OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA



Notice is hereby given that the City of Stoughton Utilities Committee will hold a regular meeting on the date and at the time and location given below.

Meeting of: CITY OF STOUGHTON UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Date/Time: Monday, March 17, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Location: Edmund T. Malinowski Board Room, Stoughton Utilities Administration Office

600 South Fourth Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin

Optional Virtual Participation: GoToMeeting ID 923-680-893

Members: Citizen Member Carl Chenoweth, Citizen Member David Erdman (Chair),

Alderperson Regina Hirsch, Alderperson Greg Jensen, Alderperson Daniel Payton,

Mayor Tim Swadley, Citizen Member Dustin Thoren (Vice-Chair)

MEETING AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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.)

- a. Draft Minutes of the February 17, 2025 Regular Utilities Committee Meeting
- b. Stoughton Utilities Payments Due List Report
- c. Stoughton Utilities Statistical Report
- d. Stoughton Utilities Activities Report
- e. Communications

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Status of Committee Recommendation(s) to the Stoughton Common Council (**Discussion**)
- 2. Update: PSCW Water Rate Application (**Discussion**)

NEW BUSINESS

- 3. Proposed Stoughton Utilities Out-of-State Mutual Aid Billing Policy (Action)
- 4. APPA Electric Reliability Annual Benchmarking Report (**Discussion**)
- 5. Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2026 Project Updates (**Discussion**)
- 6. Utilities Committee Future Agenda Item(s) (**Discussion**)

ADJOURNMENT

AFTER THE MEETING:

OPTIONAL TOUR

1. Members of the Stoughton Utilities Committee and Common Council are invited to attend an optional tour of the Stoughton Utilities Administration Building, located at 600 South Fourth Street. This tour will begin immediately after the meeting has adjourned. A possible quorum of the City of Stoughton Common Council, its Committees, Boards and Commissions may occur.

Notices Sent To:

Stoughton Utilities Committee Members Stoughton Utilities Director Jill M. Weiss, P.E. Stoughton Utilities Assistant Director Brian Hoops Stoughton Utilities Finance Manager Shannon Statz

cc: Stoughton City Attorney Rick Manthe

Stoughton Common Council Members

Stoughton City Clerk Candee Christen

Stoughton Leadership Team

Stoughton Library Administrative Assistant Sarah Monette

Stoughton Utilities Education & Outreach Coordinator Brandi Yungen

Stoughton Utilities Billing & Metering Supervisor Erin Goldade

Stoughton Utilities Electric System Supervisor Joe Adler

Stoughton Utilities Wastewater System Supervisor Kevin Hudson

Stoughton Utilities Water System Supervisor Kent Thompson

Stoughton Utilities & WPPI Energy Services Manager Darren Jacobson

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REMOTE CONNECTION INSTRUCTIONS: Pursuant to City of Stoughton Common Council Rule 19, members of the committee and members of the public may attend this meeting either in person or by virtual means. If participating virtually, please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone using the following URL:

https://meet.goto.com/923680893

You can also dial in using your phone at (571) 317-3122 using access code: 923-680-893.

ATTENTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Two-thirds of members are needed for a quorum (five members). The committee may only conduct business when a quorum is present. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Jill Weiss at (608) 877-7423 via email at JWeiss@stoughtonutilities.com, or Brian Hoops at (608) 877-7412, or via email at BHoops@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 this meeting to gather information. No action will be taken by any such group(s) at this meeting other than the Stoughton Utilities Committee consisting of the members listed above. An expanded meeting may constitute a quorum of the Common Council.

Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of individuals through appropriate aids and services. For information, or to request such assistance, please contact Stoughton Utilities prior to the start of the meeting at (608) 873-3379.

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

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<u>Location:</u> Edmund T. Malinowski Board Room, Stoughton Utilities Administration Office

600 South Fourth Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin

Optional Virtual Participation: GoToMeeting ID 711-016-053

Members Present: Citizen Member Carl Chenoweth, Citizen Member David Erdman (Chair),

Alderperson Regina Hirsch, Alderperson Daniel Payton, Mayor Tim Swadley,

Citizen Member Dustin Thoren (Vice-Chair)

Excused: None

Absent: Alderperson Greg Jensen

<u>Others Present:</u> Ehlers Senior Municipal Advisor David Ferris, Ehlers Senior Financial Specialist

Casey Griffiths, Stoughton Utilities Assistant Director Brian Hoops, Stoughton Utilities Finance Manager Shannon Statz, Stoughton Utilities Director Jill Weiss

<u>Call to Order:</u> Chairperson Erdman called the regular Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Chenoweth, Erdman, Hirsch, Swadley, and Thoren were present in person and Payton was present virtually.

<u>Verification of Quorum:</u> The chair verified that a quorum of the committee membership was present.

<u>Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law:</u> Hoops certified that the meeting had been properly noticed in compliance with open meetings law. Hoops noted that the meeting could not go into closed session as the meeting agenda had noted was a possibility due to the description of the agenda item not being specific

<u>Public Comments:</u> Mayor Swadley informed the committee that the City of Stoughton had become a Wisconsin Green Tier Legacy Community to advance sustainability goals and to gain access to additional grant opportunities.

<u>Utilities Committee Consent Agenda:</u> Stoughton Utilities staff presented and discussed the Stoughton Utilities Committee consent agenda items. Erdman highlighted a fire call that had occurred the day prior where staff from Stoughton Utilities electric and water divisions were called upon to disconnect service at the request of the fire department. Hirsch noted the included billing insert for the Nights & Weekends Smart Plan and expressed interest in having the program and time-of-day rates become a standard program for all customers. Discussion followed.

Motion by Erdman, the motion seconded by Thoren, to approve the following consent agenda items as presented, with the year in the January 27, 2025 meeting minutes being updated to 2025:

- a. Minutes of the January 27, 2025 Regular Utilities Committee Meeting
- b. Stoughton Utilities Payments Due List Report
- c. Stoughton Utilities Activities Report
- d. Communications

The motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

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The chair elected to move New Business Item 3 ahead in the agenda to accommodate the guests from Ehlers who will presenting the materials.

<u>Stoughton Utilities 2025 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds Issuance:</u> Stoughton Utilities staff informed the committee that our 2025 operating budget included a debt issuance for our 2024 capital projects. After working with financial advisors, it was determined that the best course of action would be to include the 2025 projects in this debt issuance as well, rather than seek safe drinking and clean water fund loans, with the goal of attracting additional bondholders and more favorable interest rates. Staff proposed that the utility issue revenue bonds, which do not count towards the City's debt limit since they are pledged by water and sewer revenues.

Stoughton Utilities staff introduced David Ferris and Casey Griffiths from Ehlers who presented the pre-sale reports for the water utility and the wastewater utility revenue bonds. Discussion followed.

It was noted that If approved by the Stoughton Utilities Committee and recommended for approval by the Stoughton Common Council, the utility will move forward with presenting a parameters resolution for approval at the February 25, 2025 Common Council meeting. If passed by the council, this resolution will allow Utilities Director Weiss and/or Finance Manager Statz to approve the sale without returning to the Stoughton Common Council for final approval. Quarles & Brady LLP is working on finalizing the parameters resolution and therefore it is not available for the committee to review at this time, however will be presented to the Stoughton Common Council. Discussion followed.

