Stoton-July Retirement
020983	CK	7/20/2011	138.46	133 WISCONSIN SCTF	WI SCTF-July A Support/WI SCTF-July A Support
020984	CK	7/20/2011	13.86	134 CRESCENT ELEC. SUPPLY CO.	Crescent-supplies/Crescent-supplies
020985	CK	7/20/2011	93.24	146 STOUGHTON ELECTRIC UTIL.	Stoton Elec-July Petty Cash/Stoton Elec-July Petty Cash/Stoton Elec-July Petty Cash/Stoton Elec-July Petty Cash/Stoton Elec-July Petty Cash
020986	CK	7/20/2011	773.10	148 FASTENAL COMPANY	Fastenal-Supplies/Fastenal-Supplies
020987	CK	7/20/2011	28.04	164 THE UPS STORE	Ups-Shipping/Ups-Shipping
020988	CK	7/20/2011	119.88	183 MIDWEST SAFETY SUPPLY LLC	Midwest-6' folding rule/Midwest-6' folding rule
020989	CK	7/20/2011	48.11	256 GREAT LAKES UNDERGRN. EQUIP. C	Great Lakes-Jet-vac parts/Great Lakes-Jet-vac parts
020990	CK	7/20/2011	62.00	293 UNITED WAY OF DANE COUNTY	United Way-July Contribution/United Way-July Contribution
020991	CK	7/20/2011	268.56	312 STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT	State Disb-July B Support/State Disb-July B Support
020992	CK	7/20/2011	97.01	379 HI-LINE	Hi-Line-Supply/Hi-Line-Supply
020993	CK	7/20/2011	852.99	400 RESCO	Resco-Brackets/Resco-Supplies/Resco-Supplies/Resco-Brackets
020994	CK	7/20/2011	528.59	405 ROSENBAUM CRUSHING & EXCAV.	Rosenbaum-Dump Fee/Rosenbaum-Dump Fee
020995	CK	7/20/2011	2,685.42	451 FRONTIER FS COOPERATIVE	Frontier-Fuel/Frontier-Fuel/Frontier-Fuel/Frontier-Fuel/Frontier-Fuel/Frontier-Fuel
020996	CK	7/20/2011	1,750.00	463 GREAT-WEST	Great-West-July B Def Comp/Great-West-July B Def Comp
020997	CK	7/20/2011	264.41	473 CITIBANK (SOUTH DAKOTA) N.A.	Citibank-July B Garnishment/Citibank-July B Garnishment

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021011	CK	7/20/2011	150.00	731 NORTH SHORE BANK FSB	N Shore Bank-July B Def Comp/N Shore Bank-July B Def Comp
021012	CK	7/20/2011	377.50	752 WISCONSIN PROFESSIONAL POLICE ASSOC.	Wi Prof-July Union Dues/Wi Prof-July Union Dues
021013	CK	7/20/2011	537.13	834 ITT WATER & WASETWATER USA LLC	ITT-Ballast cord for UV/ITT-Ballast cord for UV
021014	CK	7/20/2011	6,849.37	852 INFOSEND, INC	Infosend-Local Circuit/Infosend-Local Circuit/Infosend-bill statements/Infosend-bill statements/Infosend-bill statements/Infosend-bill statements/Infosend-bill statements/Infosend-bill statements
021015	CK	7/20/2011	5.77	864 AUTO-WARES WISCONSIN INC.	Auto-Wares-Oil & filter/Auto-Wares-Oil & filter
021016	CK	7/20/2011	13.57	906 ALLIANT ENERGY	Alliant-Water Tower/Alliant-Water Tower
021017	CK	7/27/2011	50.00	075 DONALD WALKER	D Walker-Pub Ben #15/D Walker-Pub Ben #15
021018	CK	7/27/2011	5,209.88	134 CRESCENT ELEC. SUPPLY CO.	Crescent-Pub Ben #17/Crescent-Pub Ben #17/Crescent-Pub Ben #17/Crescent-Pub Ben #17/Crescent-Pub Ben #17/Crescent-Pub Ben #17
021019	CK	7/27/2011	15.41	177 DUNHAM EXPRESS CORP.	Dunham-Shipping Charges/Dunham-Shipping Charges
021020	CK	7/27/2011	250.00	322 SUN DANCE CLEANING SVCS LLC	Sun Dance-Cleaning Services/Sun Dance-Cleaning Services/Sun Dance-Cleaning Services/Sun Dance-Cleaning Services/Sun Dance-Cleaning Services
021021	CK	7/27/2011	193.00	400 RESCO	Resco-Supplies/Resco-Supplies
021022	CK	7/27/2011	740.76	555 WOLF PAVING & EXCAVATING CO.	Wolf - Black Top/Wolf - Black Top
021023	CK	7/27/2011	3,581.04	591 AUXIANT	Auxiant-Medical Claims/Restat/Auxiant-Medical Claims/Auxiant-Medical Claims/Restat/Auxiant-Medical Claims/Auxiant-Medical Claims/Restat/Auxiant-Medical Claims/Restat/Auxiant-Medical Claims/Restat/Auxiant-Medical Claims/Restat/More...
021024	CK	7/27/2011	3,397.34	691 ASPLUNDH TREE EXPERTS CO., INC.	Asplundh-Tree Trimming/Asplundh-Tree Trimming

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021025	CK	7/27/2011	155.75	726 C & C CONCRETE LLC	C & C-Construction Refund/C & C-Construction Refund
021026	CK	7/27/2011	302.75	728 MARION GJERTSON	M Gjertson-Construction Refund/M Gjertson-Construction Refund
021027	CK	7/27/2011	125.69	834 ITT WATER & WASETWATER USA LLC	ITT Wa-Sludger Mixer rollers/ITT Wa-Sludger Mixer rollers
021028	CK	7/27/2011	46.01	864 AUTO-WARES WISCONSIN INC.	Auto-Wares-Oil & Filters/Auto-Wares-Oil & Filters
021029	CK	7/27/2011	75.00	875 WI DEPT OF REGULATION & LICENSING	Reg & Lic-Credential Fee/Reg & Lic-Credential Fee
100502	CK	7/27/2011	43.00	310 HANSON PEST MANAGEMENT	Hanson-Pest Maint.
100503	CK	7/27/2011	4,383.70	496 A.C. ENGINEERING COMPANY	A.C. Eng-Transrupters/A.C. Eng-Transrupters
100504	CK	7/27/2011	248.00	974 NORTHERN LAKE SERVICE, INC.	N Lake-Mercury testing/N Lake-Mercury testing
Company Total			1,378,457.85		

DRAFT STOUGHTON UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 18, 2011 – 5:00 p.m.

Edmund T. Malinowski Room

Stoughton Utilities Administration Office

600 S. Fourth St.

Stoughton, Wisconsin

Members Present: Citizen Member David Erdman, Citizen Member Angie Halverson, Alderperson Greg Jenson, Mayor Donna Olson and Alderperson Larry Peterson.

Excused: Citizen Member Jonathan Hajny and Alderperson Eric Hohol.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Stoughton Utilities Finance and Administrative Manager Kim Jennings, CPA and Stoughton Utilities Director Robert Kardasz, P.E.

Call To Order: Stoughton Utilities Committee Chairperson Mayor Donna Olson called the regular Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting to order at 5:00 p. m.

Stoughton Utilities Payments Due List: Stoughton Utilities Director Robert Kardasz presented and discussed the Stoughton Utilities Payments Due List. Discussion followed. The Stoughton Utilities Payments Due List was placed on file as presented.

Stoughton Utilities Committee Consent Agenda: Stoughton Utilities Director Robert Kardasz presented and discussed the Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting Consent Agenda Items. Discussion Followed. Motion by Alderperson Greg Jenson, seconded by Citizen Member David Erdman, to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: Draft Minutes of the June 20, 2011 Regular Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting, Stoughton Utilities May 2011 Financial Summary, May 2011 Statistical Information, Stoughton Utilities Communications, Stoughton Utilities Committee Annual Calendar and Stoughton Utilities June 2011 Activities Report. The motion carried unanimously.

Status Of The Stoughton Utilities Committee Recommendation(s) To The Stoughton Common Council: Utilities Director Robert Kardasz reported that on June 28, 2011, the Stoughton Common Council approved:

- Stoughton Utilities Wastewater Treatment Facility and Sanitary Sewer Collection System 2010 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR).
- Stoughton Utilities Electric Service Rules and Information Manual.
- Stoughton Utilities Application to the USDA for Loan Funding in an amount up to \$740,000.

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- Stoughton Utilities preparation of a two-lot certified survey for the West Electric Substation Property.

Discussion followed.

Stoughton Utilities Goals: Stoughton Utilities Director Robert Kardasz presented and discussed the Stoughton Utilities Goals. Discussion followed. Motion by Alderperson Larry Peterson, seconded by Citizen Member David Erdman, to approve the Stoughton Utilities Goals as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Stoughton Utilities Declarations Of Official Intent Nos. 2011-5 Through 2011-8: Stoughton Utilities Director Robert Kardasz presented and discussed the Stoughton Utilities Declarations of Official Intent Nos. 2011-5 through 2011 -8 as follows:

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| Declaration No. 2011-5 | Stoughton Utilities North and South Electric Substations Transruptor Project for \$502,000. |
| Declaration No. 2011-6 | Stoughton Utilities Water Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA) Project for \$185,000. |
| Declaration No. 2011-7 | Stoughton Utilities Wastewater Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Project for \$186,430. |
| Declaration No. 2011-8 | Stoughton Utilities Wastewater Cured In Place Sewer Lining Project for \$135,000. |

Discussion followed. Motion by Citizen Member David Erdman, seconded by Alderperson Larry Peterson, to approve Stoughton Utilities Declarations of Official Intent Nos. 2011-5 through 2011-8, and authorize Mayor Donna Olson to sign the documents. The motion carried unanimously.

Rural Development Loan And Grant Program (REDLG) Status Report No. 5: Stoughton Utilities Finance and Administrative Manager Kim Jennings and Stoughton Utilities Director Robert Kardasz presented and discussed the Rural Development Loan and Grant Program (REDLG) Status Update No.5. Discussion followed.

Stoughton Utilities Committee Agenda Items Requiring Post-Committee Actions: Stoughton Utilities Director Robert Kardasz presented and discussed the Stoughton Utilities Committee Agenda Items requiring post-committee action. Discussion followed.

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Stoughton Utilities Committee Future Agenda Items:

- Stoughton Utilities 2012 Budget on August 15, 2011.
- Rural Development Loan and Grant Program Status Report No. 6 on August 15, 2011.
- Stoughton Utilities Committee discussion regarding agenda items requiring Stoughton Common Council approval on August 15, 2011.
- Tour the Sanitary Sewer Collection System Lining Project or the East Electric Substation at 4:30 p.m. on August 15, 2011 Meeting.
- Status Report of the Stoughton Utilities Goals on January 17, 2012.
- Stoughton Utilities wastewater financial objectives report.
- Stoughton Utilities Investment Policy.
- WPPI Energy Presentation to the Stoughton Common Council.

Adjournment: Motion by Citizen Member David Erdman, seconded by Alderperson Greg Jenson, to adjourn the Regular Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting at 5:45 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert P. Kardasz, P.E.
Stoughton Utilities Director

Stoughton Utilities

Financial Summary

June 2011-YTD

Highlights-Comparison to prior month

I have no concerns with the utility's financial status. The following items are meant to illustrate significant changes in the financial summary from prior periods.

Financial results are as expected through June 2011.

Staff are closely reviewing water utility sales, cash flow, and cash position to confirm rates are adequate for the remainder of 2011.

Staff are preparing a proposal to the City for payoff of a Wisconsin Retirement System Liability totaling \$819,000. The Utility portion of the liability is \$205,000. The remaining \$614,000 will likely be paid by the City through a loan from the Utilities Electric Division.

A wastewater cost of service analysis is in progress. Staff does not anticipate an increase in overall revenue required. The results of the analysis may show the need for adjustments in fixed and volume charges for proper cost recovery. The data entry portion of the study is complete. Staff is working on cost allocation of operating expenses and debt service.

Submitted by:
Kim M. Jennings, CPA

Stoughton Utilities

Income Statement

June 2011-YTD

	Electric	Water	Wastewater	Total
Operating Revenue:				
Sales	\$ 7,289,832	\$ 841,219	\$ 972,300	\$ 9,103,351
Other	106,961	24,908	44,834	176,703
Total Operating Revenue:	\$ 7,396,793	\$ 866,127	\$ 1,017,134	\$ 9,280,054
Operating Expense:				
Purchased Power	\$ 5,672,328	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,672,328
Expenses	703,910	490,183	395,393	1,589,486
Taxes (PILOT)	206,798	-	-	206,798
Depreciation	450,000	175,002	330,000	955,002
Total Operating Expense:	\$ 7,033,036	\$ 665,185	\$ 725,393	\$ 8,423,614
Operating Income	\$ 363,758	\$ 200,942	\$ 291,740	\$ 856,440
Non-Operating Income	62,177	26,512	17,963	106,652
Non-Operating Expense	(167,510)	(60,940)	(62,004)	(290,454)
Net Income	\$ 258,425	\$ 166,514	\$ 247,699	\$ 672,638

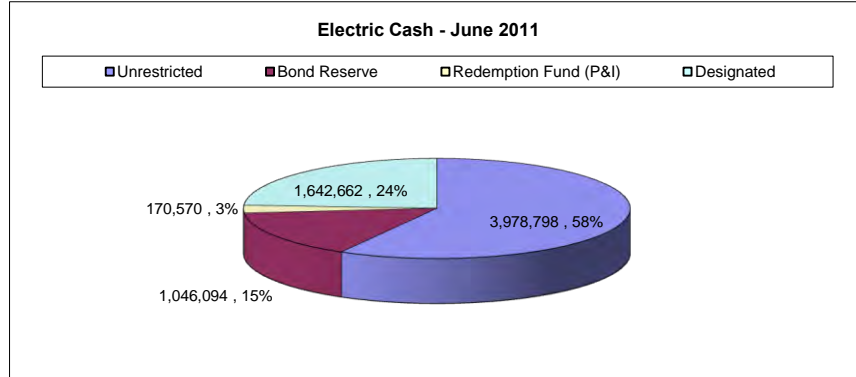
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Rate of Return
June 2011-YTD

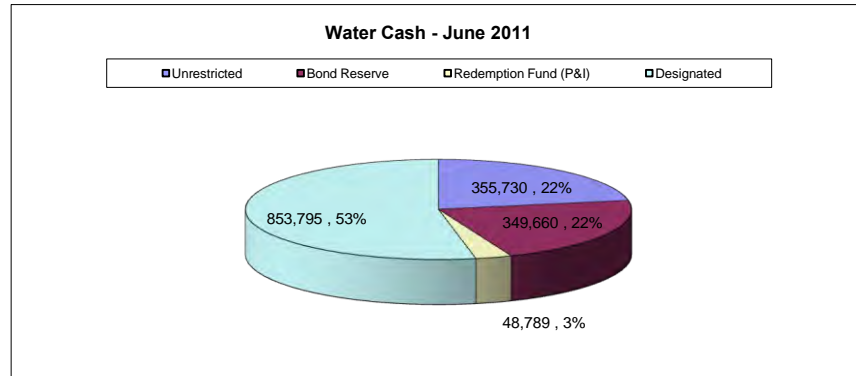
	Electric	Water
Operating Income (Regulatory)	\$ 363,758	\$ 200,942
Average Utility Plant in Service	21,646,623	10,566,604
Average Accumulated Depreciation	(9,027,139)	(3,279,138)
Average Materials and Supplies	161,268	26,785
Average Regulatory Liability	(299,164)	(462,082)
Average Net Rate Base	\$ 12,481,588	\$ 6,852,169
Actual Rate of Return	2.91%	2.93%
Authorized Rate of Return	6.50%	6.50%

Stoughton Utilities
Cash & Investments

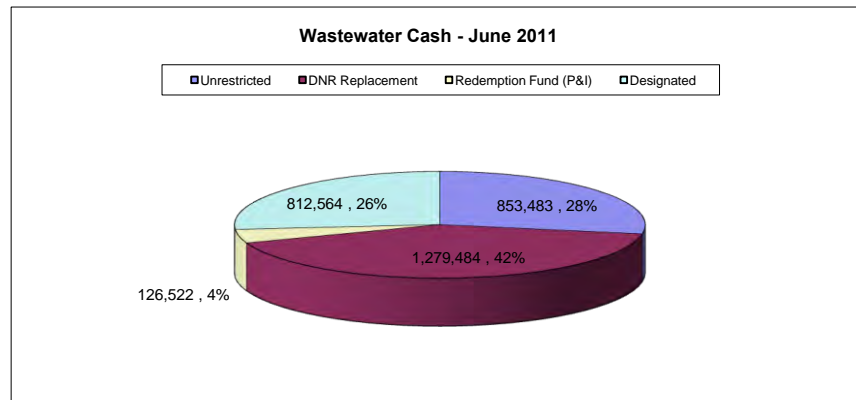
Electric	Jun-11
Unrestricted	3,978,798
Bond Reserve	1,046,094
Redemption Fund (P&I)	170,570
Designated	1,642,662
Total	6,838,124



Water	Jun-11
Unrestricted	355,730
Bond Reserve	349,660
Redemption Fund (P&I)	48,789
Designated	853,795
Total	1,607,974