Weiss arrived at the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Motion by Chenoweth, the motion seconded by Hirsch, to approve and recommend that staff proceed with preparations for, and creation of a parameters resolution for a 2025 Water System Revenue Bond Issue in the amount of \$1,605,000 and Sewerage System Revenue Bond Issue in the amount of \$2,100,000, with a combined amount of approximately \$3,705,000, and recommend approval of the same to the Stoughton Common Council. The motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Ferris and Griffiths left the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

<u>Status of the Utilities Committee recommendation(s) to the Stoughton Common Council:</u> Stoughton Utilities staff presented and discussed the following items from the Stoughton Utilities Committee that were recently approved and/or placed on file by the Stoughton Common Council:

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- 1. Minutes of the October 17, 2024 Regular Utilities Committee Meeting
- 2. Stoughton Utilities Payments Due List Reports
- 3. Stoughton Utilities Financial Summaries
- 4. Stoughton Utilities Statistical Report
- 5. Stoughton Utilities Investment Summaries
- 6. Stoughton Utilities Activities Reports

Business:

1. Stoughton Wastewater Utility 2025 Rate Adjustment (First Reading)

Discussion followed.

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Stoughton Utilities Facilities Needs Assessment: Stoughton Utilities staff informed the committee that included in the Stoughton Utilities 2025 operating budget were funds to begin site and facility engineering for construction of a new Stoughton Utilities Administration Building. During discussions with the committee on this topic throughout 2024, staff pointed to the ownership of land at 3201 McComb Rd adjacent to the Stoughton Utilities West Substation as the best possible location for a new facility, however staff has also considered alternate potential sites for construction. Alternate sites would come with additional expense for land appraisals, surveys, and purchase costs, with land within and near the city limits currently selling at high costs per acre.

Staff explained that they are asking the committee to express a commitment to a specific site prior to the utility beginning to accrue costs, or to express interest in having staff continue to explore alternate sites and bring forth a budget amendment to the committee for funds for land acquisition.

Swadley informed the committee that he saw potential for other development on the land owned by the utility adjacent to the West Substation. Potential uses might include the city funding the construction of underground utilities to the site to make it more attractive for sale to private developers and the city or the DOT acquiring the adjacent property and constructing an extension of the existing roundabout. Swadley stated that the city is currently discussing a future public safety building, with part of the planning efforts including a study to locate potential sites based on historical call data. Swadley also discussed a prior DOT review of the utility substation site as a park-and-ride location, and potential concerns about utility site access from McComb Rd. Swadley also recommended the committee take a tour of the current building at a future meeting to understand the utility's needs. Discussion followed.

Chenoweth and Hirsch expressed support for committing to the substation site for construction of a new utility building. Reasons given included the fact the utility already owned the land, the unknown costs and timelines of potential development and sale of the existing site, the unknown costs for acquisition of a new site, and the timeline the utility will be facing for relocation if the current building is sold. Hirsch requested the input of Erdman, Payton, and Thoren, who all concurred. Discussion followed.

Staff discussed the site and potential layout options, including potential subdivision of excess lands not required for utility facility construction, which could have a variety of potential uses including the potential as a future site of a park-and-ride.

Motion by Hirsch, the motion seconded by Chenoweth, to direct staff to use the previously budgeted funds to proceed with a feasibility study of constructing a new Stoughton Utilities Administration Building at 3201 McComb Rd and begin preliminary site engineering, and to recommend the same to the Stoughton Common Council at an upcoming meeting. The motion carried 5 to 1 with Swadley voting No.

Stoughton Utilities Administration Building Lease Agreement Between Stoughton Utilities and the City of Stoughton: Stoughton Utilities staff presented and discussed a draft lease agreement between the City of Stoughton and Stoughton Utilities. Staff explained that there has been a rental agreement for the Stoughton Utilities Administration Building at 600 South Fourth Street between the city and the utility since 1995 when the utility first remodeled and occupied space within the building following the city's purchase of the building. Since that time, the rental lease agreement was renewed in 1998 and 2018. The city originally purchased the building for approximately \$368,000 in 1995 and since that time the utility has invested over \$2.2M in building improvement and maintenance.

Staff explained that the current rental lease agreement expired February 28, 2023, and Stoughton Utilities and City of Stoughton staff have been working together to draft a revised lease agreement that better reflects the relationship between Stoughton Utilities and the City of Stoughton. This effort has included language reviews of

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the current lease and proposed draft revisions by attorneys from Stafford Rosenbaum LLP and Boardman & Clark LLP, and financial review by Baker Tilly US LLP.

Staff explained that while potential lease revisions have been discussed in 2023 and 2024, rent has not been paid since there is not a lease document that could be provided to its financial auditors to support the payments of \$106,302.24 in 2023 and \$128,061.98 in 2024 requested by the city. Staff explained that we must have a valid lease and invoices from the city to support any expenditure from the utility to the city. Erdman stated his agreement.

Staff explained that one key point brought up by Boardman & Clark has been that the city cannot charge its municipal utility a rent that exceeds the amount it pays for maintenance and depreciation. Staff explained that the general principal behind this is that the city cannot make a profit off of its utility and transfer ratepayer funds to the city to fund city operations. Discussion followed.

Staff explained that a lease has been drafted by Boardman & Clark and presented to the Utilities Committee and the City of Stoughton for review. Key terms of the lease include payment of \$234,364.22 in holdover rent for years 2023 and 2024 to the City of Stoughton, an ongoing base rent beginning at \$20,000 in 2025 and increasing 3% annually, with an initial lease term of one year with annual extensions thereafter. The Stoughton City Attorney has been reviewing the draft lease but has not provided utility staff with any comment. Discussion followed.

Swadley stated that he disagrees with the idea that the city can not profit off of its municipal utility, and that he will be reaching out to Boardman & Clark asking for citations that support their opinion. Without a legal opinion with specific case law or statutory language cited, he will not support any lease agreement that only assesses maintenance and depreciation as a base rent and that doesn't reflect fair market value. Swadley also stated that if such citations are provided, he will be expressing his concerns to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. Discussion followed.

Motion by Chenoweth to table the item to allow Swadley time to seek more information. The motion died for a lack of a second. Staff pointed out that city finance staff is seeking a quick resolution so payment can be issued by the utility for the holdover rent for 2023 and 2024. Discussion followed.

Motion by Hirsch, seconded by Chenoweth to approve payment of the holdover rent for 2023 and 2024 but to not approve the draft lease agreement. Discussion followed. Hirsch withdrew the motion.

Erdman pointed out that the draft lease allows through July 1 for discussions to continue before notice is required to terminate the lease without a 2026 renewal. He suggested the lease be approved as-is to allow the hold-over rent to be paid, for 2025 to be addressed, and for additional research and discussions to occur prior to the lease renewal. Discussion followed.

Motion by Erdman, the motion seconded by Chenoweth, to approve the draft lease for the Stoughton Utilities Administration Building, with such changes necessary to finalize the lease as are acceptable to and recommended by attorneys from Stafford Rosenbaum LLP and Boardman & Clark LLP, and recommend approval of the same to the Stoughton Common Council at an upcoming meeting. The motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

<u>Bad Debt Account Write-Offs through December 31, 2024:</u> Stoughton Utilities staff presented and discussed the Bad Debt Account Write-Offs through December 31, 2024. Customer account balances and unpaid invoices totaling \$8,212.03 were proposed to be written off as uncollectible and recorded as a 2024 operating expense. Discussion followed, and additional details were provided about some of the debts.

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Motion by Hirsch, the motion seconded by Thoren, to approve the Bad Debt Account Write-offs through December 31, 2024 and recommend the approval and the adoption of the corresponding resolution to the Stoughton Common Council. The motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

2024: Year in Review: Stoughton Utilities staff presented and discussed the Stoughton Utilities 2024 Year In Review publication, which discussed the utility's efforts and activities in the community, including energy efficiency, renewable energy, system reliability, economic development, community outreach, and more. Hirsch noted that the report should be included with their Green Tier Legacy Community materials. Discussion followed.