Wastewater	Jun-11
Unrestricted	853,483
DNR Replacement	1,279,484
Redemption Fund (P&I)	126,522
Designated	812,564
Total	3,072,052



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Balance Sheet

June 2011-YTD

Assets	Electric	Water	WW	Total
Cash & Investments	\$ 6,838,124	\$ 1,607,974	\$ 3,072,052	\$ 11,518,150
Customer A/R	167,967	31,679	(6,577)	193,069
Other A/R	52,587	4,457	59,299	116,343
Other Current Assets	359,596	131,118	3,428	494,142
Plant in Service	21,839,235	10,620,811	21,835,357	54,295,403
Accumulated Depreciation	(9,261,461)	(3,369,339)	(7,576,797)	(20,207,597)
Plant in Service - CIAC	2,550,821	6,019,856	-	8,570,676
Accumulated Depreciation-CIAC	(602,381)	(1,362,918)	-	(1,965,299)
Construction Work in Progress	430,683	170,465	180,117	781,265
Total Assets	\$ 22,375,170	\$ 13,854,102	\$ 17,566,879	\$ 53,796,151
Liabilities + Net Assets				
A/P	\$ 102,463	\$ (3,093)	\$ 18	\$ 99,388
Taxes Accrued	154,998	139,998	-	294,997
Interest Accrued	72,312	15,299	16,518	104,130
Other Current Liabilities	207,186	125,590	113,964	446,740
Long-Term Debt	6,443,637	2,527,077	4,183,666	13,154,380
Net Assets	15,394,573	11,049,230	13,252,713	39,696,516
Total Liabilities + Net Assets	\$ 22,375,170	\$ 13,854,102	\$ 17,566,879	\$ 53,796,151

STOUGHTON UTILITIES
2011 Statistical Worksheet

Electric	Total Sales 2010 Kwh	Total KwH Purchased 2010	Total Sales 2011 Kwh	Total KwH Purchased 2011	Demand Peak 2010	Demand Peak 2011
January	11,313,409	12,490,465	12,142,244	12,980,864	22,951	22,711
February	10,605,387	10,853,221	11,071,774	11,329,334	21,538	22,957
March	11,051,543	10,924,733	11,549,390	11,753,295	19,872	21,040
April	9,537,605	9,718,010	10,440,710	10,408,181	18,418	19,667
May	10,423,798	11,065,367	10,444,336	10,873,333	29,494	23,293
June	11,996,858	12,234,744	12,180,851	12,457,887	28,518	33,178
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
TOTAL	64,928,600	67,286,540	67,829,305	69,802,894		

Water	Total Sales 2010 Gallons	Total Gallons Pumped 2010	Total Sales 2011 Gallons	Total Gallons Pumped 2011	Max Daily High 2010	Max Daily Highs 2011
January	33,859,000	39,294,000	36,810,000	40,710,000	1,577,000	1,611,000
February	33,256,000	35,907,000	36,303,000	42,108,000	1,405,000	2,139,000
March	39,191,000	41,037,000	40,841,000	46,582,000	1,572,000	1,659,000
April	34,331,000	37,386,000	37,922,000	39,856,000	1,502,000	1,540,000
May	36,955,000	42,138,000	41,271,000	46,171,000	1,588,000	1,754,000
June	39,246,000	42,591,000	44,400,000	49,574,000	1,918,000	2,208,000
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
TOTAL	216,838,000	238,353,000	237,547,000	265,001,000		

Wastewater	Total Sales 2010 Gallons	Total Treated Gallons 2010	Total Sales 2011 Gallons	Total Treated Gallons 2011	Precipitation 2010	Precipitation 2011
January	26,338,000	39,334,000	25,817,000	32,619,000	0.84	0.90
February	25,768,000	33,586,000	23,941,000	30,597,000	0.74	1.79
March	29,115,000	41,700,000	26,266,000	38,223,000	1.39	3.05
April	25,835,000	41,032,000	26,089,000	35,708,000	5.26	3.52
May	26,896,000	41,485,000	26,880,000	34,908,000	3.84	2.26
June	26,507,000	38,734,000	28,340,000	32,297,000	6.73	3.15
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
TOTAL	160,459,000	235,871,000	157,333,000	204,352,000	18.80	14.67



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Date: July 12, 2011
To: Stoughton Utilities Committee
From: Robert P. Kardasz, P.E. - Stoughton Utilities Director
Subject: Stoughton Utilities Communications.

- July 2011 WPPI Energy Power Report for commercial and industrial customers.
- July 2011 WPPI Energy website featuring Stoughton Utilities.
- July 14, 2011 expression of appreciation from James Fram regarding the prompt response to tree limbs on the power lines.
- July 24, 2011 Stoughton Utilities news release regarding a \$600 RoundUp Program donation to the American Cancer Society Relay For Life.
- July 24, 2011 Stoughton Utilities news release regarding a \$600 RoundUp Program donation to American Legion Post 59.
- July 24, 2011 Stoughton Utilities news release regarding a \$600 RoundUp Program donation to the Friends of the Stoughton Public Library.
- July 26, 2011 Stoughton Utilities news release regarding hot and humid weather energy use recommendations.
- July 27, 2011 Milwaukee Journal Sentinel newspaper article including information on the Stoughton Utilities hybrid bucket trucks.
- July 28, 2011 e-mail of appreciation from Mark O'Connell of the Wisconsin Clean Transportation Program to Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent Sean Grady.
- July 29, 2011 Stoughton Utilities news release regarding a Committee contribution of 1,400 feet of LED lighting for the Stoughton Chamber of Commerce Victorian Holiday.
- July - August 2011 American Public Power Association (APPA) magazine "Public Power."
- August 2011 Customers First Coalition newsletter "The Wire."
- August 1, 2011 letter from Maria Redmond of the Wisconsin Department of Administration Division of Energy Services State Energy Office to Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent Sean Grady closing out the Wisconsin Clean Transportation Program \$196,462.29 grant for two hybrid bucket trucks.
- August 8, 2011 thank you letter from the American Cancer Society for the \$600 RoundUp Program donation.
- August 8, 2011 ATC Rockdale - West Middleton Fact Sheet.
- 2011 - 2012 American Public Power Association (APPA) Annual Directory and Statistical Report.

cc: Sean O Grady - Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent

POWER REPORT

July 2011

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Black River Falls	New Glarus	Westby
Boscobel	New Holstein	Whitehall
Brodhead	New London	
Cedarburg	New Richmond	Michigan
Columbus	Oconomowoc	Alger Delta CEA
Cuba City	Oconto Falls	Baraga
Eagle River	Plymouth	Crystal Falls
Evansville	Prairie du Sac	Gladstone
Florence	Reedsburg	L'Anse
Hartford	Richland Center	Negaunee
Hustisford	River Falls	Norway
Jefferson	Slinger	
Juneau	Stoughton	Iowa
Kaukauna	Sturgeon Bay	Independence
Lake Mills	Sun Prairie	Maquoketa
Lodi	Two Rivers	Preston
Menasha	Waterloo	

WPPI Energy is a regional power company serving 51 customer-owned electric utilities. Through WPPI Energy, these public power utilities share resources and own generation facilities to provide reliable, affordable electricity to more than 195,000 homes and businesses in Wisconsin, Upper Michigan and Iowa.

WPPI Energy Purchases Power from Point Beach Nuclear Plant

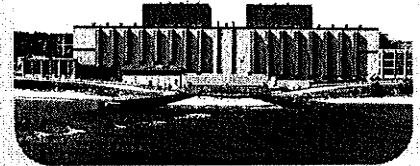
WPPI Energy recently took a major step to help ensure an affordable power supply for the long term while also reducing our carbon footprint. Under an agreement reached in May with a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, WPPI Energy will purchase approximately 162 megawatts (MW) of electric power output from the Point Beach Nuclear Plant.

The Point Beach facility, located along Lake Michigan near the WPPI Energy member community of Two Rivers, Wis., is a two-unit nuclear plant with an original total capacity of approximately 1,023 MW. Earlier this year, NextEra Energy Resources received approval from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to increase, or "uprate" the plant's output by approximately 162 MW.

Upon completion of the uprate for each unit, WPPI Energy will purchase all of the resulting increase in output. Installation of the Unit 2 uprate was completed in June. The uprate to Unit 1 is expected to be completed in December. The term of the purchase will continue through the duration of the units' operating licenses, which extend to 2030 for Unit 1 and 2033 for Unit 2.

The agreement will supply at fixed cost a substantial portion of the power needed by WPPI Energy, resulting in significant long-term savings compared to the cost to purchase power from other sources. The agreement will also diversify WPPI Energy's resource portfolio and help mitigate the risk of rising energy costs due to stricter environmental regulations on fossil fuel-based electric generation.

A Smaller Carbon Footprint



The addition of this major source of electricity supplied from carbon-free, reliable nuclear power complements WPPI Energy's other efforts to reduce our carbon footprint in order to operate as cost-effectively as possible in a variety of economic conditions and legislative or regulatory environments.

In recent years, WPPI Energy has taken steps to reduce carbon emissions by:

- Substantially increasing the availability of customer energy efficiency and conservation programs, and
- Increasing the use of renewable energy from resources such as wind, solar, hydropower and biogas. WPPI Energy had resources in place six years early to meet Wisconsin and Michigan laws requiring the use of 10 percent renewable energy by 2015.



As my first year as WPPI Energy's new President and CEO progresses, I continue to be impressed with the degree of focus and commitment that our members and staff bring to their roles. A sense of mission clearly underlies the activities and priorities of WPPI Energy and our member utilities. Everyone involved understands that it is our responsibility to provide reliable, affordable power and excellent services to the 51 member communities we serve.

As I lead this organization, I intend to rely heavily on the feedback and suggestions I receive from our members, and to seek out their comments and concerns.

In the near term, our focus will continue to be on optimizing our operations. We

have established a strong foundation for the future in our diverse power supply portfolio and other resources. Now, much of our attention is focused on implementing operational efficiencies, balancing our power supply portfolio and making the most of every resource. We will use our collective voice in legislative and regulatory affairs to full advantage, do all we can to help our business and homeowners reap the benefits of our energy efficiency programs, and make strategic use of the emerging technologies that will enable us to serve customers most efficiently in the future.

WPPI Energy continues to make investments that can help ensure affordable power costs for the long term for our members. A perfect example is our recent purchase of some of the electric output from the Point Beach Nuclear

Plant, which is detailed on the front page. This agreement will result in significant long-term savings compared to the cost for WPPI Energy to purchase power from other sources, and help us lower our carbon footprint to help mitigate the risk of rising energy costs due to stricter environmental regulations on fossil fuel-based electric generation.

WPPI Energy is operating from a position of strength – with a diverse energy portfolio, excellent financial health and a unity of purpose. We are well-positioned to protect the interests of our member utilities and the communities they serve, and we are committed to making the right choices for these communities over the long term.

QUICK TAKES

WPPI Energy News in Brief

Peters Elected to ATC Board of Directors

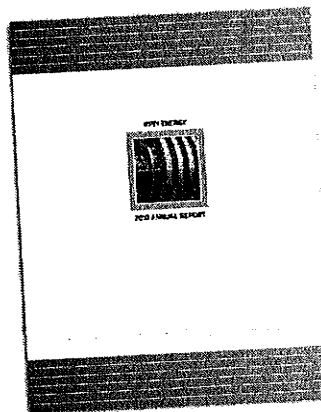


WPPI Energy President and CEO Michael W. Peters has been elected to the board of directors of American Transmission Co., which owns, operates, builds and

maintains the high-voltage electric transmission system serving portions of Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Illinois.

Renewable Energy Participation Grows

Customer participation in the Renewable Energy and Green Power for Business programs across the entire WPPI Energy membership recently hit a milestone, with more than 4,200 residential participants and more than 350 business customers now purchasing green energy among the 42 WPPI Energy members that offer the program.



WPPI Energy Annual Report Available

WPPI Energy's 2010 Annual Report themed "Ready for Tomorrow" is now available online at www.wppienergy.org.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Alger Delta, Michigan

alger delta, michigan fast facts

Counties: Alger, Delta,
Dickinson, Marquette,
Menominee, Schoolcraft

Number of Members: 9,858

Member Website:
www.algerdelta.com

Did you know:

Mining has a long history in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and it dominated the economy there in the 19th century. Today, tourism is the main industry. The Upper Peninsula features an extensive coastline on three Great Lakes—Lake Superior, Lake Michigan and Lake Huron—along with large tracts of state and national forests. The natural beauty and low population density attract visitors for many types of outdoor recreation.

WPPI Energy member since 2007.



Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association office facility.

The Joint Action Advantage

In January 2007, the Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association became the first electric cooperative to be served by WPPI Energy. For more than 70 years prior, Alger Delta purchased its wholesale power from nearby investor-owned utilities and the Marquette Board of Light and Power. Now Alger Delta partners with the 50 other electric utilities that are members of WPPI Energy to realize the benefits of joint action, including combined power purchases.

As an electric cooperative, Alger Delta is owned and governed by the cooperative's electric consumers, known as "members." Governed by a nine-member board of directors elected by the members of the cooperative, the board is responsible for setting policy, rates, and service rules for the cooperative and for hiring the general manager, Tom Harrell. The nonprofit cooperative serves members across six counties in the central portion of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The majority of the service area is comprised of small rural communities with full-time and seasonal residents.

Utility Services

Energy Optimization programs available through Alger Delta provide energy efficiency education, programs and rebates designed to help consumers better manage their energy usage. These efforts, required of all Michigan utilities by state law, include several energy efficiency rebate

programs and conservation resources, including:

- Rebates for the replacement of old, inefficient appliances, compact fluorescent lights, and residential heating, ventilation, air-conditioning equipment;
- Online tools and resources to help members better understand and manage their home energy use and costs;
- Incentives for the installation of energy efficient products and equipment; and
- Energy efficiency assistance, including weatherization and efficiency products and installation services.

In addition to these optimization programs, members of Alger Delta have access to an array of energy efficiency and conservation programs and services available through WPPI Energy, the cooperative's wholesale power supplier.

School Improvements Yield Energy Savings

Using grant programs through Alger Delta, WPPI Energy and Energy Works Michigan, the Burt Township School in Grand Marais, Mich. installed a 1.15

Alger Delta, Michigan

kilowatt (kW) solar photovoltaic unit and a 2.4 kW wind turbine. The solar unit provides 1,115 kilowatt hours (kWh) of clean energy each year. The wind turbine yields an annual estimated production of 1,875 kWh. A weather station provides instant wireless communication to track and monitor energy progress, making it an ideal resource to educate students and community members about the operation and performance of these renewable energy technologies.

Using similar funding opportunities, the Wells Township School benchmarked energy use and enrolled the facility in ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, an online software tool that allows

school facility managers to gauge the school's progress toward reducing their energy use. Alger Delta worked with the school to conduct an energy assessment of the facility. The school then replaced incandescent lights with large specialty compact fluorescent lights in the gymnasium and various classrooms, and changed all exit signs to light-emitting diode models. The project resulted in a demand reduction of 13.9 kW and an energy reduction of 12,600 kWh per year, with an annual energy savings of \$1,800.

Deerton Couple Lives the "Green" Lifestyle

Through the GreenMax Home initiative, Alger Delta and WPPI Energy provided assistance to homeowners Christine and Sam Simonetta of Deerton to make sustainable improvements to achieve net zero energy use in their home. A net zero energy home is one that produces at least as much energy as it consumes.

The Simonettas' saltbox-style home, built six years ago, contains many unique and efficient features, including structural insulated panel walls, triple-pane windows and a metal roof for additional shielding from harsh Michigan winters. A residential-sized wind turbine supplies about 75 percent of the Simonettas' electricity.

The couple replaced a propane boiler with an electric air source heat pump, added supplemental insulation, and expanded the home's renewable wind energy system. The electric air source heat pump, an innovative and highly efficient technology less commonly seen in the Midwest, will meet the majority of their home heating needs. The Simonettas will be monitoring their energy performance for a period of 12 months to assess how

much energy is saved due to the enhancements they have made to their home. For more information on the Simonettas' energy consumption and environmentally progressive home, visit www.greenmaxhome.com.



(L to R) Alger Delta Directors Darryl Small and Roy Hubbard congratulate homeowners Christine and Sam Simonetta and Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association General Manager Tom Harrell at the October 2010 dedication event.

System Improvements Benefit Members

In February 2011, Alger Delta moved service for all of its Big Bay electric members to a new substation. The new substation feeds the Big Bay portion of the cooperative's electric system and is fed from the American Transmission Company's 138,000-volt transmission line.

Built on taller, stronger poles, the line has more capacity to deliver energy and will help improve power quality and service reliability, according to Alger Delta General Manager Tom Harrell.

The line rebuild also enabled Alger Delta to meet the current and future power needs of the Eagle Mine owned by Kennecott Eagle Minerals in Northwest Marquette County. Service to this member was energized on March 24, 2011, bringing a significant boost to economic development in the region.

When Kennecott Eagle Minerals requested electrical service to its new nickel mine, Alger Delta responded with a project that became the largest undertaking in the history of the cooperative. At a cost of \$8 million, funded by Kennecott, the project entailed building a new 10 megawatt substation, replacing nearly 24 miles of outdated three-phase line with a new double-circuit, and installing 12.5 miles of new line.