<u>Utilities Committee Future Agenda Items:</u> Stoughton Utilities staff informed the committee that future agenda items include a tour of the Stoughton Utilities Administration Building and a mutual aid response policy. Staff would also report back details of the sale of the utility revenue bonds discussed earlier, as well as provide an update on the ongoing PSCW water rate review. Discussion followed.

Adjournment: Being no further business before the committee, motion by Chenoweth, the motion seconded by Thoren, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. The motion carried unanimously 6 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian R. Hoops
Assistant Stoughton Utilities Director

Report Criteria:

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02/25	02/19/2025	30255	487	MARTELLE WATER TREATMENT	7450-232-00-0000	1,911.20
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02/25	02/26/2025	30272	1293	FISCHER EXCAVATING, INC	7460-232-00-0000	10,074.79
02/25	02/26/2025	30273	1403	MELINDA SCHENCK	7430-232-00-0000	35.84
02/25	02/26/2025	30274	1401	PETER DEVORE	7460-232-00-0000	224.99
02/25	02/26/2025	30275	1369	ROVE PEST CONTROL WI	7460-232-00-0000	105.00
02/25	02/26/2025	30276	1400	THE ESTATE OF BRIAN SWENSON	7430-232-00-0000	381.46
02/25	02/26/2025	30277	133	WISCONSIN SCTF	7430-232-00-0000	596.20
02/25	02/03/2025	102855	798	1901 INC.	7460-232-00-0000	3,146.94
02/25	02/03/2025	102856	422	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	7460-232-00-0000	53.98
02/25	02/03/2025	102857	143	DIGGERS HOTLINE, INC.	7460-232-00-0000	4,176.30
02/25	02/03/2025	102858	1207	ICS MEDICAL ANSWERING SERVICE, LLC	7460-232-00-0000	316.00
02/25	02/03/2025	102859	456	LAI, LLC	7460-232-00-0000	759.60
02/25	02/03/2025	102860	995	MEUW	7460-232-00-0000	16,218.00
02/25	02/03/2025	102861	830	NCL OF WISCONSIN, INC.	7460-232-00-0000	441.87
02/25	02/03/2025	102862	731	NORTH SHORE BANK FSB-DEFERRED COMP.	7430-232-00-0000	450.00
02/25	02/03/2025	102863	1095	OLSEN SAFETY EQUIPMENT CORP	7460-232-00-0000	340.82
02/25	02/03/2025	102864	41	POWER SYSTEM ENGINEERING, INC.	7430-232-00-0000	1,485.00
02/25	02/03/2025	102865	352	STAPLES	7430-232-00-0000	262.76
02/25	02/03/2025	102866	448	STRAND ASSOCIATES INC.	7460-232-00-0000	8,812.42
02/25	02/03/2025	102867	355	STUART C IRBY CO.	7430-232-00-0000	67,436.20
02/25	02/11/2025	102868	1275	3 FRANKS SERVICES, LLC	7450-232-00-0000	23,514.19
02/25	02/12/2025	102869	496	A.C. ENGINEERING COMPANY	7430-232-00-0000	2,163.80
02/25	02/12/2025	102870	327	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	7430-232-00-0000	3,620.88
02/25	02/12/2025	102871	604	CDW GOVERNMENT	7430-232-00-0000	4,682.92
02/25	02/12/2025	102872	373	ESRIINC.	7460-232-00-0000	12,945.00
02/25	02/12/2025	102873	795	EMS INDUSTRIAL, INC.	7460-232-00-0000	267.68
02/25	02/12/2025	102874	157	FORSTER ELEC. ENG.,INC.	7430-232-00-0000	2,755.33
02/25	02/12/2025	102875	967	HYDRO CORP	7450-232-00-0000	841.00
02/25	02/13/2025	102876	731	NORTH SHORE BANK FSB-DEFERRED COMP.	7430-232-00-0000	450.00
02/25	02/19/2025	102877	422	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	7460-232-00-0000	169.23

Amount	Check GL Account	Payee	Vendor Number	Check Number	Check Issue Date	GL Period
5,250.00	7460-232-00-0000	BAKER TILLY VIRCHOW KRAUSE, LLP	648	102878	02/19/2025	02/25
906.80	7460-232-00-0000	DIGGERS HOTLINE, INC.	143	102879	02/19/2025	02/25
1,516.11	7460-232-00-0000	EMS INDUSTRIAL, INC.	795	102880	02/19/2025	02/25
5,701.50	7460-232-00-0000	GLS UTILITY LLC	727	102881	02/19/2025	02/25
448.27	7460-232-00-0000	GRAINGER, INC	236	102882	02/19/2025	02/25
228.00	7460-232-00-0000	ICS MEDICAL ANSWERING SERVICE, LLC	1207	102883	02/19/2025	02/25
3,997.30	7430-232-00-0000	INFOSEND, INC	852	102884	02/19/2025	02/25
1,194.00	7460-232-00-0000	LV LABS WW, LLC	499	102885	02/19/2025	02/25
195.00	7430-232-00-0000	MEUW	995	102886	02/19/2025	02/25
823.75	7450-232-00-0000	MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC.	493	102887	02/19/2025	02/25
506.70	7430-232-00-0000	PAUL SCHMELING	1335	102888	02/19/2025	02/25
2,975.00	7430-232-00-0000	POWER SYSTEM ENGINEERING, INC.	41	102889	02/19/2025	02/25
379.00	7430-232-00-0000	RESCO	400	102890	02/19/2025	02/25
6,158.10	7430-232-00-0000	SEERA-WIPFLI LLP	603	102891	02/19/2025	02/25
101.40	7430-232-00-0000	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	422	102892	02/27/2025	02/25
55.37	7430-232-00-0000	ANDREW RUDER	859	102893	02/27/2025	02/25
605.94	7430-232-00-0000	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY	327	102894	02/27/2025	02/25
688.66	7460-232-00-0000	CDW GOVERNMENT	604	102895	02/27/2025	02/25
52.59	7430-232-00-0000	CHAD MASON	1042	102896	02/27/2025	02/25
49.60	7430-232-00-0000	COLLIN CADOTTE	1308	102897	02/27/2025	02/25
	7430-232-00-0000	NORTH SHORE BANK FSB-DEFERRED COMP.	731	102898	02/27/2025	02/25

Summary by General Ledger Account Number

GL Account	Debit	Credit	Proof
7430-107-00-0000	2,900.00	.00	2,900.00
7430-143-00-0001	2,800.00	.00	2,800.00
7430-143-00-1000	683.89	.00	683.89
7430-154-40-0000	77,352.22	.00	77,352.22
7430-232-00-0000	151.44	1,391,421.92-	1,391,270.48-
7430-232-00-1099	1,130.39	.00	1,130.39
7430-233-00-0000	215.57	.00	215.57
7430-233-00-1099	69,725.19	.00	69,725.19
7430-241-00-2400	18,977.22	.00	18,977.22
7430-241-00-2401	12,243.98	.00	12,243.98