Kennecott's original plan for providing energy to the mine called for using diesel generators stationed on the mine site. As a result, Alger Delta is promoting long-term reliability and affordability by supplying the electricity needed by this major area employer.

An Asset to the Region

Alger Delta actively promotes and supports programs and services that help all electric consumers save energy and lower their electric bills. In addition, the cooperative supports the economic health of the area by being responsive to the power needs of industrial members. Through these efforts, Alger Delta adds significant value to the quality of life in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

MEMBER NEWS



- **Columbus, Independence, Richland Center, River Falls, Sun Prairie** and **Two Rivers** were honored by the American Public Power Association (APPA) with **Reliable Public Power Provider** recognition for providing their customers with the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service.
- **Brodhead, Cedarburg, Columbus, Lodi, Menasha, Muscoda, New Holstein, Reedsburg, Richland Center, Stoughton, Sun Prairie, Two Rivers, Waunakee** and **Waupun** earned APPA's Electric Utility Safety Award of Excellence for safe operating practices in 2010.
- **Jeff Feldt**, general manager of **Kaukauna Utilities**, received APPA's Harold Kramer-John Preston Personal Service Award for substantial contributions toward APPA goals. **Reedsburg Utility Commission** General Manager **Dave Mikonowicz** received APPA's Honor Roll award for his longstanding commitment to public power.
- For her contributions to local government, **Evansville Mayor Sandy Decker** was recently recognized with a "Woman of Achievement" award from Wisconsin Women in Government.

- The U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) recently named **Lake Mills Light & Water, River Falls Municipal Utilities** and **Waterloo Utilities** among the top utilities in the United States for renewable energy program performance. **River Falls** and **Lake Mills** ranked ninth and tenth, respectively, for customer participation rates. **Waterloo** earned the No. 1 spot and **River Falls** the No. 5 spot for green power sales as a percentage of total retail electricity sales.



- WPPI Energy welcomes **Mike Gentry**, energy services representative serving **Cedarburg, Hartford, Hustisford** and **Siinger**.

Mike Gentry, (262) 391-6428
mgentry@wppienergy.org

- **Plymouth Utilities** broke ground for its new utility office and operations building on April 27. The new operations center will consolidate the utility's office, garage and warehouse facilities from three other locations into one single location and is slated for completion in April 2012.

STATE UPDATES



michigan

Governor Rick Snyder appointed **Steven H. Hilfinger** as director of the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth in February 2011. Hilfinger, who is working to transition the organization to become the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, is expected to take a leadership role in reinventing the state's licensing and regulatory environment and its impact on Michigan consumers and businesses. Recently, Gov. Snyder announced the creation of the Michigan Office of Regulatory Reinvention within Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. Hilfinger will also serve as director of this office and chief regulatory officer for the state of Michigan.



iowa

Governor **Terry Branstad** appointed former State Representative **Libby Jacobs** to the Iowa Utilities Board. Jacobs' term on the board will last from May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2017. Jacobs served in the Iowa House of Representatives from 1994 to 2008. She sat on the House Commerce Committee for 14 years and served as Majority Whip from 1999-2006.

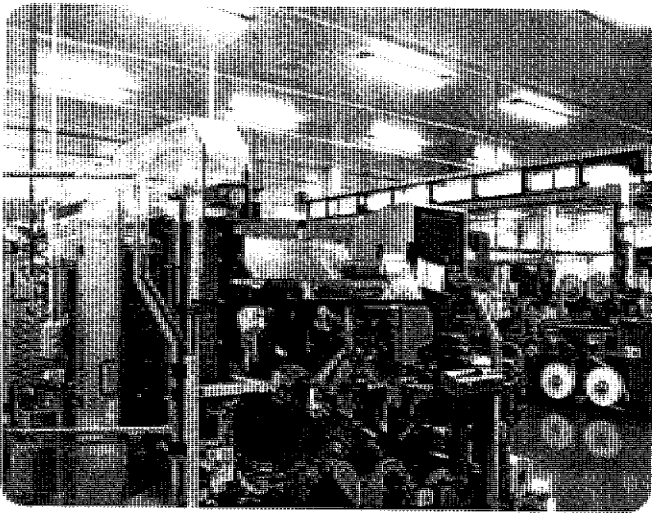


wisconsin

Governor Scott Walker has appointed former State Representative **Phil Montgomery** to a six-year term as Chair of the Public Service Commission (PSC) of Wisconsin. Montgomery worked on utility, energy and telecommunications issues during his 12 years in the Legislature, including serving as chair of the Assembly Energy and Utilities Committee.

Wisconsin PSC Commissioner **Lauren Azar** has resigned from her position to work as a senior advisor to Secretary Steven Chu at the United States Department of Energy. Azar's resignation took effect June 3. Governor Scott Walker appointed Waukesha County official **Ellen Nowak** to fill the unexpired term of Azar. Nowak started her job on July 5 and her term will expire in 2013.

Wisconsin Utilities Offer New Whole-Building Lighting



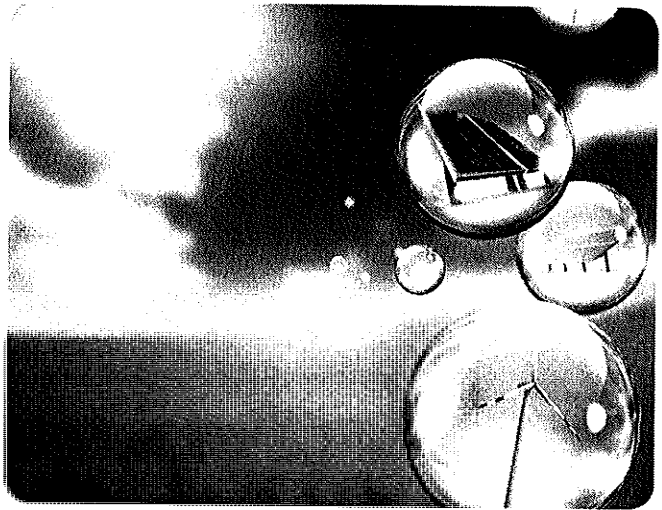
Is your facility equipped with more lighting than it actually needs? Or was lighting inefficiently installed for the lowest possible cost at your facility, making efficiency upgrades a smart idea today? As you ask yourself these questions, consider if a whole-building lighting upgrade is right for your facility.

Facility owners often struggle to keep pace with the constant changes and modifications to lighting standards, technologies and design practices. As a result, they must continuously re-evaluate their lighting needs, addressing outdated and over-lit areas that waste energy and money. In Wisconsin, your utility offers financial incentives to help offset the costs of energy efficiency and renewable energy installations such as lighting upgrades and replacements. A new Focus on Energy program, the Whole-Building Lighting Program, focuses on increasing lighting efficiency by encouraging school and government facilities and lighting design professionals to work together to reduce energy use through advanced lighting design technologies. Together, the building representative and the lighting system designer are able to research and evaluate alternatives to standard lighting.

By taking advantage of incentives offered from the Whole-Building Lighting Program, you can challenge and maximize your building's lighting potential. The program promotes a comprehensive whole-building approach over a less-costly partial upgrade, thereby fostering aggressive energy savings. A review of your building's current lighting can reveal significant opportunities to reduce energy consumption and optimize lighting levels.

For Wisconsin WPPI Energy member communities interested in learning more about how to reduce your building's energy costs through the Whole-Building Lighting Program, contact your local Energy Services Representative or contact Focus on Energy at 800.762.7077, www.focusonenergy.com.

Earn Money and Save with Financial Incentives



Are you looking for ways to control your energy costs and save on your monthly electric bill? It isn't always obvious where to start when it comes to reducing demand and controlling costs, but through your local utility and WPPI Energy, many energy conservation and efficiency programs exist to benefit your business.

Efficiency programs help you control energy costs by providing cost-effective conservation resources and financial incentives to help you overcome some of the initial costs associated with implementing energy-saving measures. These programs also help reduce maintenance costs, enhance efficiency and improve productivity. Such resources and incentives include, but are not limited to:

- Design assistance for new construction of commercial facilities;
- Financial incentives and financing opportunities to help your business carry out energy efficiency projects, and to offset renewable energy installation costs; and
- Support services and financial assistance to improve energy management in existing and planned school facilities.

For a limited time, your qualified energy efficiency and renewable energy projects may be eligible for enhanced incentives and technology bonuses to help you effectively reduce energy use while also earning additional dollars for your project. Contact your WPPI Energy member utility or Energy Services Representative for more information on how you can make wise and worthwhile business investments and earn money for energy-saving projects.

DATEBOOK: Fall



WPPI Energy and its 51 members in Wisconsin, Upper Michigan and Iowa sponsor and provide support for energy education conferences and technical workshops benefiting commercial and industrial utility customers. Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:

Polk County Energy Fair

Polk County Energy Fair

<http://www.polkcountyenergyfair.com/index.html>

• August 19–20, 2011 | St. Croix Falls, WI

Solar & Wind Technologies RE101

Iowa Renewable Energy Association

www.irenew.org/Calendar_Events.html

• September 10, 2011 | Cedar Rapids, IA

Managing Energy at Wastewater Treatment Facilities

Focus on Energy

www.focusonenergy.com/training

• September 27, 2011 | Appleton, WI

SW 101 Solar Domestic Hot Water

Iowa Renewable Energy Association

www.irenew.org/Calendar_Events.html

• September 30, 2011 | Hiawatha, IA

PV 101 Basic Photovoltaics

Iowa Renewable Energy Association

www.irenew.org/Calendar_Events.html

• October 1, 2011 | Hiawatha, IA

• November 17, 2011 | Hiawatha, IA

Introductory and Intermediate eQUEST

The Energy Center of Wisconsin

www.ecw.org/university

• November 1–2, 2011 | Madison, WI

LEED Energy Modeling with eQUEST

The Energy Center of Wisconsin

www.ecw.org/university

• November 3, 2011 | Madison, WI



Make an impact on your business.

Energy efficiency and investment for businesses. For every dollar you save on energy costs goes straight to your bottom line.

WPPI Energy membership gives you access to solutions that save money, boost productivity and reduce maintenance costs.

Focus on Energy offers financial incentives to offset the costs of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. To find out how smart energy choices can save you time, stress and money, contact your local Energy Services Representative or call Focus on Energy at 800.782.7477 or visit focusonenergy.com.

WPPI Energy customers have access to similar programs through their local utilities. Contact your local utility for more information.

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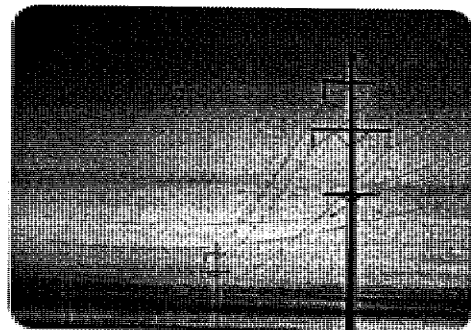


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Resources in Place to Meet Summer Demand

WPPI Energy has sufficient capacity in place to meet the projected summer peak demand of its 51 member utilities. WPPI Energy works closely with other utilities, American Transmission Co., and the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator to assess, plan for and respond to any potential contingencies and maintain reliable electric service during periods of peak use. While extreme weather conditions and localized outages always have the potential to threaten reliability, no known significant operational issues or restrictions are expected to impact system-wide reliability during the summer 2011 season.



Ask the Experts

Q: *What are the benefits of installing a variable frequency drive and is this an important upgrade for my business?*

A: Variable frequency drives (VFDs) are a common equipment upgrade that can reduce energy use and operating costs in many industrial facilities.

VFDs increase energy efficiency by running motors only as much as they are needed. Many motors do not need to run at 100 percent capacity all of the time. When a motor runs in excess of the job's need or at a constant speed, electricity is wasted, maintenance costs increase, and equipment components wear out more quickly. A VFD solves these problems by providing continuous control, allowing an electric motor to run at varying rotational speeds and match motor speeds to the demands of the work being performed.

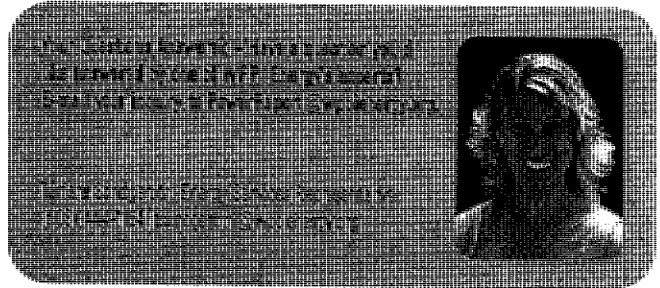
VFDs are a reliable and efficient means to control motor speed. According to Focus on Energy, a major benefit of the VFD is their "soft-start" capability that gradually increases a motor's operating speed at startup and greatly decreases the stress on components.


Almost any application that uses motors to drive fans and pumps can save energy and money with the use of a VFD. Focus on Energy confirms the most common applications for VFDs are found in the pumps and fans used for HVAC systems, including chiller-condenser water pumps, domestic-water booster pumps,

air-handling fans and cooling tower fans. The best applications are large motors that operate for several hours at reduced speeds, such as fans for cooling towers, where loads vary.

VFD installations allow business customers to reduce operating costs, increase their bottom line, improve productivity and increase the reliability of their equipment. Even a small reduction in motor speed can lead to a large reduction in horsepower and electricity consumption.

WPPI Energy encourages the implementation of energy-saving measures in utility and municipal-owned facilities. Contact your local WPPI Energy member utility for more information on the financial incentives available and the ways to make efficiency improvements a cost-effective investment for your business.



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Stoughton, Wisconsin

With a strong history, Stoughton, Wis., has long been known as an important center of local industry and culture. Seeking more control over its energy future, the utility entered into a long-term power supply contract with WPPI Energy on May 15, 2002, becoming the nonprofit power supplier's 37th member-owner. Today, Stoughton Utilities provides service to more than 8,200 electric; 4,800 water; and 4,700 wastewater customers.



Leading by Example

Stoughton Utilities has long been committed to helping customers save and use energy more efficiently. Since 2002, energy-saving projects in city facilities, including lighting upgrades, occupancy sensors, and variable frequency drive installations for well pumps, have saved approximately 450,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh), equivalent to the energy needed to power more than 50 homes for one year. At the wastewater treatment plant, premium efficiency motors and a new aeration blower with a variable frequency drive were installed and modifications were made to the compressed air system.

In 2010, the city received WPPI Energy's Leading by Example award for its efforts. Stoughton qualified for the award because it passed a resolution to reduce its energy use and emissions; identified and carried out energy-saving projects; installed a community-based renewable energy project; and actively purchases green power to offset some or all of the energy used in one or more municipal buildings. The city purchases 1,310,400 kWh of green power annually, offsetting 30 percent of their usage with green power.

Green Power Leader

Through Stoughton Utilities' voluntary Renewable Energy and Green Power for Business programs, residential, commercial and industrial customers also have the opportunity to offset some or all their energy use with purchases of Green-e Energy certified renewable energy. Each year, residential and business customers voluntarily purchase nearly four million kWh of green power from Stoughton Utilities' Renewable Energy and Green Power for Business programs, earning Stoughton the prestigious designation of "Green Power Community" from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

A portion of the utility's renewable energy comes from solar photovoltaic panels installed on the utility office building. The project produces 8,200 kWh annually and provides a highly visual demonstration of the important role that local renewable resources can play in the creation of a diverse resource portfolio and a better energy future.

Stoughton Utilities also ranked ninth in the nation on the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory annual list of leading utility green power programs by customer participation rate. Based on 2009 customer participation, 5.2 percent of utility customers in Stoughton purchased green power equal to all or a portion of their electricity usage.

Stoughton Utilities also offers a Solar Buy-Back Energy Tariff program that encourages the installation of small scale solar photovoltaic projects by offering aggressive incentives to a limited number of business and residential customers. Currently, Stoughton Utilities is meeting subscription limitations with customers subscribing to the maximum nameplate capacity of 15 kilowatts.

The utility has also made significant strides to improve the management of energy use and control costs in existing and planned school facilities. All of the schools in the Stoughton Area School District have earned the ENERGY STAR® rating, indicating superior energy efficiency and environmental protection as a result of energy benchmarking efforts. District wide, several upgrades and improvements were made: T-12 lights were replaced with T-8 lights; variable speed drives were installed on HVAC air handlers, hot water boiler pumps, and on all pool air handlers, hot water pumps and main

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- ▶ County: Dane
- ▶ Population: 12,800
- ▶ Web site: stoughtonutilities.com
- ▶ Did you know?

Stoughton Utilities began public water service in 1886 and electric service in 1891.

Stoughton is among WPPI Energy's 10 largest members, in terms of both electric load and total number of customers.

The utility has updated its billing statements with a new design and format aimed at helping customers make more informed decisions about their energy use.

Stoughton is one of the first 11 WPPI Energy members to receive the Leading by Example award.

▶ Contact:

For more information about utility programs and services in Stoughton, contact Alicia VandenOever, energy services representative for WPPI Energy, at avandenoever@wppienergy.org or (608) 219-6130.

pool pumps; exterior building and parking lot lights were upgraded to induction lights; and all 400-watt and 250-watt metal halide high pressure sodium gymnasium lights were upgraded to fluorescent lights. On average, the Stoughton Area School District has reduced its energy use by more than one million kWh per year and over the last six years, the district has avoided more than \$980,000 in energy costs.

A Local and State Leader

Stoughton Utilities is a partner in Wisconsin's Clean Transportation Program and, in 2010, was awarded \$200,000 to invest in two plug-in hybrid electric utility line trucks. Stoughton Utilities also owns a plug-in hybrid electric and neighborhood electric vehicle.



Stoughton is also home to what is anticipated to be Dane County's first verified net zero energy home – a home that is capable of producing as much energy as consumed. Through the GreenMax Home initiative, homeowners John and Rebecca Scheller designed and built a 4,000 square-foot home that combines energy-efficient construction methods and practices with on-site renewable energy technologies to achieve net zero energy use. Two geothermal heat pumps provide space conditioning and domestic hot water, and an on-site solar photovoltaic system harnesses energy from the sun.

Stoughton has also joined in partnership with the State of Wisconsin to become an Energy Independent Community committed to using renewable resources for 25 percent of electricity and transportation fuels by the year 2025.

Reliable Hometown Service

Stoughton Utilities has earned "RP3" recognition from the American Public Power Association (APPA) for providing consumers with the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service. Stoughton Utilities received the designation in 2006, 2008 and 2010. For the past 10 years, Stoughton Utilities' tree planting and management program has earned the "Tree Line USA Utility" designation from the Arbor Day Foundation. The utility also participates in APPA's TREE POWER program, having planted one tree per customer, and has received APPA's Golden Tree Award.

As a resource on energy efficiency and conservation, Stoughton Utilities supports a variety of programs and services that help customers save energy and money. Thanks to a strong community-wide conservation ethic, and the dedicated leadership of the local public power utility, residents and businesses in Stoughton are committed to improving the quality of life in their community by supporting clean energy alternatives.

Robert Kardasz

From: Enecia Sabroff
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 10:44 AM
To: Craig Wood
Cc: Robert Kardasz
Subject: JAMES FRAME 7620-10

Mr. Frame called at 10:40am to thank us for the prompt attention to the limbs he reported being on his power lines this morning. He said he really appreciated such quick attention to his problem and that we did a great job.



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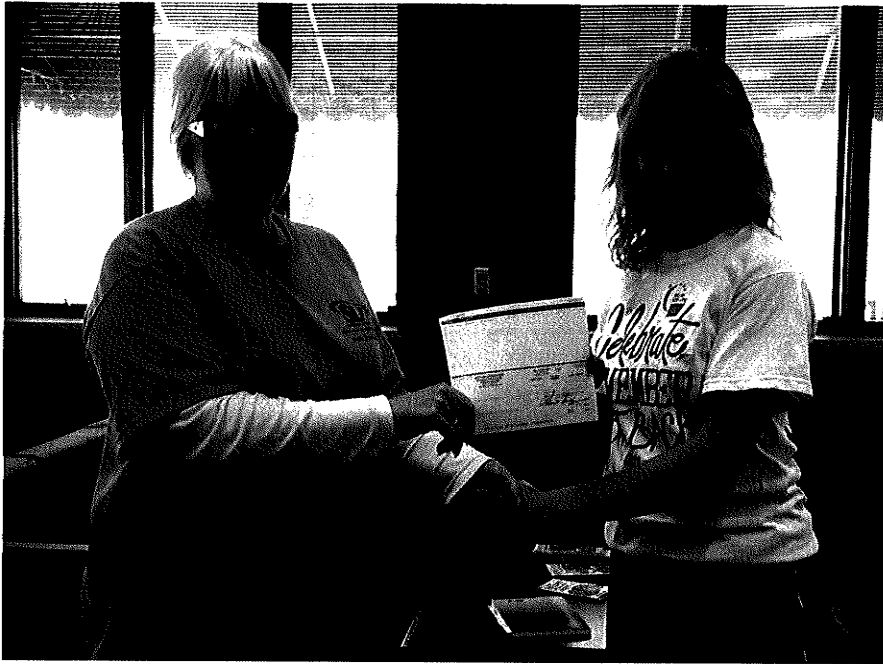
Contact: Brian Hoops, Utilities Office & Information Systems Supervisor

Stoughton Utilities RoundUp Program Donates \$600 to American Cancer Society Relay For Life

Amy Ketterer, a volunteer with the American Cancer Society Relay For Life, recently accepted a check for \$600 from Enecia Sabroff of Stoughton Utilities. This donation is part of Stoughton Utilities' RoundUP program, a voluntary program that 'rounds up' customers' utility bills to the next whole dollar. All proceeds are distributed to and benefit local community organizations.

Funds raised from the Relay For Life go directly to research, education, advocacy and services through the American Cancer Society. The Relay For Life started in 1985 and brings together 3.5 million people world-wide every year to community-based events with the focus on celebrating those who have battled cancer and beat it, remembering those who fought cancer and lost their battle, and fighting back in a multitude of ways against a disease we all wish to see eradicated.

Customers wishing to participate in the RoundUP program may sign up online at roundup.stoughtonutilities.com or by calling Stoughton Utilities customer service at (608) 873-3379.



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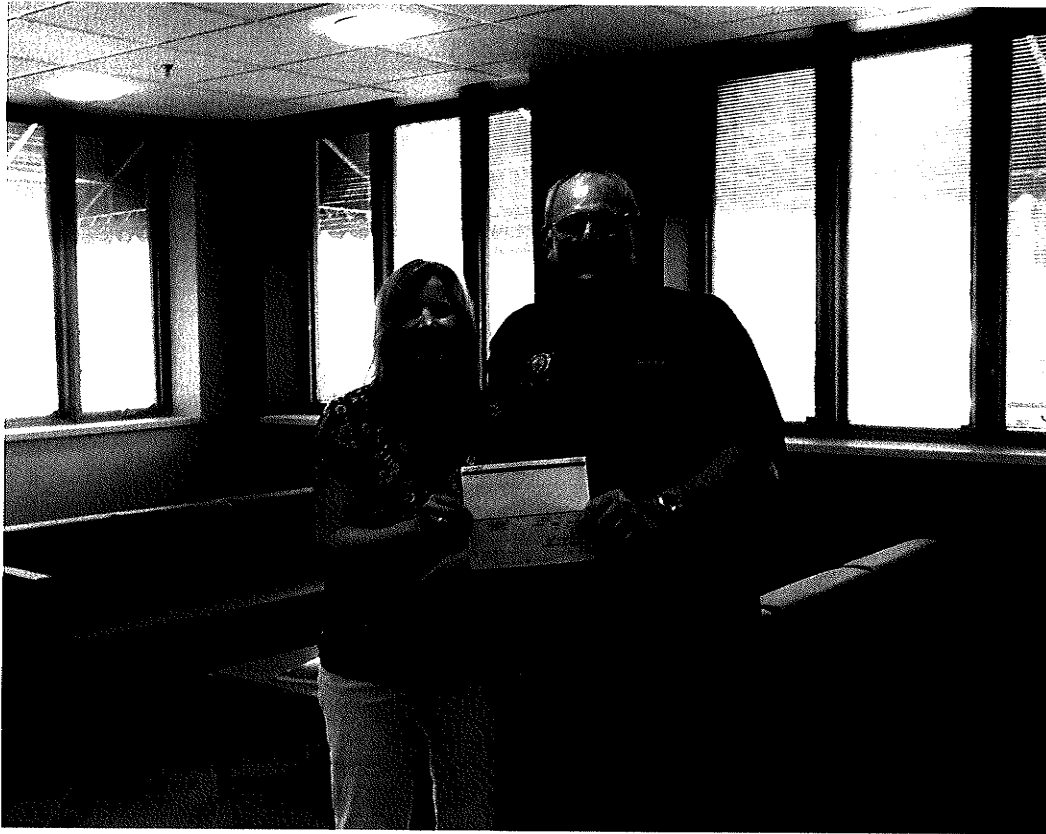
Contact: Brian Hoops, Utilities Office & Information Systems Supervisor

Stoughton Utilities RoundUp Program Donates \$600 to American Legion Post 59

American Legion Post Commander Sonny Swangstu recently accepted a check for \$600 from Kim Jennings of Stoughton Utilities. This donation is part of Stoughton Utilities' RoundUP program, a voluntary program that 'rounds up' customers' utility bills to the next whole dollar. All proceeds are distributed to and benefit local community organizations.

American Legion Post 59 will use these funds towards the many children and youth programs the American Legion offers. These programs include scholarships, Legion Baseball, Badger Boys/Girls State, and County Government Days.

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Contact: Brian Hoops, Utilities Office & Information Systems Supervisor

Stoughton Utilities RoundUp Program Donates \$600 to The Friends of the Stoughton Public Library

Jeanne Burth of The Friends of the Stoughton Public Library recently accepted a check for \$600 from Erin Bothum of Stoughton Utilities. This donation is part of Stoughton Utilities' RoundUP program, a voluntary program that 'rounds up' customers' utility bills to the next whole dollar. All proceeds are distributed to and benefit local community organizations.

The Friends of the Stoughton Public Library are devoted to promoting and improving library services, materials and facilities, and to encourage the broadest possible use of the Stoughton Library. Donations are used to support special children's, young adult, and adult programs throughout the year.

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Contact: Robert P. Kardasz, P.E., Utilities Director

Soaring temperatures may mean higher electric bills

Stoughton, WI – A recent stretch of extremely hot, humid weather is likely to lead to higher energy use, and therefore higher bills, for many electric utility customers across the region.

For customers of Stoughton Utilities, bills for the period that includes the late-July heat wave will be mailed on approximately August 8, 2011. For those using air conditioners to beat the heat this summer, energy bills for this period may be higher than usual.

“During extremely warm periods such as the one we recently experienced, many people increase their use of air conditioning to stay cool and comfortable,” said Stoughton Utilities Office and Information Systems Supervisor Brian Hoops. “We want to remind customers that there are steps they can take to help control their summer energy use and the bill that results.”

To beat the heat and keep home energy costs down on warm days, Customers of Stoughton Utilities are encouraged to:

- Limit indoor cooking to keep the temperature down
- Plant trees that will shade the home and block the sun’s heat.
- Clean or replace air cooling system filters regularly.

Businesses can “keep their cool” by:

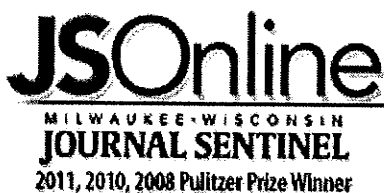
- Setting an energy-saving “sleep mode” in computers and other equipment.
- Installing sensors or timers to automatically turn off lights.
- Scheduling yearly maintenance of HVAC equipment to ensure it runs efficiently.

For more tips and for information about energy-saving programs available through Stoughton Utilities, customers may call (608) 873-3379 or visit the utility’s website at www.stoughtonutilities.com.



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A Waukesha developer of plug-in hybrid technology for work trucks is expecting to expand with investment and supply agreements involving Johnson Controls Inc.'s battery business.

Odyne Systems develops modular plug-in hybrid systems for medium and heavy duty trucks.

The companies announced that Johnson Controls would invest in Odyne to fund expansion and accelerate broad commercialization of Odyne's hybrid systems.

At the same time, Odyne designated Johnson Controls-Saft as a "preferred supplier" of lithium-ion battery systems for Odyne's plug-in hybrid system.

Odyne says its system boosts a large truck's efficiency through operation of the hybrid system on the road, as well as through use of the battery system at a job site. The system is designed to be installed on new and existing vehicles.

Development of the plug-in technology in Wisconsin began two years ago, when the parent company of truck maker Dueco Inc. of Waukesha bought the assets and intellectual property of Odyne.

Privately held Odyne Systems doesn't release its sales and wouldn't divulge the value of the Johnson Controls agreements.

But President Joe Dalum said it's the first in what is expected to be a "multistage investment" by Johnson Controls.

Odyne is seeing increased interest in the plug-in hybrid technology, Dalum said.

"Especially with the high fuel prices, there's quite a bit of interest, and we've got a larger backlog this year," he said.

Stoughton Utilities bought two of the plug-in hybrid electric utility trucks with the aid of federal stimulus funding through the Wisconsin Clean Transportation Program.

"The standard vehicle uses twice as much fuel, if not more, than the hybrids," said Sean Grady, operations superintendent at the utility.

An advantage of the technology is that it reduces idling, which in turn reduces fuel use as well as greenhouse gas emissions.

"The biggest bonus for us is that, when they're operating the truck, the guys don't have to yell at each other. They don't have to shut the truck off so they can talk," Grady said. "Our guys would not want any other type of truck right now. Just the fumes that come off the trucks when they're working off it all day, that in itself is bothersome to some people."

The \$15 million Clean Transportation Program, funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, contributed \$100,000 per truck to help finance the premium over the \$130,000 base cost of a utility truck, Grady said.

The Stoughton plug-in hybrids use lead batteries, not the more efficient lithium-ion batteries to be supplied by Johnson Controls-Saft, Grady said.

The agreement was announced one day after Johnson Controls unveiled its expanded and renovated advanced battery laboratory and testing center in Glendale.

The lab is the home of research on batteries for electric vehicles and hybrid vehicles by both Johnson Controls and employees of its hybrid battery joint venture, Johnson Controls-Saft.

Odyne's technology combines power conversion and storage technology with the Johnson Controls-Saft battery systems and electric propulsion motors built by Remy Electric Motors of Pendleton, Ind.

The company unveiled a new version of its hybrid system last month that it said could provide truck owners with fuel savings of 50% compared with a gasoline or diesel-powered truck.

Earlier this year, the state Department of Commerce announced that Odyne was certified as a qualified new business venture, making investors in Odyne eligible for a 25% tax credit on the amount they invest in the company.

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From: Sean Grady
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2011 12:56 PM
To: Robert Kardasz
Subject: FW: Thank you!

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From: O'Connell, Mark E - OEI [<mailto:Mark.OConnell@wisconsin.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2011 12:35 PM
To: Sean Grady
Subject: Thank you!

Hi Sean,

Great quotes in the Journal-Sentinel article. Thanks for being such a good spokesperson from the program!

Mark O'Connell
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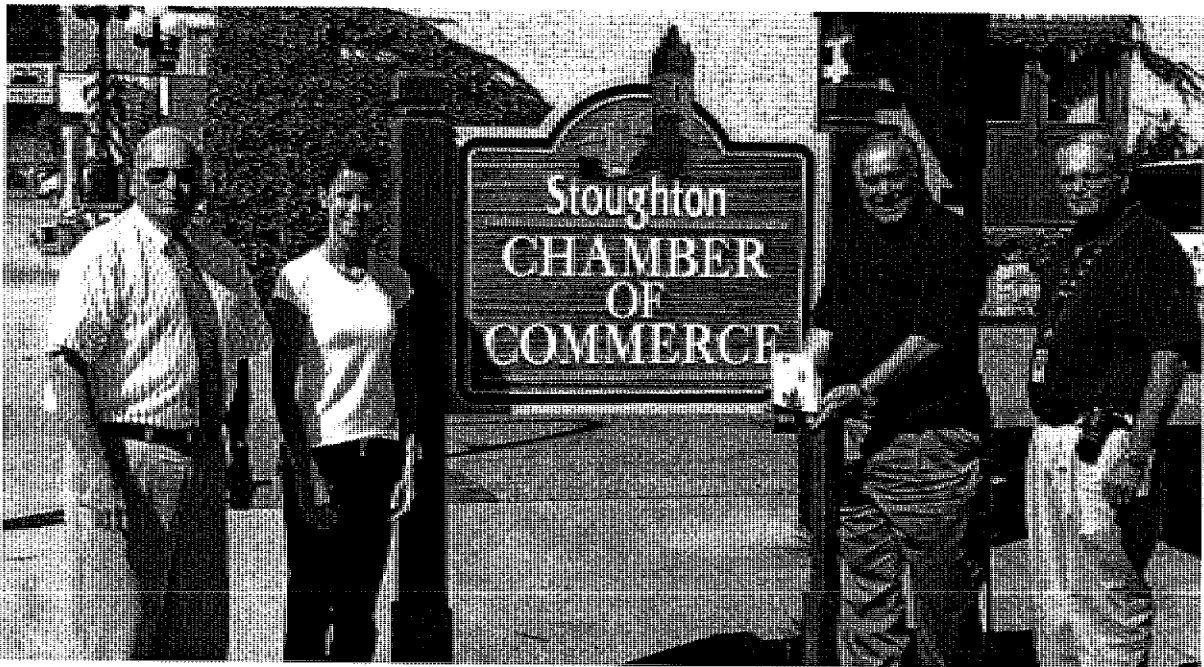
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Contact: Brian Hoops, Utilities Office & Information Systems Supervisor

Stoughton Utilities Donates LED Holiday Lighting To Stoughton Chamber of Commerce

David Phillips, Executive Director of the Stoughton Chamber of Commerce, and Marty Lamers, Stoughton Fire Chief, recently accepted 56 boxes of LED holiday lighting from Robert Kardasz and Alicia VandenOever of Stoughton Utilities. Each box contains a 25 foot string of high efficiency LED lighting, for a total of 1,400 feet. These lights will be used to decorate an energy efficient holiday tree located outside the Stoughton Fire Station during the holiday season.