GL Account	Debit	Credit	Proof
7430-241-00-2402	21,417.27	.00	21,417.27
7430-241-00-2403	20,191.93	.00	20,191.93
7430-241-00-2404	30,492.92	.00	30,492.92
7430-242-00-2410	9,260.38	.00	9,260.38
7430-242-00-2411	115.18	.00	115.18
7430-242-00-2413	276.05	.00	276.05
7430-242-00-2416	1,788.60	.00	1,788.60
7430-242-00-2417	247.68	.00	247.68
7430-242-00-2419	76,861.38	.00	76,861.38
7430-242-00-2421	511.94	.00	511.94
7430-252-00-0000	2,112.74	.00	2,112.74
7430-253-00-1120	6,158.10	.00	6,158.10
7430-253-00-1121	3,324.00	.00	3,324.00
7430-253-00-1122	2,001.00	.00	2,001.00
7430-370-00-3300	3,103.00	.00	3,103.00
7430-387-00-0000	27,320.00	.00	27,320.00
7430-426-00-0000	3,823.25	.00	3,823.25
7430-456-00-3300	.00	151.44-	151.44-
7430-555-00-0000	910,826.63	.00	910,826.63
7430-582-00-0000	2,809.13	.00	2,809.13
7430-584-00-0000	3,533.91	.00	3,533.91
7430-593-00-0000	2,975.85	.00	2,975.85
7430-594-00-0000	354.81	.00	354.81
7430-903-00-0000	14,344.52	.00	14,344.52
7430-920-00-0000	13,416.36	.00	13,416.36
7430-921-00-0000	14,955.82	.00	14,955.82
7430-923-00-0000	7,734.98	.00	7,734.98
7430-925-00-0000	942.14	.00	942.14
7430-926-00-0000	3,723.37	.00	3,723.37
7430-926-00-9261	188.42	.00	188.42
7430-926-00-9267	1,127.29	.00	1,127.29
7430-930-00-0000	12,059.74	.00	12,059.74
7430-932-00-0000	3,003.56	.00	3,003.56
7430-933-00-0000	4,391.51	.00	4,391.51
7450-107-00-0000	3,667.79	.00	3,667.79
7450-154-40-0000	349.36	.00	349.36
7450-232-00-0000	.00	82,654.34-	82,654.34-
7450-232-00-1099	34.85	.00	34.85
7450-233-00-0000	603.72	.00	603.72
7450-241-00-2402	2,645.69	.00	2,645.69

GL Account	Debit	Credit	Proof
7450-241-00-2404	3,702.65	.00	3,702.65
7450-614-00-0000	1,471.00	.00	1,471.00
7450-624-00-0000	313.84	.00	313.84
7450-633-00-0000	5.03	.00	5.03
7450-641-00-0000	1,911.20	.00	1,911.20
7450-642-00-0000	162.71	.00	162.71
7450-663-00-0000	245.00	.00	245.00
7450-664-00-0000	2,825.00	.00	2,825.00
7450-673-00-0000	40,374.10	.00	40,374.10
7450-675-00-0000	1,161.00	.00	1,161.00
7450-903-00-0000	2,976.40	.00	2,976.40
7450-920-00-0000	4,842.31	.00	4,842.31
7450-921-00-0000	4,795.38	.00	4,795.38
7450-923-00-0000	6,260.23	.00	6,260.23
7450-925-00-0000	185.00	.00	185.00
7450-926-00-0000	65.42	.00	65.42
7450-926-00-9261	58.05	.00	58.05
7450-926-00-9267	409.92	.00	409.92
7450-928-00-0000	1,178.11	.00	1,178.11
7450-930-00-0000	650.00	.00	650.00
7450-932-00-0000	292.14	.00	292.14
7450-933-00-0000	1,468.44	.00	1,468.44
7460-107-00-0000	12,309.79	.00	12,309.79
7460-232-00-0000	.00	91,760.90-	91,760.90
7460-232-00-1099	68.68	.00	68.68
7460-233-00-0000	160.00	.00	160.00
7460-241-00-2402	3,054.72	.00	3,054.72
7460-241-00-2404	4,274.77	.00	4,274.77
7460-323-00-0000	3,733.38	.00	3,733.38
7460-821-00-0000	7.50	.00	7.50
7460-827-00-0000	3,395.60	.00	3,395.60
7460-828-00-0000	8,900.47	.00	8,900.47
7460-831-00-0000	9,950.67	.00	9,950.67
7460-832-00-0000	1,210.19	.00	1,210.19
7460-833-00-0000	13,486.69	.00	13,486.69
7460-834-00-0000	9,650.13	.00	9,650.13
7460-840-00-0000	4,073.28	.00	4,073.28
7460-850-00-0000	6,184.14	.00	6,184.14
7460-851-00-0000	6,338.96	.00	6,338.96
7460-852-00-0000	1,194.00	.00	1,194.00

GL Account	Debit	Credit	Proof	
7460-854-00-0000	468.80	.00	468.80	
7460-854-00-9267	512.41	.00	512.41	
7460-923-00-0000	2,786.72	.00	2,786.72	
Grand Totals:	1,565,988.60	1,565,988.60-	.00	

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STOUGHTON UTILITIES 2025 Statistical Worksheet

Electic	Total Sales 2024 kWh	Total Purchased 2024 kWh	Peak Demand 2024 KW	Total Sales 2025 kWh	Total Purchased 2025 kWh	Peak Demand 2025 KW
January	12,408,775	13,261,769	24,125	12,923,300	13,699,840	24,920
February	10,855,576	11,258,813	19,944	11,521,161	12,056,337	24,085
March			-	-	-	-
April			-	-	-	-
May			-	-	-	-
June			-	-	-	-
July			-	-	-	-
August			-	-	-	-
September			-	-	-	-
October			-	-	-	-
November			-	-	-	-
December			-	-	-	-
TOTAL	23,264,351	24,520,582	24,125	24,444,461	25,756,177	24,920

Water	Total Sales 2024 Gallons	Total Pumped 2024 Gallons	Max Daily High 2024	Total Sales 2025 Gallons	Total Pumped 2025 Gallons	Max Daily Highs 2025
January	30,973,000	34,874,000	1,243,000	31,791,990	37,391,000	1,418,000
February	30,511,000	33,106,000	1,236,000	25,671,000	34,028,000	1,318,000
March			-	-	-	-
April			-	-	-	-
May			-	-	-	-
June			-	-	-	-
July			-	-	-	-
August			-	-	-	-
September			-	-	-	-
October			-	-	-	-
November			-	-	-	-
December			-	-	-	-
TOTAL	61,484,000	67,980,000	1,243,000	57,462,990	71,419,000	1,418,000

Wastewater	Total Sales 2024 Gallons	Total Treated 2024 Gallons	Precipitation 2024	Total Sales 2025 Gallons	Total Treated 2025 Gallons	Precipitation 2025
January	23,667,000	32,743,000	2.17"	25,758,993	33,437,000	0.09"
February	23,334,000	31,698,000	0.95"	23,749,003	29,819,000	0.82"
March				-	-	-
April				-	-	-
May				-	-	-
June				-	-	-
July				-	-	-
August				-	-	-
September				-	-	-
October				-	-	-
November				-	-	-
December				-	-	-
TOTAL	47,001,000	64,441,000	-	49,507,996	63,256,000	-



Stoughton Utilities Activities Report

February 2025

Accomplishments & Activities

The Wastewater Division performed whole effluent toxicity (WET) testing at the plant. WET testing is used to assess water quality of the treated water leaving the plant and ensure compliance with the Clean Water Act. Wastewater operators also replaced and rebuilt primary sludge pumps check valves, and rebuilt a collapsed manhole on East Taft Street.

The Water Division continued day to day activities including flushing hydrants at dead ends throughout the city, daily samples, valve exercising and well maintenance.

The Finance Division spent a considerable amount of time preparing for our 2024 audit, which is scheduled to take place the second week of March. In addition to typical duties, they also completed training with the new Asset & Facilities Coordinator, year-end general ledger clean up, and worked on the revenue bond debt issuance.

Past due notices were mailed to 629 accounts with delinquent balances totaling \$162,900, averaging \$258 per customer. Two water service disconnections were completed for balances totaling \$840, averaging \$420 per disconnected customer. Both were reconnected the same day.

Energy Services staff were at the Stoughton Public Library on the morning of February 27 to assist customers with the energy assistance application process. Technical Operations Division staff helped to promote and schedule these appointments.

Project Updates

Rural Line Rebuilds - The Electric Division continues to work on the Halverson Road rebuild, replacing old utility poles and undersized cables. This project will continue through 2025.

OH to URD - The overhead to underground projects on Hannerville and Stebbinsville Roads was completed in February. This project will reduce outages in the area caused by trees and wildlife.

Staff Updates

Water Operator Dustin Kloos passed his DNR Operators Certifications. Congratulations!

The Technical Operations Division welcomed Jessica Buell to the Stoughton Utilities team as the Asset & Facilities Coordinator.

Mayor Swadley and Assistant Director Hoops attended the American Public Power Association's 2025 Legislative Rally. The event gives local utility representatives the opportunity to speak with legislators about their locally owned utilities and advocate for policies beneficial to their utility and customers.

Statistics

Electric Service Reliability

99.9999%

Electricity purchased

12,056,337 kWh

Peak Demand

24.085 MW 2/18/2025 8:00 AM

Wastewater Treatment Plant Monthly Flow

29.546

million gallons

Water Pumped into Distribution System

34.028 million gallons

Bills Processed

10,050 totaling \$1.79M

Payments Processed

9,101

totaling \$1.77M

Trouble Calls

Water and Wastewater Operators responded to two trouble calls in February. One was due to a house fire that required the water to be turned off to the home, and the other was for a water main break on West Main Street. Special thanks to John Halverson from Public Works, who also responded to set up signage and traffic control!

The electric division responded to two trouble calls, one for a vehicle accident resulting in the replacement of a utility pole, and the other due to tree contact.

Looking Ahead

Developments - Planning for upcoming and in-progress developments is currently underway, with the Magnolia Springs Development moving into phase 2 this year, and the new Stoughton Trailers Development, phase 1 and the upcoming Gateway East phase, continuing through 2025.

Outage Management System - Work continues on our Outage Management System (OMS), which will increase our ability to communicate outage information with customers and track system disruptions. In the upcoming months we will begin working to update customer contact information to be utilized with OMS. We are currently anticipating our OMS to be active for internal testing by June of 2025.

Vision Metering - The metering upgrade pilot project with Vision Metering continues. We will be testing the capabilities of these new meters in the coming months prior to deciding if we are going to move forward with the switch to the new meters.



Pictured: Water Operators and contractors work to find and repair a water main break on Main Street.



Pictured: Wastewater Supervisor Kevin Hudson completes daily suspended solids testing. This test helps determine if the wastewater treatment plant is operating effectively, and operators are able to make adjustments in the treatment process based on sample results.





Pictured: Wastewater Operators rebuilding a manhole that collapsed on East Taft Street.



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Date: March 13, 2025

To: Stoughton Utilities Committee

From: Jill M. Weiss, P.E.

Stoughton Utilities Director

Subject: Stoughton Utilities Communications

February 13, 2025	Stoughton Utilities news release announcing a recent donation of \$667 to
	Society of St. Vincent de Paul – St. Ann Conference as part of our RoundUP

program.

February 18, 2025 Stoughton Utilities news release announcing a recent donation of \$667 to

the Dane County Humane Society as part of our RoundUP program.

February 18, 2025 Stoughton Utilities news release announcing a recent donation of \$667 to

Pumpkin Patch Preschool as part of our RoundUP program.

February 18, 2025 Stoughton Utilities news release regarding the upcoming National Theater

for Children performances that are scheduled at area schools. These performances provide information on energy efficiency to elementary

school students and are sponsored by Stoughton Utilities.

March 3, 2025 Stoughton Utilities news release encouraging customers who are behind on

their utility bills to get caught up before the winter moratorium ends on

April 15.

March 3, 2025 Stoughton Utilities news release regarding local leaders' recent trip to

Washington D.C. for the American Public Power Association's Legislative

Rally.

March 4, 2025 Email sent out to Stoughton Utilities customers who opt-in to receive

communications as a reminder to apply for energy assistance, including

information on qualifications and the application process.

March 11, 2025 Flyer created detailing payment assistance programs and payment

arrangements for customers who are behind on their utility bills. These are being mailed out with all past due notices in March, prior to the end of the

winter moratorium ending on April 15.

March 11, 2025 Stoughton Utilities April billing statement insert providing an entry form

and information about our Thank-A-Lineworker coloring contest, held to recognize National Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 18. The coloring

contest runs through May 1.



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News Release Stoughton Utilities

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 13, 2025

Contact: Jill Weiss, Stoughton Utilities Director

Stoughton Utilities RoundUP Program Donates to Society of St. Vincent de Paul – St. Ann Conference

Stoughton Utilities recently donated \$667 to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul – St. Ann Conference. 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 local non-profit community organizations.

St. Vincent de Paul – St. Ann helps Stoughton residents who are having a difficult time paying rent and are in danger of eviction. They also assist with utility bills and medical needs, serving those in need to help strengthen the community.

Stoughton Utilities began its RoundUP program in 2006 as a way to further assist local non-profit organizations in our community. Over five percent of Stoughton Utilities customers have voluntarily chosen to participate in the program and are continuing the "neighbor helping neighbor" concept that founded Stoughton Utilities over a century ago.

Customers wishing to participate in the RoundUP program, or non-profit organizations requesting to be considered for future donations, may sign up online at <u>stoughtonutilities.com/roundup</u>, or by calling Stoughton Utilities customer service at (608) 873-3379.



Pictured: Brandi Yungen, Education & Outreach Coordinator at Stoughton Utilities, presents Mary Severson of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul – St. Ann Conference with a donation on behalf of Stoughton Utilities as part of their RoundUP Program.

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News Release Stoughton Utilities

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 18, 2025

Contact: Jill Weiss, Stoughton Utilities Director

Stoughton Utilities RoundUP Program Donates to Dane County Humane Society

Stoughton Utilities recently donated \$667 to the Dane County Humane Society. 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 local non-profit community organizations.

The Dane County Humane Society is an open-admission shelter, taking in all animals regardless of the health, age, or behavior. RoundUP funds will be used to provide care to the thousands of companion, wild, exotic, and barnyard animals they rescue each year.

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Pictured: Brandi Yungen (left) of Stoughton Utilities presents a donation to Elizabeth Moore (right) from the Dane County Humane Society on behalf of Stoughton Utilities as part of their RoundUP Program.

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February 18, 2025

Contact: Jill Weiss, Stoughton Utilities Director

Stoughton Utilities RoundUP Program Donates to Pumpkin Patch Preschool

Stoughton Utilities recently donated \$667 to Pumpkin Patch Preschool. 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 local non-profit community organizations.

Pumpkin Patch Preschool will use RoundUP funds to expand preschool and childcare programming, increasing childcare for families and providing high quality educational programming.

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Pictured: Pumpkin Patch Preschool Director Karen Andersen, staff, and students accept a donation from Stoughton Utilities as part of their RoundUP Program.

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February 18, 2025

Contact: Jill Weiss, Utilities Director

Stoughton Utilities Brings Live Theatre to Local Students

'Project Energy' guides audience through energy conservation

Stoughton Utilities is teaming up once again with The National Theatre for Children (NTC) to help local school staff teach and motivate the next generation of community leaders.

"It is such a positive opportunity to be able to provide this program through our partnership with NTC and the local school district," said Jill Weiss, Utilities Director. "We seize every chance to encourage our area students to learn more about energy and how power works within our own community."

While watching "Project Energy" unfold, students will learn about energy efficiency with the help of a mystery solving pair named Sure Luck Ohms and detective-in-training Wattson.

The professional actors playing these characters and others will guide students along an adventure while teaching them about energy conservation, electricity generation, energy waste and renewable resources.