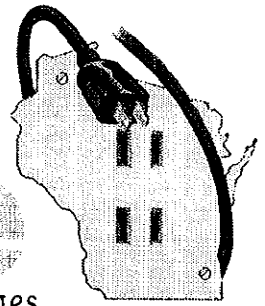


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Restructured states still more expensive

Electric utility restructuring got most of its momentum back in the 1990s from two sources: shameless propaganda from big energy marketers like Enron and consumer discontent in states with high electric rates. But according to the American Public Power Association (APPA),

electricity prices in states that restructured—even today, more than a decade later—remain higher than in those that didn't.

A foe of restructuring from the beginning, the APPA periodically revisits the issue and has consistently found that real-world performance

validates warnings sounded by the organization all the way back to the mid-1990s.

Its most recent report, issued this spring, finds that between 1997 and 2010, increases in retail electricity prices were significantly larger in restructured states than in those that have retained traditional utility regulation.

The findings are based on data from the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration (EIA). For purposes of the study, restructured states include those that allow retail customers to choose their electricity supplier and no longer have the mandated rate caps that were a hallmark of most restructuring schemes.

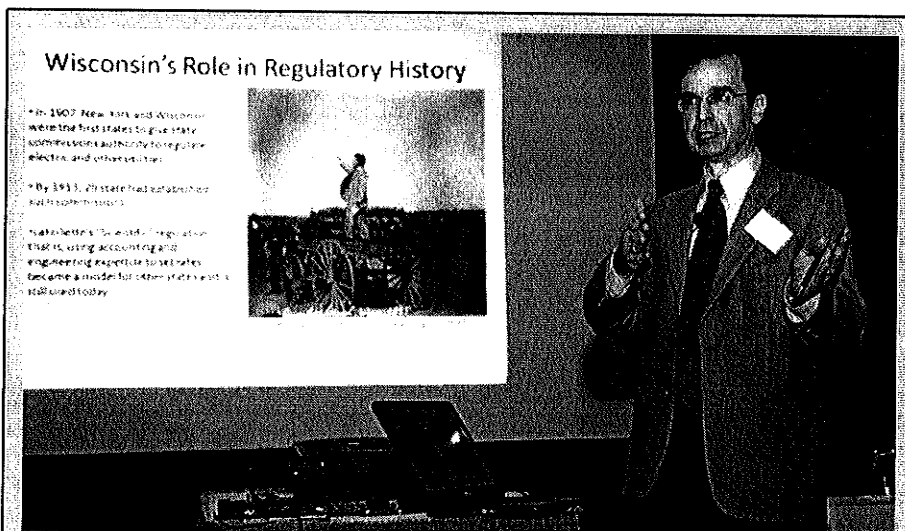
Those caps insulated customers against the price volatility of wholesale power markets but couldn't do the same for retail power providers. That meant a big bill would eventually come due for customers. It also meant fewer choices of supplier as those who couldn't absorb losses fled the market. And it led to a few bankruptcies, not all of them involving small, start-up companies. (See: *Electric, Pacific Gas and*).

The EIA data show that over the first seven years following initial restructuring, rates rose by similar amounts—ranging from about half to three-quarters of a cent per kilowatt-hour—in both restructured and non-restructured states.

Things changed after that. The second half of the 13-year period, 2004–2010, saw rates in restructured states rise by an average of 3.4¢. They rose in traditionally regulated states as well, but by only 2¢ per kilowatt-hour. In other words, rates increased 75 percent faster in restructured states between 2004 and last year.

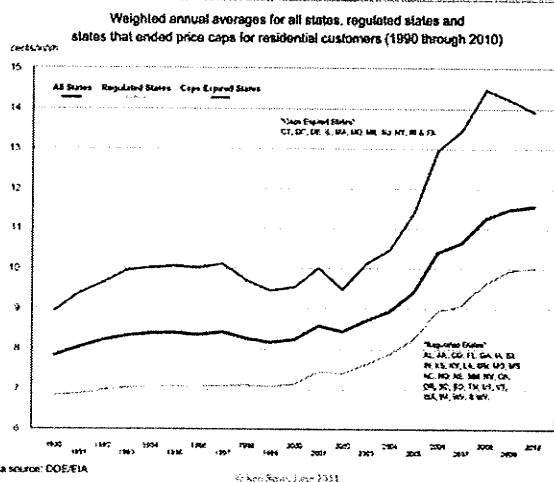
Overall, rate increases nationwide have been modest since 2008, a development the APPA attributes to the weak economy reducing electricity demand and to lower prices

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Traditional regulation still works

Attendees at this Spring's *Customers First!* Coalition POWER Breakfast heard nationally recognized utility analyst Dr. Ken Rose (above photo) explain differences between restructured and non-restructured states in a presentation delving into why regulation matters today. The chart at right, part of Rose's presentation, illustrates rate differentials between restructured states (top line), non-restructured states (bottom line), and the national average (middle line).



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KEEPING CURRENT

With CFC Executive Director Matt Bromley

A panel of federal regulators at the Surface Transportation Board (STB) heard two days' worth of testimony last month on whether the agency should take steps to facilitate more competition in the railroad industry. Speaking on behalf of the rail shipper coalition Consumers United for Rail Equity (CURE), Glenn English, CEO of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, said, "The national rail transportation is not sound because it lacks effective competition among rail carriers and has resulted in the undue concentration of market power in the hands of the remaining major freight railroads, particularly the four largest rail carriers that dominate the freight rail transportation market."

Many rail shippers, including electric utilities that rely on freight rail to transport coal to power plants, have for years complained that a lack of access to competitive transportation options has resulted in unrestrained shipping costs and unreliable service. These cost increases are then passed on to consumers and ratepayers. One recent example is a \$25 million increase in electric rates that was approved by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin for customers of We Energies. Much of the increase was a result of the rising cost to ship coal from Wyoming and Pennsylvania to the utility's power plants in the state.

Other utilities and ratepayers are feeling the impact, too. According to a new Energy Information Administration report the price to ship coal from the Powder River Basin in Wyoming rose by 57 percent, from \$0.0095 per ton-mile in 2001 to \$0.0149 in 2008. About 90 percent of coal deliveries to Wisconsin power plants originate in Wyoming.

Rail shippers and carriers are paying a lot of attention to the proceeding before the STB. They figure any change in railroad regulatory policy will mostly likely come from the agency, given the gridlock in Congress. Senator Jay Rockefeller (D-WV), a champion of rail shippers in the U.S. Senate, agrees. He conceded before the panel that Congress is unlikely to take action anytime soon and pleaded with regulators to take up the cause.

For his part, Wisconsin Senator Herb Kohl is not giving up the legislative fight. His bill, S. 49, which removes the railroads' special exemptions from the nation's antitrust laws, is still alive (see related article in this *WIRE*), and he's looking for help from the Obama administration to get it through Congress. In a July 5 letter to the secretary of Transportation and a top official at the Dept. of Justice, Kohl asked that "the agencies make rail antitrust reform an essential element of our rail transportation policy and support a repeal of this unwarranted antitrust exemption."💡



Bromley

Restructured states

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for natural gas.

But the long-term trend remains clear: High-cost states that turned to retail choice as the remedy remain high-cost states, while those that started out with lower rates and retained traditional regulation have not only held onto their advantage but seen it increase.

States that adopted retail choice started out in 1997 with rates averaging 3.1¢ higher than in states that had, and kept, traditional regulation. By 2010, the gap widened by more than 40 percent, to rates averaging 4.4¢ per kilowatt-hour higher in retail-choice states.

Some people—the American Public Power Association conspicuously not among them—would say it seemed like a good idea at the time.💡

Energy saver tip

Summer heat waves can be distracting but warm weather is the time to check and repair worn-out weather stripping, caulking, or other wear-and-tear problems that could let chilly outdoor conditions invade your home—and drive up heating bills—just a few months from now. And with the remaining potential for hot weather the next several weeks, those repairs could take some strain off your air conditioning, too.💡

Kohl's rail bill advances

The Senate Judiciary Committee late last month filed its report on railroad antitrust legislation proposed by Senator Herb Kohl (D-WI), including a recommendation for passage by the full Senate. The measure (S. 49) earlier won committee endorsement on a bipartisan 15-1 vote.

The July filing cited a 2006 report from the Government Accountability Office finding that shippers in many parts of the country "may be paying excessive rates due to a lack of competition in [freight rail] markets." The committee cited higher electricity bills among the consequences.

The report stressed that Kohl's legislation would put freight rail on an equal footing with other regulated industries in the transportation sector and elsewhere.

"Importantly, even transportation industries similarly situated to the railroad industry enjoy no antitrust exemption," the report noted. "For example, the aviation industry comes under the regulatory supervision of the Transportation Department and Federal Aviation Administration, and the Transportation Department is empow-

ered under the Transportation Act to take action to prevent an 'unfair method of competition' in aviation."

The report cited other transportation industries under Surface Transportation Board (STB) jurisdiction including trucking and domestic marine shipping, which "do not enjoy the same broad antitrust exemption as that enjoyed by the railroad industry."

The committee said applying antitrust to freight rail "will restore to railroad customers the benefits of open competition that prevail elsewhere in the economy, resulting in lower prices and more efficient and more economical rail transportation of grain, coal, chemicals and other products essential to the Nation's domestic and foreign commerce."💡



Texas coalition identifies excess restructuring costs

Electricity customers have paid out \$15 billion more than they'd have needed to since 1999, thanks to the restructuring of Texas utilities, according to a coalition of the state's municipalities.

The Texas Coalition for Affordable Power said earlier this year that based on increases in average electricity prices, the restructured Texas market has been one of the nation's poorest performers.

Interestingly, parts of Texas have been exempt from restructuring from the start, and prices there are lower than in the restructured areas, the coalition said.

In the decade leading up to the 1999 restructuring law, the coalition said, Texas energy consumers collectively paid well below the national average for power, and they still pay below the national average in the exempt areas.

Those residing in the restructured areas consistently pay above the national average, the coalition said.💡

State's utilities on course to reach renewables goal

The Public Service Commission (PSC) of Wisconsin is responsible for monitoring the progress of Wisconsin utilities toward meeting their statutory obligation of 10 percent renewable energy by 2015, and the commission's most recent report says they're on track to hit the target.

The required percentage of renewable energy (as a percentage of total sales) grows over time, gradually ramping up to the 10-percent level. The report released by the commission near the end of June found that (not counting voluntary green-pricing programs) renewable energy sold at retail by Wisconsin power providers totaled more than 7 percent of all electricity sales for 2010. Renewable sales under the state's renewable portfolio standard grew more than 92 percent from 2006 to 2010, the PSC said.

Some power providers have already met or exceeded their 2015 percentage requirement. The top three are WPPI Energy, Oconto Electric Cooperative, and the Princeton Municipal Water and Electric Utility, the PSC said.💡

Lose your job, make a million

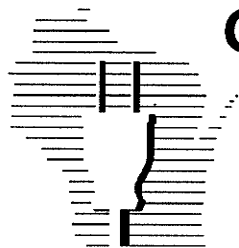
The pending merger of Chicago-based Exelon Corp. and Baltimore's Constellation Energy Group is a win-win for Constellation executives. The company's CEO isn't expected to lose his job—but he might not mind if he did, considering it would mean a payout of more than \$3 million.

At the end of June, the *Baltimore Sun* reported that Constellation CEO Mayo Shattuck III and 11 other top executives will be eligible for cash severance and equity awards totaling more than \$36 million if the merger goes through.

Customers aren't left out, however. The *Sun* reports that the 1.1 million customers of Baltimore Gas and Electric, Constellation's regulated utility arm, get to share in an incentive package that includes a credit of \$100 per household.

Shattuck is expected to stay with the company, which isn't necessarily a good deal for him because presumably he'll have to do some work. On the other hand, if he's terminated at any time after the merger closes, he gets \$1.8 million. A layoff within two years would pay another \$1.3 million.

Nice work if you can lose it...💡



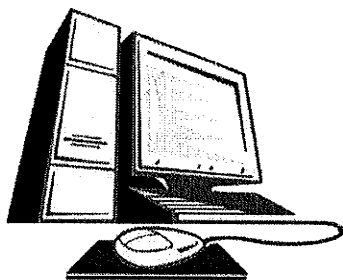
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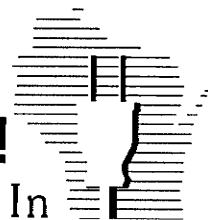
Quotable Quotes

"Wisconsin's ability to provide reliable and affordable electricity even when demand is high provides great relief to businesses and manufacturers...Wisconsin's investments in infrastructure over the last decade provide a strong healthy climate for both new businesses as well as those who might look to relocate as Wisconsin provides competitive rates and excellent service."

—Public Service Commission Chairman Phil Montgomery,
commenting on the performance of Wisconsin utilities in
avoiding service interruptions during the July heat wave, in
an agency statement July 25, 2011

Help us share our messages with others. If you know of businesses or organizations that would like to learn more about protecting Wisconsin's reliable and affordable electricity, please feel free to copy and share with them all or part of this newsletter, or you can call 608/286-0784 to arrange an informational meeting.

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Plugging Wisconsin In





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Division of Energy Services
State Energy Office

Governor Scott Walker
Secretary Mike Huebsch

August 1, 2011

Sean Grady
Stoughton Utilities
600 South Fourth Street
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RE: Contract/Grant #: AD09-9350

Dear Mr. Grady:

This is an official contract amendment for your grant award under the Wisconsin Clean Transportation Program. Due to no additional vehicle purchases, we are reducing your contract amount by \$3,537.71 and returning that funding back to the program. Your total contract amount is \$196,462.29 with a remaining balance of \$0. You are still obligated to comply with the remaining provisions in the contract until the end date of the program, December 31, 2013.

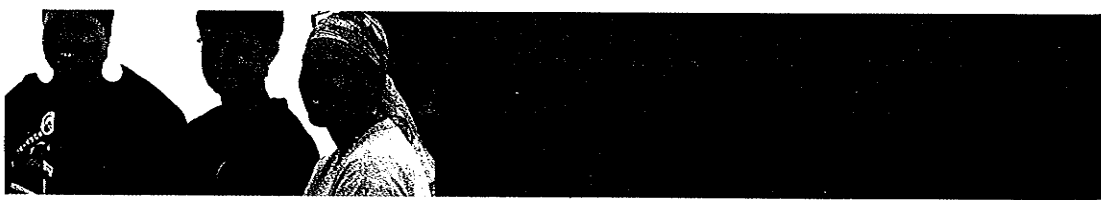
Thank you for all of your work associated with this program.

If we may be of further assistance, please contact me at (608) 266-1521.

Sincerely,

Maria Redmond
State Energy Office

Cc: Kimberley Dinkins, Contracts Manager
Mark O'Connell, Technical Coordinator



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Thank you!

Dear Friend,

On behalf of the Midwest Division staff and volunteers of the American Cancer Society, I want to personally thank you for your gift of \$600.00 through Relay For Life®. Your generosity makes you a member of *The Society*, an elite group of the American Cancer Society's most dedicated supporters.

Together, we are saving lives and creating a world with more birthdays - where cancer never steals another year from anyone's life. Every day, we're helping people stay well with prevention and early detection information, helping people get well by guiding them through every step of the cancer experience, finding cures and better treatments by funding and conducting research, and fighting back by working with lawmakers to pass laws to defeat cancer.

To learn how we're saving lives from cancer, how you can get involved, or how we can help you, call 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org anytime, day or night. Thank you again for your generosity.

James A. Bergeron

James A. Bergeron
Volunteer, Chairperson of the Board

P.S. Do you have a friend or loved one fighting cancer? Visit cancer.org/mosaic, and honor them with a personalized Mosaic Web page.

Honor Your Loved Ones

Most of us know someone who has had cancer, or perhaps you have battled this disease yourself.

Story by story, person by person, the American Cancer Society Mosaic is capturing your courage – and the courage of your loved ones – to join with a larger "mosaic" of hope for a world in which cancer no longer threatens those we love.

When Fe's mom was diagnosed with colon cancer, Fe created a Mosaic page to honor her spirit. Fe writes,

"It is almost unfathomable that such love, bravery, and vigor for life can be contained in any human being, let alone such a petite woman."

Fe's Mosaic page has raised more than \$1,200 to fight cancer – and allowed friends to celebrate her mom and share how much she means to them.

To honor the cancer fighter in your life, visit cancer.org/mosaic to create your page today. It takes just a few moments to set up your page, but the memories and tributes are timeless.

Your Recent Contribution

Gift date	Gift Amount	Gift Source
07/08/2011	\$600.00	Relay For Life

No goods or services were provided for this gift. Your gift is deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Please consult your tax advisor regarding specific questions about your tax deductions.



Your recent gift is helping people fight cancer by funding critical cancer research, education, advocacy, and patient services.

ROCKDALE-WEST MIDDLETON TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

American Transmission Co. began a comprehensive public outreach campaign for the Rockdale-West Middleton Transmission Line Project in 2004. The need for the project was identified several years earlier as utility planners observed the tremendous growth in Dane County and the steady increase in the use of electricity. At the time, the county was served by a network of 69-kilovolt and 138-kV electric transmission lines, some of which were loaded to near maximum capacity.

While improvements to the system have been made in recent years, this 345-kV project will strengthen the Dane County transmission system and help ensure reliable electricity for the region.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND REGULATORY REVIEW PROCESS

ATC has a practice of engaging the public and other interested stakeholders in its proposed transmission line projects as a way to identify possible routes far in advance of filing a regulatory application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

After more than five years of public involvement and regulatory review, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin approved the project and ordered a route in June 2009. The PSC conducted a comprehensive review and evaluation, including a study of the project need, and held technical and public hearings.