Additional digital content expands on the concepts taught during the 25 minute in-school performance. For more information about "Project Energy," visit <u>nationaltheatre.com</u>.

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About Stoughton Utilities

Founded in 1886, Stoughton Utilities serves electric customers in Stoughton and the surrounding area; and wastewater and water customers in Stoughton. The utility is a member-owner of wholesale power supplier WPPI Energy. To learn more, visit stoughtonutilities.com.

About National Theatre for Children

NTC is a premium provider of educational programming with operations in the U.S., Australia and New Zealand. NTC works directly between schools and clients to promote beneficial behaviors and life skills to students in grades K-12 on a local, regional and national level.



Professional actors from The National Theatre for Children portray characters teaching students about energy conservation.



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News Release Stoughton Utilities

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 3, 2025

Contact: Brian Hoops, Assistant Utilities Director

Stoughton Utilities Cautions Against Electric Service Disconnections as Moratorium Ends

Wisconsin's moratorium expires April 15, 2025, but help is available to avoid disconnection.

Stoughton Utilities is encouraging electric and water customers who are behind on their bills to immediately pay any delinquent balances, or make payment arrangements with the utility to avoid service disconnection.

Wisconsin's moratorium on residential service disconnection ends April 15, 2025. After that date, utilities statewide may begin to disconnect service to customers who are past due on payment of their electric bills. Stoughton Utilities plans to disconnect service to all severely delinquent accounts on April 23.

"The end of the winter moratorium on disconnections is fast approaching, and we have a responsibility to do what we can to collect unpaid bills in order to keep rates low for all of our customers," said Brian Hoops, Assistant Utilities Director. "We encourage customers struggling with their electric bills to reach out to us here at the utility and to contact assistance programs like the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program."

Customers can contact Stoughton Utilities to see if they are eligible to establish a deferred payment arrangement, which can spread payment of delinquent balances out over a period of time. The utility will negotiate payment options with each eligible customer based upon their unique financial situation, however will require a down-payment of at least one-third the past-due balance.

Deferred payment agreements cannot be offered to any tenant customer who has defaulted on a deferred payment agreement in the past 12 months, or is responsible for any account arrearages that were placed on any property owner's tax bill in the City of Stoughton in the past 24 months. Customers with greater than \$100 of account arrearages that are more than 90 days past due or any balance that accrued during the winter moratorium that is more than 80 days past due are also ineligible for a deferred payment agreement.

The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) provides bill pay assistance to help income-eligible residents with heating costs, electric costs, and energy crises. Residents at risk of disconnection may be eligible for crisis assistance even if they have already received a benefit from WHEAP. For more information, including eligibility criteria, customers can call 1-866-432-8947 or visit homeenergyplus.wi.gov to connect with their local energy assistance agency.

Customers can review their account balances and make payments online at <u>stoughtonutilities.com</u>. To make payment arrangements or to explore payment options with the utility, customers can contact Stoughton Utilities at (608) 873-3379 during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday.



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Contact: Jill Weiss, Utilities Director

Local Leaders Talk Public Power in Washington D.C.

Swadley, Hoops advocate for Stoughton residents on job creation, keeping electricity affordable

Mayor Tim Swadley and Assistant Utilities Director Brian Hoops recently traveled to the nation's capital to speak with legislators about their locally owned utility. They advocated on behalf of their community's customers during American Public Power Association's 2025 Legislative Rally.

The annual event took place Feb. 24-26 in Washington D.C.

"Getting the chance to sit down and discuss the cost cutting topics that matter to our residents with law makers is a great opportunity," said Hoops. "Spending time talking over policies that affect local job creation and maintaining affordable and reliable electricity was beneficial for both us and our legislators."

Swadley and Hoops met personally with Wisconsin Senators Tammy Baldwin (D), Ron Johnson (R) and Rep. Mark Pocan.

"By meeting with our legislators, we can help ensure national policymakers keep public power customers' bottom line in mind when they're making proposals," said Joseph Owen, director of government affairs for WPPI Energy. "Their choices have consequences in our local communities, so it is important to present our views. We are fortunate to have a congressional delegation that is receptive to issues affecting communities with locally owned, not-for-profit utilities and works to help however they can."

Swadley and Hoops spoke with senators and representatives about the critical role tax exempt bonds play in financing utility infrastructure in Stoughton, ensuring city owned utilities have access to the same cost saving mechanisms that for-profit utilities use, streamlining the regulatory backlog on building critical grid infrastructure and ensuring that tariffs on raw materials don't exacerbate supply chain constraints on distribution transformers.

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Member-owned, not-for-profit WPPI Energy serves Stoughton Utilities and 50 other locally owned electric utilities. Together, WPPI members have built a diverse, competitive, and responsible power supply. They share modern technologies and forward-thinking services, and they speak with a unified voice for effective energy policy advocacy.



PHOTO: Local officials gather to meet with legislators on the community's behalf during American Public Power Association's 2025 Legislative Rally in Washington D.C.



Apply for the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP)

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For My Business

Our Community

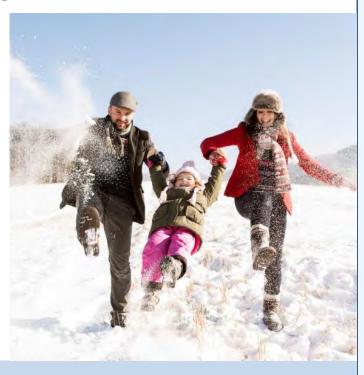
Help is Available for Heating Costs

Getting help with your electric and heating costs is quicker and easier than ever. Qualified residents can receive grants toward heating and electric bills, free energy efficient home upgrades, and more through the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP).

Get started online or by phone in as little as 10 minutes!

Go to <u>energybenefit.wi.gov</u> or call 800-506-5596 to apply.

Apply Today!



Already applied for WHEAP? Great job!

Consider telling a friend or family member about the program and how easy it is to apply!

Income Qualification

If you make less than the amount shown here, you may qualify for benefits through WHEAP.

Qualifying for WHEAP Gets You More

Applying and qualifying for WHEAP opens the door to <u>more programs and benefits</u> that can save you money, including:

Heating Assistance: A direct payment is sent to your utility for heating costs

Crisis Assistance: When facing a heating emergency like no heat, disconnect notices, or low fuel, WHEAP will be there to support you

Furnace Assistance: Homeowners dealing with a heating system breakdown can receive aid for

Family Size	Gross Income (one month)		
1	\$3,061.08		
2	\$4,002.92		
3	\$4,944.83		
4	\$5,886.75		
5	\$6,828.58		
6	\$7,770.50		
7	\$7,947.08		
8	\$8 123.67		

repairs and/or a new furnace

Energy Efficiency & Weatherization Upgrades: Enhance energy savings and comfort in your home by upgrading insulation, sealing air leaks, and improving lighting or water heaters

What You Need to Apply

To make applying quick and easy, be sure to gather the following information:

- Social security number or government-issued ID number
- Income details (wages, social security, etc.)
- Names of your energy utilities and fuel type(s)
- Account numbers (as listed on your utility bills)
- Landlord information, if applicable

Still have questions? Find detailed information and resources <u>on our website</u>, or call Energy Services at 800-506-5596 for help with the application process.

Explore more ways to save













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Manage Your Utility Bill.

We're Here to Help.

Unpaid utility bills drive up costs for the whole community due to the fact that any balance that is uncollectable is essentially recovered from the entire customer base through future rates. The winter moratorium on electric service disconnections ends on April 15.

Stoughton Utilities will begin disconnecting electric service on severely delinquent accounts as of April 23, 2025.

If you're having trouble paying your utility bill, please review the below options to get your account caught up and avoid a potential interruption in service. We are here to help find a payment option that works for you.