To learn more about the PSC's comprehensive review of this project, visit www.psc.wi.gov and enter Docket ID 137-CE-147.

PROJECT AT-A-GLANCE

Estimated project cost: \$219 million

Areas benefited: Dane County and southern Wisconsin

Length of line: Approximately 32 miles

Voltage: 345,000 volts

End points: The western end point of the line will be the Cardinal Substation, adjacent to the current West Middleton Substation in the Town of Middleton. The eastern end point of the line will be the Rockdale Substation located in the Town of Christiana.

Pole types: Pole types will consist of 100- to 110-foot steel monopoles along the majority of the route, with galvanized H-frame structures across the Yahara Wetlands and Y-shaped structures near the UW Arboretum. All structures will be galvanized steel.

ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE

<i>Public outreach</i>	2004-2007
<i>Submitted application to the PSC</i>	October 2007
<i>Project approved and route ordered by PSC</i>	June 2009
<i>Segment A construction work begins</i>	August 2011
<i>Segment B construction work begins</i>	October 2011
<i>Segment C construction work begins</i>	Winter 2011
<i>Segment D construction work begins</i>	Spring 2012
<i>In-service date</i>	Summer 2013

Pre-construction open houses will be held prior to work starting on construction segments.

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Visit www.RockdaleWestMiddleton.com for up-to-date project information.



ATC is a Green Tier company, selected by the Wisconsin DNR for demonstrating superior environmental performance and continual improvement.

Information current as of August 2011



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Date: July 12, 2011
To: Stoughton Utilities Committee
From: Robert P. Kardasz, P.E.
Stoughton Utilities Director
Subject: Stoughton Utilities Committee Annual Calendar.

The following calendar is provided for information and discussion.

August 15, 2011	Regular Meeting - Tour East Electric Substation – Approve the Stoughton Utilities 2012 Budget and recommend to the Stoughton Common Council - Approve the Stoughton Utilities Non-Represented employees wage adjustments and recommend to the Stoughton Personnel Committee and the Stoughton Common Council
August 19, 2011	MEUW Lineman’s Rodeo in Oconomowoc
September 14-16, 2011	American Water Works Association Annual Conference in Wisconsin Dells
September 15-16, 2011	WPPI Energy (WPPI) Annual Conference in Madison
September 26, 2011	Regular Meeting - Customer Collections Status Report
October 11, 2011	WPPI Energy Orientation Meeting in Sun Prairie
October 6, 2011	Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW) District Dinner Meeting
October 24, 2011	Special Meeting - Conduct hearings for the 2010 Tax Roll Nomination
October 24, 2011	Regular Meeting

October 26-28, 2011	Wisconsin Wastewater Operators Association (WWOA) Annual Conference in Wisconsin Dells
November 14, 2011	Regular Meeting - Tour Well No. 7 - WPPI Energy Presentation
December 15, 2011	Stoughton Utilities Holiday Open House
December 19, 2011	Regular Meeting - Stoughton Utilities RoundUp Donation
January 17, 2012	Regular Meeting
February 20, 2012	Regular Meeting
March 11-14, 2012	American Public Power Association Legislative Rally in Washington, D.C.
March 19, 2012	Regular Meeting - Agricultural Land Rental recommendation to the Common Council - Declaration(s) of Official Intent - Customer Collections Status Report - Review Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)
March 27, 2012	Common Council Meeting - Approve Agricultural Land Rental
April 16, 2012	Regular Meeting
May 6-12, 2012	Drinking Water Week
May 8, 2012	WPPI Energy Orientation Meeting in Sun Prairie
May 14, 2012	Regular Meeting - First Regular Meeting after the Common Council Reorganization Meeting - Elect Committee Chair and Vice Chair – Elect Liaison and Alternate Liaison - Establish Meeting Time and Monthly Meeting Date - Stoughton Utilities 2010 Annual Audit and Management Letter presentation discussion, approval and recommendation to the Common Council - Stoughton Utilities Tax Stabilization Dividends discussion, approval, and recommendation to the Common Council - Customer Collections Status Report - Review

	Wisconsin Public Service Commission Annual Electric and Water Reports - Discuss Stoughton Utilities 2011 Accomplishments - Tour Stoughton Utilities Building
May 22, 2012	Common Council - Stoughton Utilities 2010 Audit and Management Letter Presentation and Approval - Accept Stoughton Utilities Tax Stabilization Dividends Recommendation
June 8-10, 2012	Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW) Annual Conference in Green Bay
June 19-22, 2012	American Public Power Association (APPA) Annual Conference
June 19-25, 2012	National Public Power Week
June 18, 2012	Regular Meeting - Annual Meeting at the wastewater treatment facility - Approve and recommend the Wastewater Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) and Resolution to the Common Council - Approve Stoughton Utilities Ten Year (2013-2022) Capital Projects Program and recommend it to the Stoughton Common Council - Stoughton Utilities RoundUp Donation - Annual Stoughton Utilities Studies Discussion
June 21, 2012	Stoughton Utilities Public Power Walk
June 26, 2012	Common Council - Approve the recommended Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) and adopt the corresponding Resolution
July 16, 2012	Regular Meeting - Annual Stoughton Utilities Goals Discussion and Approval

cc: Sean O Grady
 Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent



Stoughton Utilities Activities Reports

July 2011

ADMINISTRATION – Utilities Director Robert P. Kardasz, P.E.

Seasonal activities including sanitary sewer collection system televising and cleaning, and water valve rehabilitation continued. The CTH N South Electric Distribution System Reconstruction Project and the East Main Street Project are proceeding on schedule. The South Electric Substation Transruptor Project was completed. Office staff continues to work with customers fulfilling their financial obligations. The Capital Improvements Plan and the Proposed 2012 Budget have received significant staff commitment.

The Utilities Director represented Stoughton Utilities at the following meetings: GFOA Budgeting, Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee, CIP Meeting with the Stoughton Planning and Streets Departments, Stoughton Utilities Senior Staff Meeting, Monthly Meeting with Mayor Olson, Community Affairs and Council Policy, Distribution Services, Leadership Team, Wastewater Pretreatment Meeting with a local industry, Post Stoughton Fair Meeting, Utilities Committee, Common Council, WPPI Energy New Initiatives and Area Meetings, and the Personnel Committee.

ACCOUNTING – Utilities Accounting and Administrative Manager Kim M. Jennings, CPA

Accomplishments:

- Finalized 2012 budget.
- Purchase card agreements – final administrator training.
- Submitted proposal for WRS payoff – loan from Electric Division to General Fund.
- MEUW – Accounting and Customer Service Committee – fall conference planning.
- A/P, payroll and treasury management approvals.
- Investment sales/purchases and income tracking.
- Monthly account reconciliation, reporting and billing statistics for June 2011.

In Progress:

- WI Act 10 and Act 32 review – payroll changes for WRS payments and parity payment.
- Wastewater rate review.
- Budgeting for outcomes process.
- Prepare USDA Loan Program application.
- Wells Fargo Purchase Card Program – general ledger coding and file upload.
- Monthly account reconciliation and reporting for July 2011.

CUSTOMER SERVICES AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES DIVISION – Utilities Office and Information Systems Supervisor Brian R. Hoops

Activities & Accomplishments:

- Staff processed 8,057 payments totaling \$1,631,215, including 4,475 checks, 401 credit card payments, 659 online E-Pay payments, 1,880 automated bank withdrawals, 467 bank payments, and nearly \$17,000 in cash. Nearly 45% of payments are currently made by methods other than the traditional ‘check in the mail’, and SU staff continues to work diligently to get that number even higher.
- Staff mailed notices of pending disconnection for customers with delinquent utility accounts having past-due balances or deposits \$175 or greater.
- Staff disconnected 18 accounts for non-payment. Two of these accounts remain disconnected; one which is a vacant/foreclosed property and the other which has been temporarily vacated while the customer works to pay their outstanding balances. The remaining accounts were all reconnected after addressing their delinquent balances.
- Staff processed utility billing and collections, accounts payable, payroll, and daily cash deposits throughout the month.
- No customer inquiries/complaints were lodged with the Wisconsin Public Service Commission during the month of July. This is a great sign that SU staff is doing a great job of working with our customers to establish satisfactory payment arrangements prior to disconnection.
- Office & Information Systems Supervisor Brian Hoops worked with Teleworks on implementation of our Integrated Voice Response (IVR) phone system for account information and payments. This system is fully functional and running live. Revised voice prompts have been recorded, and once the few final tweaks have been made on Telework’s end, will be made available to our customers. When functional, the customer will work directly with our staff recordings as they address their specific account needs.
- Brian finalized the order with TDS to transfer our PRI T1 circuit from AT&T. Line installation and hardware conversion will occur in the fourth quarter of 2011.

- Utilities Billing and Consumer Services Technician Erin Bothum completed the monthly utility billing as well as issued 129 final billing statements for customers who have moved from their prior addresses.
- Utilities Accounts Receivable Technician Enecia Sabroff continues to follow up with deferred payment arrangements created by customers for outstanding deposits and/or balances. As agreements are broken, notices of disconnection are mailed, and we attempt to work with customers to create a new agreement or obtain payment.
- Utilities Consumer Services Specialist Lisa Halverson continues to review our 448 budget-billing participant's payments and usage. Due to the record-setting heat and humidity, some households with high usage were contacted to provide advanced notice of possible payment increases in November.
- Brian Hoops and Erin Bothum continued to work on the Budgeting For Outcomes Results Team efforts.

ELECTRIC DIVISION AND PLANNING DIVISION – Utilities Operations
Superintendent Sean O Grady

American Public Power Association: Staff is currently working on our application for our RP3 designation. This process will ultimately rank our utility against other comparable utilities throughout the Nation with regards to reliability, safety, and system improvements. Our nation has more than 2,000 public power utilities.

Wisconsin Clean Cities (WCC): Stoughton Utilities was included in a section of the Milwaukee Sentinel Journal showcasing our support of alternative fueled vehicles. This article covered the funding component from WCC and our support for the use of hybrid technologies used on bucket trucks.

2011 Annual Line Clearance Contract: Asplundh Tree Experts wrapped up our line clearance work this month. Crews were on site for approximately three months. Line clearance work along with a well maintained distribution system creates an efficient electric distribution system our customers are use to receiving. This would not be possible without the support from our Utilities Committee and Common Council members.

McDonald's Restaurant: Staff continues to work with McDonald's with alternative transformer locations that will support the proposed drive thru system.

Hybrid Training: A few of us traveled to DUECO's facility in Waukesha and received formal training in the classroom along with hands on training in the shop that provided us with the tools necessary to effectively and efficiently service and operate the new technology. This training was funded and supported by Wisconsin Clean Cities and Odyne.

Substation Fusing Project: Staff recently completed the field installation component of our transrupter project at our North and South Substations. As-built plans/drawings will be completed in house during the month of August with the project being closed out in September.

County Highway N Reconstruction Project: New poles have been installed and wires pulled in for the 2nd phase and staking of the new line on the 3rd phase has been completed.

Metering Division: We have been working with our vendor on setting up programs that will allow us to offer the time of use rates we currently have in our rate file for general service three-phase customers. Our first customer to take advantage of this rate is Christ Lutheran Church. Bryce Sime and Jamie Sieren participated in their second week of the Indentured Metering Apprentice Program.

Wastewater and Water Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Systems: L.W. Allen has been on site verifying existing field installations with drawings and making updates as need. Programming of the system has started. Applications with Focus on Energy have been submitted for funding the power meters that will be used at the production wells.

East Main Street Project: All new underground facilities have been installed up to Franklin Street. Base material in the street is being placed. The contractor advised the utilities the project completion date has been pushed back two weeks from the original completion date.

Jefferson Street Storm Water Project: Poles known to be in conflicts with the City's phase have been relocated.

WASTEWATER DIVISION – Utilities Wastewater System Supervisor Brian G. Erickson

Sanitary Sewer Collection System: Staff continues to clean the collection system throughout City.

Michels Pipe Line completed this year's sanitary sewer lining project. Michels installed over 4,770 feet of cured in place liners in the sanitary sewer system this year. After eight years of lining, the totals are 29,000 feet of lined sanitary sewers or 5.50 miles of the 53.46 of the sanitary sewer collection system.

Sump Pump Inspections: We continue to perform sump pump inspections. We have inspected over 100 basements and entered them into a database.

Working on HVAC projects at the plant. This projects consist of new ventilation in the tunnels and all underground buildings, exhaust equipment in our sludge thickening building, new building heaters which utilize our sludge heater that burns methane gas, and air condition and ventilation in the lab and main office areas.

Screw pump painting project. Reviewing quotes on two screw pumps to be sandblasted and painted. These pumps require paint about every ten years.

The precipitation for the month was 4.40 inches, and the year to date precipitation totals 19.07 inches.

The wastewater treatment facility processed an average flow of 1.040 million gallons per day with a monthly total of 32 million gallons.

WATER DIVISION – Utilities Water System Supervisor Roger M. Thorson

The Water Division had a busy month working on system maintenance. We replaced several damaged water main valve boxes on various streets throughout the city, along with updating our water system maps. We repaired three water main breaks. We also abandoned eight water valve manholes with valve boxes that extends to road level. For safety issues, this gives us the ability to exercise or use these valves from above ground without entering the manholes which are considered to be confined spaces.

We are working with the contractor on the East Main Street water main replacement project shutting off water in the area so they can abandon the old 4” water main and make the connections to the new 10’ water main.

ENERGY SERVICES SECTION OF THE PLANNING DIVISION – Stoughton Utilities/WPPI Energy Services Representative Alicia VandenOever **Customer Account Activities**

Customer Account Activities

City of Stoughton: Obtained incentive information from Focus on Energy for lighting upgrades at municipal buildings based on a proposal and spec information submitted by Energy Performance Lighting. Currently working with Rodney Scheel and Focus on Energy to determine feasible measures and funding for the HVAC system at the library, including DDC controls.

Wastewater Treatment Plant: Submitted a custom incentive application to Focus on Energy for the SCADA upgrade involving monitors for well pump VFDs. Working with Brian Erickson and Strand Associates to obtain proposals for HVAC improvements at the plant.

Christ Lutheran Church: Met with board members of the church to discuss time-of-day rate and metering options. Will schedule a walk-through energy assessment with the facility manager in August.

Cummins: Installed two PM3000 meters to monitor equipment at the Stoughton facility as part of their corporate energy reduction initiative. The customer also inquired about putting two services on WPPI’s retail metering and billing service so as to be able to access interval energy use data online.

Universal: Universal has submitted a Shared Savings application for a lighting upgrade. The application is currently under review with WPPI Energy staff.

Energy Services Administration

CTC funds: Balanced the CTC account and reported 2011 quarterly balances to WPPI Energy for Executive Committee review.

Cooperative Advertizing: WPPI Energy placed ads in the Stoughton Courier Hub promoting energy efficiency and the Focus on Energy partnership.

EPA Green Power Partnership: Reported annual statistics to EPA for the City's Green Power Partnership and sent a picture of the road sign on Hwy 51/138.

Chamber of Commerce: Donated 56 strands of LED holiday lights to the Chamber of Commerce through WPPI Energy's Community Relations program.

Local Circuit: Submitted fall local Circuit article selections to WPPI Energy.

Tree Power: Confirmed tree planting and location for Tree Power incentive applications.

Dates at Stoughton Utilities in July: 7, 14, 21, 28

SAFETY COMPLIANCE SECTION OF THE PLANNING DIVISION – Stoughton Utilities/Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin Southeastern Regional Safety Coordinator Christopher Belz

Accomplishments

Audits/Inspections

- Inspected Garage Area
- Completed a Forklift compliance inspection

Compliance/Risk Management

- Continued construction of the RP3 Application
- Completed Hazard Communications Written Program Review
- Contacted Ear/Nose/Throat Specialist for an Employee review
- Started Respiratory Protection Program audit
- Set up LO/TO periodic inspections on Energy Control Procedures
- Filed Continuing Education Credits
- Updated MSDS book and Hazardous Inventories
- Construct a Safety Bulletin (Excessive Heat)
- Reviewed Incident Reports
- Updated incident logs and filed incident reports

Goals & Objectives

Training

- Complete Control of Hazardous Energy (LO/TO) training

Audits/Inspections

- Inspect Crews for proper Work Zone set ups and Personal Protective Equipment
- Perform facility inspections in all Stoughton Utilities facilities

Compliance/Risk Management

- Finish Reviewing General Safety Rules

Scheduled dates MEUW SCRSC Safety Coordinator, Chris Belz, was at Stoughton Utilities: July 11, 18 and 25

Please visit us on our website at www.stoughtonutilities.com to view current events, follow project schedules, view meeting notices and minutes, review our energy conservation programs, pay your utilities bill via the internet, or to learn more about your Stoughton Utilities Electric, Wastewater and Water services.



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Date: August 9, 2011

To: Stoughton Utilities Committee

From: Robert P. Kardasz, P.E.
Stoughton Utilities Director

Subject: Status Of The Stoughton Utilities Committee Recommendation(s) To The Stoughton Common Council.

Either Liaison to the Stoughton Common Council Alderperson Eric Hohol or Alternate Liaison Alderperson Greg Jenson is scheduled to provide a verbal report regarding any Stoughton Utilities Committee recommendation(s) to the Stoughton Common Council in lieu of a written report prepared for the meeting packet.