DEFERRED PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

If you're having trouble paying your bill in full, you can request a deferred payment arrangement. We will review your account to determine if you are eligible and work with you to determine an acceptable payment schedule. A down payment will be required in order to set up a deferred payment arrangement.

Once there is a deferred payment arrangement in place for your account, you can enroll in our optional Budget Billing Plan to help you manage your monthly expenses moving forward. Eligibility may vary depending on account history.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Many programs are available through local supportive organizations. Visit our website at *stoughtonutilities.com/assistance* for a list of additional programs.

- Joining Forces for Families (608) 873-2180
- St. Vincent DePaul (608) 873-3655
- Stoughton Area Resource Team (START)* (608) 577-5650
 - * Stoughton residents under the age of 55

Contact us or visit our website for more information

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) provides assistance for heating costs, electric costs, and energy crisis situations. Through Stoughton Utilities' participation in this program, you may be eligible for bill pay assistance.

Eligibility for WHEAP benefits is based on a number of factors including income. If the gross income for your household is less than the amount shown here, you may be eligible to receive assistance.

The average receipent receives \$666* per year!

Don't wait until the last minute to submit your application. It typically takes 2-3 weeks after your application is approved for us to receive funds, and simply having approval from energy assistance will not stop a scheduled disconnection. The application is quick and easy, and can even be done online!

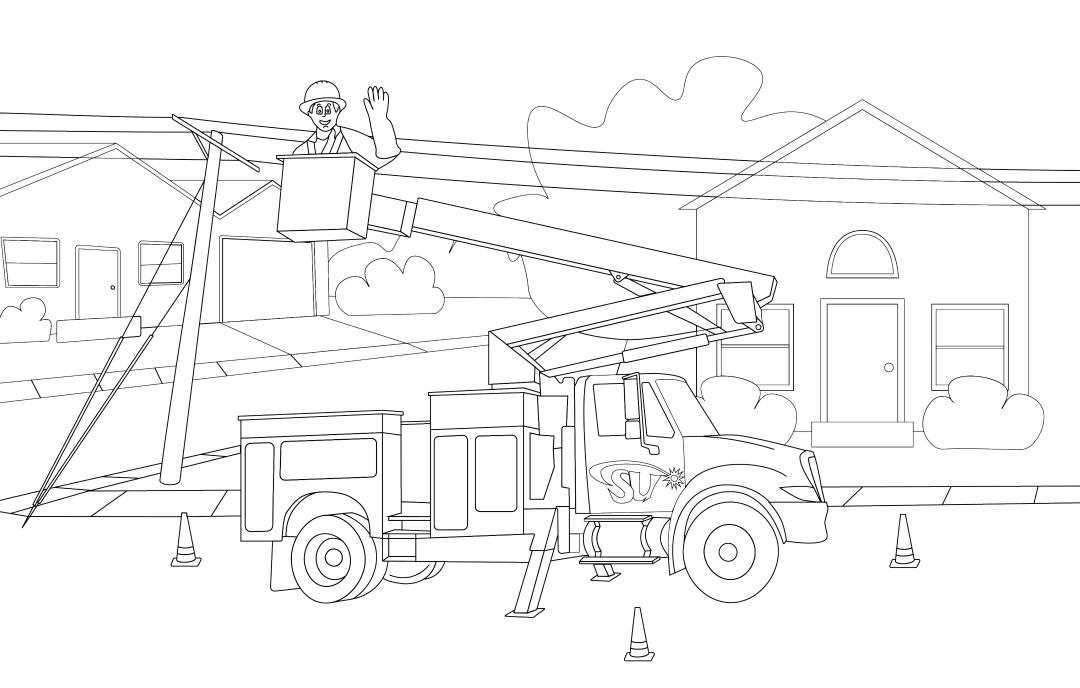
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8	\$8,123.67		



*Average benefit for qualifying residents during 2022-2023 heating season.

Thanka Limeworker



GET OUT YOUR CRAYONS, MARKERS & PENCILS AND ENTER TO WIN!

Thank-A-Lineworker Coloring Contest

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

- 1. One submission per person. Adult entries welcome!
- 2. Entries must be received by May 1, 2025.
- 3. Drop off entries in our night deposit box, email to *contest@stoughtonutilities.com*, or mail to Stoughton Utilities, PO Box 383, Stoughton, WI 53589.
- 4. Coloring page can be found at stoughtonutilities.com/coloring
- 5. Please email customerservice@stoughtonutilities.com with questions

PRIZES

- There will be two randomly selected grand prize winners, as well as one winner from each age group: ages 4-6, ages 7-9, ages 10-12, and ages 13+.
- Winners in each age group will receive a \$25 Visa gift card. Grand prize winners will be awarded a \$50 Visa gift card.
- Winners will be selected by Stoughton Utilities staff. All decisions of the judges are final.

ENTRANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:					
Utility Account Number or A	ddress:				
Utility Account Holders Nam	e:				
Mailing Address:					
Age Group (circle one):	ages 4-6	ages 7-9	ages 10-12	ages 13+	



At Stoughton Utilities, we join forces with other local not-for-profit utilities through WPPI Energy to share resources and lower costs.

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Date: March 13, 2025

To: Stoughton Utilities Committee

From: Jill M. Weiss, P.E.

Stoughton Utilities Director

Subject: Status of Committee Recommendation(s) to the Stoughton Common Council

The following items from prior Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting(s) were presented to and/or acted upon by the Stoughton Common Council at their February 25, 2025 meeting:

Consent Agenda:

- 1. Minutes of the January 27, 2025 Regular Utilities Committee Meeting
- 2. Stoughton Utilities Payments Due List Reports
- 3. Stoughton Utilities Activities Reports

Business:

- 1. Stoughton Wastewater Utility 2025 Rate Adjustment (Second Reading)
- 2. Bad Debt Account Write-Offs through December 31, 2024
- 3. Stoughton Utilities 2025 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds Issuance
- 4. Stoughton Utilities Facilities Needs Assessment

The following items from prior Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting(s) were presented to and/or acted upon by the Stoughton Common Council at their March 11, 2025 meeting:

Business:

1. Stoughton Utilities Facilities Needs Assessment



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Date: March 13, 2025

To: Stoughton Utilities Committee

From: Shannon Statz

Stoughton Utilities Finance Manager

Jill M. Weiss, P.E.

Stoughton Utilities Director

Subject: Update: PSCW Water Rate Application

Staff will provide an update on the water rate case before the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.



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Date: March 13, 2025

To: Stoughton Utilities Committee

From: Jill M. Weiss, P.E.

Stoughton Utilities Director

Subject: Proposed Stoughton Utilities Out-of-State Mutual Aid Billing Policy

As a member of Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW), Stoughton Utilities may be asked to participate in mutual aid assistance for municipalities throughout the United States that are experiencing emergency electric system restoration situations. Recent major storm events that resulted in Stoughton Utilities providing assistance with out-of-state recovery efforts include Hurricane Milton in early October 2024 (FL), Hurricane Ian in September 2022 (FL), and Hurricane Sandy in October 2012 (PA). In each example, MEUW managed the mutual aid response and provided a collaborative response of dozens of Wisconsin electric utilities traveling and working together to provide emergency assistance.

When a utility responds to a mutual aid request, all costs associated with the cooperative effort, including wages, benefits, transportation, meals and lodging, and replacement of inventory, are recoverable from the host utility requesting assistance. Stoughton Utilities and other Wisconsin municipal electric utilities have worked with the MEUW Board of Directors to establish a framework and proposed policy for the billing of costs and expenses related to the provision of out-of-state mutual aid assistance.