There were no recommendations for Stoughton Common Council action from the July 18, 2011 Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting.

cc: Sean O Grady
Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent



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Date: August 9, 2011

To: Stoughton Utilities Committee

From: Kim M. Jennings, CPA
Stoughton Utilities Finance and Administrative Manager

Robert P. Kardasz, P.E.
Stoughton Utilities Director

Subject: Stoughton Utilities Proposed 2012 Budget.

We have completed efforts utilizing system plans, projections and engineering studies, and 2012 financial forecasts to develop our Proposed 2012 Budget. The Stoughton Utilities Committee approved the Ten Year (2012-2021) Capital Projects Program on June 20, 2011.

Our Stoughton Utilities Proposed 2012 Budget is provided for approval and recommendation to the City of Stoughton Common Council.

Encl.

cc: Sean O Grady
Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent

Brian G. Erickson
Stoughton Utilities Wastewater System Supervisor

Roger M. Thorson
Stoughton Utilities Water System Supervisor

Brian R. Hoops
Stoughton Utilities Office and Information Systems System Supervisor



STOUGHTON UTILITIES

Proposed Annual Budget for the Year
2012

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH
December 31, 2012
Kim Jennings, CPA**



**Stoughton Utilities
2012 Proposed Budget Summary**

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	<u>Electric</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Wastewater</u>	<u>Total</u>
OPERATING REVENUES	\$ 15,751,784	\$ 1,693,648	\$ 2,095,262	\$ 19,540,694
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Operation & Maintenance Expense	\$ 13,653,527	\$ 716,370	\$ 897,131	\$ 15,267,028
Taxes (PILOT)	\$ 330,000	\$ 305,500	\$ -	\$ 635,500
Depreciation	\$ 925,500	\$ 368,500	\$ 703,500	\$ 1,997,500
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 14,909,027	\$ 1,390,370	\$ 1,600,631	\$ 17,900,028
Operating Income	\$ 842,757	\$ 303,278	\$ 494,631	\$ 1,640,666
Non-operating Revenues (Expenses):				
Investment Income	\$ 140,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 62,000	\$ 237,000
Interest Expenses	\$ (278,243)	\$ (94,742)	\$ (108,148)	\$ (481,133)
Capital Contributions	\$ 71,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,000
Miscellaneous Revenues (Expenses)	\$ (35,000)	\$ (11,300)	\$ -	\$ (46,300)
Total Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)	\$ (102,243)	\$ (71,042)	\$ (46,148)	\$ (219,433)
Net Income	\$ 740,514	\$ 232,236	\$ 448,483	\$ 1,421,233

**STOUGHTON WASTEWATER UTILITY
OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES
FORECASTED FOR THE YEAR 2012**

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OPERATING REVENUES	Proposed	% Change	Estimated	Actual	Actual	Actual
Sales	2012	2011/2010	2011	2010	2009	2008
Residential	\$ 1,432,677	0.50%	\$ 1,425,550	\$ 1,415,649	\$ 1,428,000	\$ 1,468,172
Commercial	\$ 434,553	0.50%	\$ 432,391	\$ 429,388	\$ 409,200	\$ 434,356
Industrial	\$ 128,877	0.50%	\$ 128,236	\$ 127,345	\$ 117,925	\$ 215,670
Public Authority (City Buildings)	\$ 22,555	0.50%	\$ 22,443	\$ 22,287	\$ 34,450	\$ 29,677
Total Sales	\$ 2,018,662		\$ 2,008,619	\$ 1,994,669	\$ 1,989,575	\$ 2,147,875
Other Operating Revenues						
Forfeited Discounts (Penalties, NSF, Reconnect)	\$ 6,600	1.54%	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,491	\$ 9,900	\$ 10,136
Other (BOD/Suspendid Solids Surcharge)	\$ 70,000	0.00%	\$ 70,000	\$ 69,560	\$ 44,000	\$ 25,322
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 2,095,262		\$ 2,085,119	\$ 2,070,720	\$ 2,043,475	\$ 2,183,333
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Plant (General WWTP Plant Maintenance)	\$ 425,105	2.0%	\$ 416,958	\$ 399,012	\$ 363,197	\$ 433,154
Customer Accounting and Collection	\$ 124,707	1.8%	\$ 122,469	\$ 135,558	\$ 86,500	\$ 105,752
Administrative and General (Salaries, Benefits, Insurance)	\$ 347,319	-3.9%	\$ 361,538	\$ 368,072	\$ 415,500	\$ 324,386
Depreciation	\$ 703,500	4.2%	\$ 675,000	\$ 649,400	\$ 525,000	\$ 562,817
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,600,631		\$ 1,575,965	\$ 1,552,042	\$ 1,390,197	\$ 1,426,109
OPERATING INCOME	\$ 494,631		\$ 509,154	\$ 518,678	\$ 653,278	\$ 757,224
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)						
Investment Income	\$ 62,000	31.9%	\$ 47,000	\$ 60,772	\$ 34,900	\$ 63,611
Interest Expense	\$ (108,148)	-14.9%	\$ (127,122)	\$ (142,512)	\$ (187,500)	\$ (176,460)
Capital Contributions (Developer/Customer Contributions)	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,644
Miscellaneous Income (Expense)	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,470
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	\$ (46,148)		\$ (80,122)	\$ (81,740)	\$ (152,600)	\$ 27,265
NET INCOME	\$ 448,483		\$ 429,032	\$ 436,938	\$ 500,678	\$ 784,489

Notes: Revenues - Based on historical trend analysis and current rates, effective July 5, 2007.

Depreciation and Taxes - Increase due to increased plant in service including the collection system slip-lining projects and improvements to the WWTP.

Administration and General Expense - Decrease due to savings from employee share of Wisconsin Retirement System contributions.

**STOUGHTON WATER UTILITY
OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES
FORECASTED FOR THE YEAR 2012**

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OPERATING REVENUES	Proposed 2012	% Change 2011/2010	Estimated 2011	Actual 2010	Actual 2009	Actual 2008
Sales						
Unmetered Sales	\$ -			\$ -	\$ 2,700	\$ -
Residential	\$ 808,680	0.5%	\$ 804,656	\$ 756,725	\$ 725,000	\$ 623,952
Commercial	\$ 190,917	0.5%	\$ 189,967	\$ 178,491	\$ 148,500	\$ 145,172
Industrial	\$ 216,665	0.5%	\$ 215,587	\$ 199,210	\$ 138,000	\$ 130,601
Public Authority (City Buildings)	\$ 16,769	0.5%	\$ 16,685	\$ 15,828	\$ 16,500	\$ 14,312
Private Fire Protection	\$ 15,786	0.5%	\$ 15,708	\$ 20,999	\$ 18,700	\$ 18,630
Public Fire Protection	\$ 420,831	0.5%	\$ 418,737	\$ 364,006	\$ 340,000	\$ 335,256
Total Sales	\$ 1,669,648		\$ 1,661,340	\$ 1,535,259	\$ 1,389,400	\$ 1,267,923
Other Operating Revenues						
Forfeited Discounts (Penalties, NSF, Reconnect)	\$ 5,000	0.0%	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,607	\$ 7,400	\$ 4,428
Other (Joint Metering Allocation, Permits)	\$ 19,000	0.0%	\$ 19,000	\$ 18,975	\$ 19,500	\$ 17,585
Total Other Operating Revenues	\$ 24,000		\$ 24,000	\$ 23,582	\$ 26,900	\$ 22,013
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 1,693,648		\$ 1,685,340	\$ 1,558,841	\$ 1,416,300	\$ 1,289,936
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Source of Supply (Maintenance of Wells)	\$ 9,926	1.5%	\$ 9,776	\$ 1,240	\$ 600	\$ 23,111
Pumping (Well Pumps and Fuel)	\$ 138,691	1.6%	\$ 136,570	\$ 141,086	\$ 108,000	\$ 122,545
Water Treatment (Chemicals)	\$ 26,864	1.7%	\$ 26,419	\$ 26,475	\$ 25,000	\$ 28,483
Transmission/Distribution (Mains,Towers,Services,Hydrants,Meters)	\$ 165,277	-20.5%	\$ 207,830	\$ 178,867	\$ 157,500	\$ 178,243
Customer Accounting and Collection	\$ 69,664	1.7%	\$ 68,480	\$ 67,640	\$ 69,500	\$ 43,572
Administrative and General (Salaries, Benefits, Insurance)	\$ 305,948	-3.3%	\$ 316,536	\$ 310,622	\$ 270,000	\$ 341,926
Depreciation	\$ 368,500	3.9%	\$ 354,500	\$ 327,160	\$ 295,000	\$ 309,071
Taxes	\$ 305,500	5.9%	\$ 288,500	\$ 259,162	\$ 190,000	\$ 211,710
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,390,370		\$ 1,408,611	\$ 1,312,252	\$ 1,115,600	\$ 1,258,661
OPERATING INCOME	\$ 303,278		\$ 276,729	\$ 246,589	\$ 300,700	\$ 31,275
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)						
Investment Income	\$ 35,000	-12.5%	\$ 40,000	\$ 68,129	\$ -	\$ 50,641
Interest Expense	\$ (94,742)	-7.0%	\$ (101,856)	\$ (98,444)	\$ (55,799)	\$ (128,124)
Capital Contributions (Developer/Customer Contributions)	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 612,176	\$ -	\$ 148,584
Miscellaneous Income (Expense)	\$ (11,300)	7.6%	\$ (10,500)	\$ (10,328)	\$ (3,132)	\$ (241,710)
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	\$ (71,042)		\$ (72,356)	\$ 571,533	\$ (58,931)	\$ (170,609)
NET INCOME	\$ 232,236		\$ 204,373	\$ 818,122	\$ 241,769	\$ (139,334)

Notes: Revenues - Based on historical trend analysis and current rates, Phase I effective October 1, 2009 and Phase II effective September 1, 2010.
 Depreciation and Taxes - Increase due to increased plant in service including the East Tower with connecting water main and the Main St. reconstruction project.
 Transmission/Distribution Expense - Decrease due to a significant reduction in the third year of a water tower maintenance contract (2011 cost was elevated for painting).
 Administration and General Expense - Decrease due to savings from employee share of Wisconsin Retirement System contributions.

STOUGHTON ELECTRIC UTILITY
OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES
FORECASTED FOR THE YEAR 2012

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OPERATING REVENUES	Proposed	% Change	Estimated	Actual	Actual	Actual
Sales	2012	2011/2010	2011	2010	2009	2008
Residential	\$ 8,109,864	1.6%	\$ 7,981,022	\$ 7,250,472	\$ 6,130,461	\$ 6,435,923
General Service	\$ 2,083,462	1.7%	\$ 2,048,286	\$ 1,853,386	\$ 1,530,950	\$ 1,606,318
Small Power CP1 Customers	\$ 1,473,449	1.8%	\$ 1,447,582	\$ 1,313,188	\$ 1,123,354	\$ 1,148,553
Large Power CP2 Customers	\$ 978,420	1.8%	\$ 960,807	\$ 907,490	\$ 850,022	\$ 897,857
Industrial Power CP3 Customers	\$ 2,828,538	1.9%	\$ 2,775,960	\$ 2,555,924	\$ 2,203,272	\$ 2,234,590
Street Lighting	\$ 145,151	1.1%	\$ 143,571	\$ 132,009	\$ 124,960	\$ 197,147
Total Sales	\$ 15,618,884		\$ 15,357,228	\$ 14,012,469	\$ 11,963,019	\$ 12,520,388
Other Operating Revenues						
Forfeited Discounts (Penalties, NSF, Reconnect)	\$ 46,900	2.0%	\$ 46,000	\$ 43,067	\$ 52,218	\$ 42,340
Other (Permits, ATC Common Facilities, etc.)	\$ 86,000	0.0%	\$ 86,000	\$ 85,137	\$ 7,700	\$ 102,074
Total Other Operating Revenues	\$ 132,900		\$ 132,000	\$ 128,204	\$ 59,918	\$ 144,414
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 15,751,784		\$ 15,489,228	\$ 14,140,673	\$ 12,022,937	\$ 12,664,802
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Power Production Expenses (WPPI-Wholesale Power)	\$ 12,111,966	2.1%	\$ 11,863,986	\$ 10,952,336	\$ 9,063,691	\$ 9,523,448
Transmission/Distribution (Substations, Poles, Lines, etc.)	\$ 529,042	1.8%	\$ 519,878	\$ 519,091	\$ 419,926	\$ 511,976
Customer Accounting and Collection	\$ 211,884	1.7%	\$ 208,336	\$ 206,356	\$ 201,739	\$ 152,483
Administrative and General (Salaries, Benefits, Insurance)	\$ 800,635	-3.4%	\$ 828,673	\$ 798,999	\$ 645,099	\$ 818,402
Depreciation	\$ 925,500	2.5%	\$ 903,000	\$ 865,950	\$ 700,000	\$ 772,081
Taxes	\$ 330,000	8.2%	\$ 305,000	\$ 291,922	\$ 182,000	\$ 237,414
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 14,909,027		\$ 14,628,873	\$ 13,634,654	\$ 11,212,455	\$ 12,015,804
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 842,757		\$ 860,355	\$ 506,019	\$ 810,482	\$ 648,998
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)						
Investment Income	\$ 140,000	1.4%	\$ 138,000	\$ 208,297	\$ -	\$ 286,012
Capital Contributions (Developer/Customer Contributions)	\$ 71,000	2.2%	\$ 69,500	\$ 267,667	\$ -	\$ 93,363
Interest Expense	\$ (278,243)	-4.7%	\$ (291,993)	\$ (303,054)	\$ (301,405)	\$ (384,996)
Miscellaneous Income (Expense)	\$ (35,000)		\$ (37,000)	\$ (26,007)	\$ (7,070)	\$ (326,974)
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	\$ (102,243)		\$ (121,493)	\$ 146,903	\$ (308,475)	\$ (332,595)
NET INCOME	\$ 740,514		\$ 738,862	\$ 652,922	\$ 502,007	\$ 316,403

Notes: Revenues - Based from historical sales trend, WPPI purchased power/wholesale rate projections, and current retail rates effective on 1/1/2011.
Power Production Expense - Reflects projected changes in kWh consumption and projected wholesale power cost increase.
Depreciation and Taxes - Increase due to increased plant in service including substation and line projects.
Administration and General Expense - Decrease due to savings from employee share of Wisconsin Retirement System contributions.



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Date: August 9, 2011

To: Stoughton Utilities Committee

From: Robert P. Kardasz, P.E.
Stoughton Utilities Director

Subject: Proposed Stoughton Utilities Non-Represented Employee Compensation Adjustment In 2012.

I am proposing a 2% compensation adjustment for the six Stoughton Utilities non-represented employees in 2012. The fiscal impact of this proposal is \$9,154 in compensation for a total financial impact of \$10,394 in our proposed 2012 budget of \$19,540,694. These employees received a 2% adjustment in 2008, and received no cost of living adjustments in 2009 and 2010.

It is requested that the Stoughton Utilities Committee approve the proposed 2% adjustment for the six Stoughton Utilities non-represented employees and recommend the adjustment to the Stoughton Personnel Committee and the Stoughton Common Council.

cc: Sean O Grady
Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent



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Date: August 9, 2011

To: Stoughton Utilities Committee

From: Kim M. Jennings, CPA
Stoughton Utilities Finance and Administrative Manager

Robert P. Kardasz, P.E.
Stoughton Utilities Director

Subject: **Wisconsin Retirement System – Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (Prior Service Liability)**

At the request of the Finance Committee on July 12, 2011, City Finance Director Sullivan and Utilities Finance and Administrative Manager Jennings met and discussed options for paying off the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability. Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Jennings estimate that near the end of this year, the suggested time to pay the WRS liability, the amount owed will be approximately \$740,179. Twenty-five percent or \$185,045 of the total liability is the responsibility of the Utilities Department.

Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Jennings have concluded that the best option for the City and Utilities is for Utilities to use unrestricted reserve for paying off its portion of the liability (\$185,045) and to lend \$555,134 at an annual interest rate of 3% to the General Fund for payoff of the City portion. Payments would be structured so that the General Fund would repay the full balance within a period of 13 years. We believe this is a wise use of the Utilities reserve as it will provide an estimated combined interest savings of nearly \$450,000 compared to the current WRS principal repayment and 7.8% interest structure.

Utility staff recommends to the Stoughton Utilities Committee, the Stoughton Finance Committee and the Stoughton Common Council that the Utilities unrestricted fund balance/reserve be used to pay the WRS liability in full and that the City General Fund will repay \$555,134 plus 3% annual interest to Utilities as presented in the attached schedule.

Enc.

cc: Sean O Grady - Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent
Laurie Sullivan - City of Stoughton Finance Director
Brian R. Hoops - Stoughton Utilities Office and Information Systems Supervisor

City of Stoughton

Electric Division to General Fund Loan

Full Payment of WRS Projected Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability - General Fund Portion

Year	Beginning Balance	Payments	Interest	Ending Balance	
2012	555,134	30,448	15,282	524,687	3.00% Interest Rate
2013	524,687	32,303	14,341	492,384	2.00% Wage Increase Rate
2014	492,384	34,233	13,344	458,151	
2015	458,151	36,240	12,289	421,911	
2016	421,911	38,327	11,172	383,584	
2017	383,584	40,496	9,993	343,087	
2018	343,087	42,751	8,748	300,336	
2019	300,336	45,095	7,434	255,241	
2020	255,241	47,530	6,050	207,711	
2021	207,711	50,060	4,592	157,651	
2022	157,651	52,687	3,057	104,964	
2023	104,964	55,416	1,443	49,548	
2024	49,548	49,548	0	0	
		\$ 555,134	\$ 107,745		



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To: Stoughton Utilities Committee

From: Kim M. Jennings, CPA
Stoughton Utilities Finance and Administrative Manager

Robert P. Kardasz, P.E.
Stoughton Utilities Director

Subject: Rural Development Loan and Grant Program (REDLG) Status Update #6

Utility staff requested and received approval from the Stoughton Utilities Committee on June 20, 2011 and the Stoughton Common Council on June 28, 2011 to submit an application on behalf of an existing business owner who is planning to expand and construct a new building on the corner of Woodview and Nygaard in the City of Stoughton. A significant part of the application requires project details such as cost, timeline, employment and financial projections, credit evaluation, supplemental financing and a general business plan which will all be provided by the project owner before Utility staff can proceed to gather the remaining information needed for the application package.

In response to several inquiries from the Stoughton City Council, various Committees and staff regarding REDLG program details, we have prepared and enclosed a summary that will shed more light on how the program works. Utility staff will continue to provide updates during the progression of the application process.

Enc.

cc: Sean O Grady - Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent
Brian R. Hoops – Stoughton Utilities Office and Information Systems Supervisor
Laurie Sullivan - City of Stoughton Finance Director
Mayor Donna Olson
Stoughton City Council

Stoughton Utilities
In Partnership With
USDA Rural Business Cooperative Service (RBS)
Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program (REDLG)

Purpose

The REDLG Program provides financing to eligible Rural Utilities Service (RUS) electric or telecommunications borrowers to promote sustainable economic development and job creation projects in rural areas. Under the program, Stoughton Utilities entire electric service territory is considered a rural area, therefore Stoughton Utilities is an eligible RUS borrower and is required to re-lend, at zero percent interest, the loan or grant proceeds to an eligible third-party “ultimate recipient”.

Eligible Ultimate Recipients

Recipients may be private or public organizations having the legal authority to incur debt. One exception is that Stoughton Utilities cannot relend REDLG funds to itself or another project “owned” by the City of Stoughton.

Eligible Projects

RUS borrowers or “intermediaries” like Stoughton Utilities may receive grant or loan funds only when it has a pre-approved ultimate recipient and project that has an immediate need for the zero-interest loan. Funds may be used to finance financially viable economic development projects. Examples of eligible projects include but are not limited to:

- Business start-ups or expansions, including cost of buildings, equipment, machinery, land, site development, and working capital;
- Community development or community facilities projects that create or save employment and are open to and serve all rural residents;
- Business incubator projects to assist in developing emerging enterprises;
- Facilities and equipment to provide education, training, or medical care to rural residents;
- Projects that utilize advanced telecommunications to facilitate medical or educational services or job training;
- Project feasibility studies and technical assistance.

If the ultimate recipient is a for-profit entity, there are specific limitations on project eligibility if Stoughton Utilities is applying for grant funds.

Loan Terms and Limitations

Loans made by Stoughton Utilities are governed by the following terms:

- USDA Rural Business Cooperative Service sets maximum grant and loan awards each fiscal year. For fiscal year 2011, the maximum award on loans is \$740,000 and the maximum on grants is \$300,000;
- The maximum term of loan is 10 years;
- Interest rate is 0.0%;
- Loan servicing fees may be charged by Stoughton Utilities to the ultimate recipient, not to exceed 1.0% per year on the unpaid principal balance of the loan;
- Principal repayment is on a monthly basis. Deferment of principal may be allowed for established businesses, start up or community infrastructure projects;
- Supplemental financing of at least 20% of the loan amount is required. Priority will be given to projects with greater than 20% supplemental financing;
- Stoughton Utilities is responsible for repayment of the loan to RBS including in the event of a default by the ultimate recipient. Stoughton Utilities will require ultimate recipients to provide adequate collateral for the loan funds;
- All decisions on approving applications for loans, charging service fees, deferment of principal payments, setting collateral requirements, and other necessary loan details are entirely at the discretion of the Stoughton City Council and will be made on a case-by-case basis.

REDLG Program Application Requirements

In addition to the standard REDLG application form, the following items should be included in a complete application package:

- A Stoughton City Council resolution requesting the third party loan. The resolution must include loan terms and an endorsement that the proposed project meets the program guidelines for eligibility;
- Federal forms and certifications such as disclosure of lobbying activities, drug-free workplace requirements, environmental impact of project, and financial and statistical reports for the intermediary;
- A narrative project description including the following:
 - 1) Nature of the project, including details of the work to be performed with Rural Development funds and how it will benefit the rural community
 - 2) Business plan discussing the management and prior experience of the ultimate recipient, financing structure of the project and the probability for its success

- A discussion of how the project meets the “selection factors” considered by RBS when making awards, such as:
 - 1) Project description (start-up, expansion, community facility, etc.)
 - 2) Direct full-time equivalent jobs created or saved
 - 3) Supplemental funds provided for the project
 - 4) County economic conditions (unemployment rates, per capita income, etc.)
 - 5) Intermediary cushion of credit (amount of funds on deposit)
 - 6) Project risks and loan repayment ability of ultimate recipient

Application Process and Timeline

To start the application process, third party ultimate recipients must notify Stoughton Utilities of an eligible project. Stoughton Utilities will likely request the following information in order to evaluate the project risks and rewards:

- A description of the project and the ultimate recipient’s business.
- A description of how the project will enhance the local economy, provide new jobs, and provide a benefit to the rural community.
- A sustainable business plan.
- A project budget and funding plan.
- Amount of loan being requested and supplemental funding availability.
- A description of the project timeline and use of loan funds.
- Short and long-term financial projections, loan repayment plan, and collateral available.

When the Stoughton City Council is comfortable and approves the eligibility of the project, the utilities staff will work with the ultimate recipient to complete the application package for submission to RBS. Once an application is submitted, it could take up to 6 months for RBS review, approval, legal documentation and disbursement of funds to Stoughton Utilities. Stoughton Utilities must pass through all loan funds to the ultimate recipient within one year of receiving them.

All information for the REDLG program should be submitted to Stoughton Utilities, Attn: Kim Jennings – REDLG Loans, P.O. Box 383, Stoughton, WI 53589. For questions on this program, please contact Kim Jennings at 873-3379 or send an e-mail to kjennings@stoughtonutilities.com.



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Date: August 9, 2011
To: Stoughton Utilities Committee
From: Robert P. Kardasz, P.E.
Stoughton Utilities Director
Subject: WPPI Energy Thirty-First Annual Meeting.

The WPPI Energy Thirty-First Annual Meeting will be conducted on September 15 and 16, 2011 at Marriott West in Middleton, Wisconsin. I encourage you to join Sean Grady, Brian Hoops, Kim Jennings and myself in participating in the meeting on September 15, 2011, as some excellent speakers will be addressing challenges in the electric industry. You may also find the September 16, 2011 Business Meeting of interest as well.

You are scheduled to receive your invitation soon. Please contact Erin Bothum or myself if you elect to participate. Registrations are due on September 1, 2011. Travel expenses are reimbursable from Stoughton Utilities.

Encl.

cc: Sean O Grady
Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent

Brian R. Hoops
Stoughton Utilities Office and Information Systems Supervisor

Kim M. Jennings
Stoughton Utilities Finance and Administrative Manager



WPPI Energy invites you to attend its
2011 Annual Meeting

to be held at: **Madison Marriott West**
Middleton, Wisconsin

Thursday, September 15

Continental breakfast8:15 a.m.

Program 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres6:00 p.m.

Dinner6:30 p.m.

Awards presentation and entertainment to follow

Friday, September 16

Breakfast buffet7:00 a.m.

Member business meeting8:00 a.m.

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

Welcome - Dale Lythjohan, WPPI Board of Directors Chair

Technology for Tomorrow: The Future of Smart Energy Infrastructure

The near future may bring some of the most significant changes to our industry in its 130-year history. Garry Golden combines art and science to offer a visionary look at the future of energy and smart grid technology and discuss how social change, technological trends and business models will lead to both challenges and opportunities for the industry.

Garry Golden is a professionally trained futurist who speaks and consults on issues shaping business and society in the 21st century. He has consulted on projects, led workshops and delivered keynote addresses across a wide range of industries. Garry serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of Professional Futurists. He previously resided in Madison, Wisconsin before moving to Brooklyn, New York where he lives with his family.

Energy Policy for Tomorrow: Issues Outlook

Policy proposals at the federal and state levels will undoubtedly affect our public power utilities. Just how much is in the details. WPPI Energy is fully committed to having a voice in legislative and regulatory matters in order to advocate on behalf of and protect customers and communities. Sue Kelly and Chris Schoenherr will provide an update on policy developments and energy issues, and will preview what could be in store for 2012 and beyond.

Sue Kelly is Senior Vice President, Policy Analysis & General Counsel at the American Public Power Association (APPA). Since 2004, Sue has helped APPA and its members in energy policy formulation and with policy advocacy before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, federal courts and other governmental and industry policy forums.

Chris Schoenherr is the Executive Assistant for the Wisconsin Department of Administration. The nine-division department includes the Division of Energy Services, which manages statewide energy planning and also maintains state agency ties with local, regional and federal governments.

C O N T I N U E D , O V E R

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

Growth for Tomorrow: Economic Development and Public Power

Utilities have the significant role of partnering on economic development strategy, whether it's business retention and expansion, industry attraction, support services or anything in between. The new public-private Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation recently replaced the state Department of Commerce to lead Wisconsin's economic development efforts, a model Michigan has used for years. Paul Jadin will share the strategic vision for the entity and discuss how utilities can contribute to the overall economic goal of starting, growing and expanding businesses.

Paul Jadin was appointed CEO of the new Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation after serving as Secretary of the Department of Commerce (Wisconsin). Prior to these appointments, he was president and CEO of the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, where he oversaw economic development, government affairs, member services and the education function.

Member Panel

Members have long been committed to helping make their communities a great place to live, work and conduct business. Learn how elected/appointed officials, utility managers and other organizations can work together as part of a community's successful economic development effort. This includes effectively marketing and bringing business to public power communities to benefit both the utility and the locality. Also, hear how WPPI can play a role and be a resource.

The State of WPPI in 2011

Mike Peters, President & CEO
WPPI Energy

WPPI Energy Leadership Panel - Question & Answer Session

Members of WPPI Senior Staff

Evening Entertainment: The Lighter Side of Small Town Living

In his signature warm-hearted style, local historian and award-winning author Jerry Apps will take a walk down memory lane to share humorous, touching (and true!) tales about growing up in the Midwest and how important it is to preserve the sense of "community" for future generations.

R E A D Y F O R T O M O R R O W



ANNUAL MEETING

REGISTRATION

Please register online at www.wppienergy.org/annualmeeting by September 1.

If you prefer, you may reply to rsvp@wppienergy.org or fax this form to 608-837-0274.

Contact Kelly Simonsen, Marketing Manager, with any questions. Kelly can be reached at ksimonsen@wppienergy.org or 608-834-4519.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Program - You	<input type="checkbox"/> Will attend	<input type="checkbox"/> Cannot attend
Program - Your guest	<input type="checkbox"/> Will attend	<input type="checkbox"/> Cannot attend
Thursday evening banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> Will attend	<input type="checkbox"/> Cannot attend

You	Guest	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Garlic and herb encrusted prime rib served with cabernet au jus
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stuffed chicken breast served with spinach and gruyere mousse tomato fondue and creamy polenta
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wild mushroom salmon with asparagus vinaigrette

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

WPPI Energy member business meeting

Will attend breakfast buffet Will attend meeting Cannot attend

NAME _____

TITLE _____

GUEST _____

UTILITY/ORGANIZATION _____



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Date: August 9, 2011
To: Stoughton Utilities Committee
From: Robert P. Kardasz, P.E.
Stoughton Utilities Director
Subject: Stoughton Utilities Employees State Of Wisconsin Certifications.

Seventeen of the twenty-five Stoughton Utilities employees have achieved the following State of Wisconsin certifications:

- Certified Public Accountant
- Designer of Engineering Systems
- Journeyman Electric Line Technician
- Professional Engineer
- Wastewater Operator
- Wastewater Operator In Training
- Waterworks Operator
- Waterworks Operator In Training

These employees are maintaining their licenses by practicing their professions daily and participating in appropriate continuing education programs.

cc: Sean O Grady
Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent



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Date: August 9, 2011

To: Stoughton Utilities Committee

From: Robert P. Kardasz, P.E.
Stoughton Utilities Director

Subject: Stoughton Utilities Committee Agenda Items Requiring Post-Committee Action.

At the April 18, 2011 Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting, I was requested to prepare a list of agenda items requiring Post-Committee Action. At the May 16, 2011 Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting, I was requested to indicate which agenda items would require an ordinance change for the Stoughton Utilities Committee to assume the responsibility. At the June 20, 2011 and July 18, 2011 Stoughton Utilities Committee Meetings, this item was set for discussion at the July 18, 2011 and August 15, 2011 Meetings respectively.

Along with ordinance changes, a Memorandum of Understanding could be developed to clearly denote broad responsibilities delegated by the Common Council to the Utilities Committee by State Statutes. The following list, with those agenda items requiring an ordinance change underlined, is provided for Stoughton Utilities Committee discussion and possible action:

RECOMMENDED CONTINUED POST COMMITTEE - COMMON COUNCIL ACTION

- Approve land acquisitions and sales. (The City owns Stoughton Utilities properties.)
- Approve new debt actions. (Such actions require a Common Council Resolution. Stoughton Utilities Mortgage Revenue Debt pledges the value of the utilities to bond holders. General Revenue Debt pledges the value of the City and counts against the City's indebtedness.)
- Approve appropriate Wisconsin Administrative Codes by reference. (Such actions require a Common Council Resolution to create an ordinance.)
- Set Special assessments. (This requires a Common Council Resolution.)
- Accept Annual Audit Report and Management Letter. (The audit report and letter are directed to the Committee for consideration and action.)

RECOMMENDED UTILITIES COMMITTEE ACTION

- Approve the Wastewater Compliance Maintenance Annual Report. (The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requires a Governing Body Resolution.)

- Approve Stoughton Utilities (SU) rates. **The Common Council approves rates under 74-6(a).** (As the governing body GOVERNING BODY solely representing utilities customers, the Committee can assume this role.)
- Approve tax role assessments. (The Committee assumes this past practice responsibility.)
- Govern all Stoughton SU efforts that are not the responsibility of the Common Council. (As the entity solely representing utilities customers, the Committee assumes this past practice responsibility.)
- Establish and monitor SU Goals. (As the entity solely representing utilities customers, the Committee assumes this past practice responsibility.)
- Approve Declaration(s) of Official Intent. (Past practice not requiring Common Council Action.)
- Select Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. (Permitted by Ordinance and conducted by past practice.)
- Select Liaison and Alternate Liaison to the Common Council. (Permitted by Ordinance and conducted by past practice.)
- Designate monthly meeting dates and times. (Permitted by Ordinance and conducted by past practice.)
- Approve the SU Annual Budget. (As the entity solely representing utilities customers, the Committee assumes this past practice responsibility. The Common Council has also approved it on occasion)
- Approve the SU Annual CIP. (As the entity solely representing utilities customers, the Committee assumes this past practice and responsibility. The Common Council has also approved it on occasion.)
- Approve SU Position Descriptions. **Position Descriptions are created by the Personnel Committee under 2-66(c)(5).** (As the entity solely representing utilities customers, the Committee could assume this responsibility.)
- Hire the Utilities Director and establish the compensation package. **This may be done by the Common Council and the position supervised by the Common Council under 74-3(b). The Utilities Committee directly supervises the position under 2-287.** (As the entity solely representing utilities customers, the Committee could assume this responsibility.)
- Conduct negotiations, authorize SU hiring's, and establish the SU employee compensation package(s). **Negotiations and hiring's authorization are performed by the Personnel Committee under 2-66(c)(5). The filling of positions is temporarily authorized by Common**

Council Policy. (As the entity solely representing utilities customers, the Committee could assume this responsibility.)

- Initiate SU rate reviews. **The Common Council approves rates under 74-6(a) but has not authorized rate reviews.** (Rate reviews are initiated due to bond covenants, annual audit management letters, and financial forecasts. As the entity solely representing utilities customers, the Committee could assume this responsibility.)
- Review SU Payments Due List. (As the entity solely representing utilities customers, the Committee conducts this past practice.)
- Declare Electric and Water Tax Stabilization Dividends. (As the entity solely representing utilities customers, the Committee conducts this past practice.)
- Approve SU Studies. (As the entity solely representing utilities customers, the Committee conducts this past practice.)
- Approve SU policies. **The Common Council approves rules and regulations under 74-6(a).** (As the entity solely representing utilities customers, the Committee conducts this past practice.)
- Approve SU Shared Savings Program participants. (As the entity solely representing utilities customers, the Committee conducts this past practice.)
- Approve SU USDA Loan Program participants. (As the entity solely representing utilities customers, the Committee may conduct this action as the need arises.)

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Subject: Stoughton Utilities Committee Future Agenda Item(s).

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