The proposed Stoughton Utilities Out-of-State Mutual Aid Billing Policy is being provided to the Utilities Committee for review. This policy largely mirrors policies enacted by other municipal electric utilities throughout the state to ensure fair recovery of all expenses associated with the collaborative mutual aid response.

It is requested that the Stoughton Utilities Committee review and approve the proposed Stoughton Utilities Out-of-State Mutual Aid Billing Policy, and recommend approval to the City of Stoughton Personnel Committee and Common Council at their upcoming meetings.

STOUGHTON UTILITES OUT-OF-STATE MUTUAL AID BILLING POLICY

1. General Purpose and Policy

As a member of Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin ("MEUW"), Stoughton Utilities may be asked to participate in mutual aid assistance for municipalities experiencing emergency electric restoration situations throughout the United States. To encourage MEUW members to respond to such requests and to facilitate clear parameters for such services, MEUW with the help and support of the MEUW Board, to establish the framework for the billing of costs and expenses related to the provision of out-of-state mutual aid assistance, including compensation of employees, use of equipment, replacement of materials, and expenses.

Out-of-state mutual aid is deemed to be extraordinary work. Employees must travel away from home for extended, often unknown time periods, work in unfamiliar conditions and territories, construct to different standards, familiarize themselves with different safety and work methods, and endure extreme environmental conditions foreign to Stoughton Utilities employees. Because of this, MEUW and Stoughton Utilities believe employees' compensation must account for these circumstances.

2. Reimbursable Compensation

When Stoughton Utilities employees respond to out-of-state mutual aid requests, reimbursable compensation for labor, equipment, materials, and other related expenses shall be billed to requesting municipal utilities ("requesting utility") through a detailed invoice, which shall be paid by the requesting municipal utility within 60 days of receiving the invoice.

The reimbursement period shall begin when personnel and/or equipment expenses are initially incurred by the Stoughton Utilities in response to an out-of-state mutual aid request. The reimbursement period shall end when the Stoughton Utilities' personnel and equipment have returned to the Stoughton Utilities and have had a reasonable time to prepare the equipment for normal Stoughton Utilities activities.

To the extent possible, the Stoughton Utilities and requesting utility should agree in advance on the anticipated length of the need for the Stoughton Utilities' services and equipment. The Stoughton Utilities retains full authority to terminate the provision of personnel and equipment at any time.

a) Labor

The employee's hourly rate will be the Prevailing Wage. "Prevailing Wage" is the higher of either (1) the employee's regular hourly rate of pay for Stoughton Utilities; (2) the standardized wage set by MEUW for out-of-state mutual aid events; or (3) the hourly rate for comparable employees of the requesting utility. Stoughton Utilities shall bill the requesting utilities for labor as follows:

• One-and-a-half times (1.5x) the Prevailing Wage for hours worked Monday through Saturday.

- Two times (2x) the Prevailing Wage for hours worked on Sundays or Stoughton Utilities recognized holidays.
- Preparatory work prior to Stoughton Utilities departure and/or cleanup work following the return to Stoughton Utilities will be billed at the employees' normal rate of pay for Stoughton Utilities.

The above rates apply to all time spent by Stoughton Utilities personnel driving to the requesting utility, time spend driving for work purposes at the requesting utility, and any associated work involved with preparatory pre-staging prior to the emergency electric restoration event.

Stoughton Utilities employees responding to an out-of-state mutual aid request shall be paid a minimum of 8 hours for each complete 24-hour calendar day beginning with their departure from and until return to Stoughton Utilities.

For all reimbursable labor compensation, Stoughton Utilities shall include all employee benefits and allowances for vacation, sick leave and holiday pay, social and retirement benefits, payroll taxes, workers' compensation, employer's liability insurance, and other contingencies and benefits imposed by applicable law or regulation.

b) Equipment

Stoughton Utilities shall bill requesting utilities for:

- Charges, at rates internally used by Stoughton Utilities, for use of equipment.
- Repair or replacement cost of any equipment damaged or lost caused by use related to the response to an out-of-state mutual aid request.

c) Materials

Stoughton Utilities shall bill requesting municipal utilities for:

• Stoughton Utilities materials used to perform work for the requesting municipal utility at the current or most recent replacement cost.

d) Other Related Expenses

Stoughton Utilities shall bill requesting municipal utilities for:

- Administrative and general costs, which are properly allocable to the emergency assistance, and are not otherwise included in this policy.
- Employee travel expenses, including, but not limited to, lodging, gas, and reasonable incidentals.
- Reimbursement of meal expenses, according to IRS regulations, for actual, reasonable, and necessary meals for which detailed receipts can be provided.



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Date: March 13, 2025

To: Stoughton Utilities Committee

From: Jill M. Weiss, P.E.

Stoughton Utilities Director

Brian R. Hoops

Stoughton Utilities Assistant Director

Subject: American Public Power Association Electric Reliability Annual Benchmarking Report

Each year, the American Public Power Association (APPA) analyzes the outage history and statistics of the nation's public power utilities and provides a summary report to each participating utility. This report focuses on distribution system reliability across the country and is customized to Stoughton Utilities.

Summary of Key IEEE Reliability Metrics:

System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI): 56.26 minutes

SAIDI is defined as the average interruption duration for customers served by the utility.

The average SAIDI for utilities in our region is 76.75.

System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI): 0.57 interruptions

SAIFI is defined as the average number of times a customer on the utility system will experience an interruption.

The average SAIFI for utilities in our region is 0.56.

Customer Average Interruption Duration Index (CAIDI): 99.10 minutes

CAIDI is defined as the average duration of an interruption experienced by customers.

The average CAIDI for utilities in our region is 121.81.

Average Service Availability Index (ASAI): 99.9893%

ASAI is a measure of the average availability of the distribution systems that serve customers.

The average ASAI for utilities in our region is 99.9855%.

The aggregate statistics displayed in this report are calculated from 350 public power utilities with verified 2024 outage data, including 139 utilities in our region (Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio). This report reflects data in the eReliability Tracker from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

Reliability reflects both historic and ongoing engineering investment decisions within a utility. Proper use of reliability metrics ensures that a utility is performing its intended function and is providing service in a consistent and effective manner. The statistics and reliability measurements are standardized across the country using industry-standard metrics as defined by the IEEE 1366 guidelines and are reported annually to the United States Energy Information Administration (EIA).

As a result of our prior year system reliability statistics, Stoughton Utilities has once again received national recognition from APPA for achieving exceptional electric reliability in 2023.



Stoughton Utilities

ANNUAL BENCHMARKING REPORT **RELIABILITY REPORT **RACKER

American Public Power Association





I. About This Report

This report focuses on distribution system reliability across the country and is customized to each utility that participates in the American Public Power Association's eReliability Tracker service. APPA created the eReliability Tracker Annual Report to assist utilities in their efforts to understand and analyze their electric system. In 2012, APPA developed the eReliability Tracker thanks to a grant from the Demonstration of Energy & Efficiency Developments (DEED) program.

This report reflects data in the eReliability Tracker from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. This analysis might not properly reflect your utility's statistics if you do not have a full year of data in the system. The report includes data recorded as of February 25, 2025.

Reliability reflects both historic and ongoing engineering investment decisions within a utility. Proper use of reliability metrics ensures that a utility is performing its intended function and is providing service in a consistent and effective manner.

While the primary use of reliability statistics is for self-evaluation, you can use these statistics to compare your utility with similar utilities. However, differences such as electrical network configuration, ambient environment, weather conditions, and number of customers served typically limit most utility-to-utility comparisons. Due to the diverse range of utilities that use the eReliability Tracker, this report endeavors to improve comparative analyses by grouping utilities by size and region.

Since this report contains data for all utilities that use the eReliability Tracker, it is important to consider how a particularly large or small utility can affect comparative benchmarks. To ease the issues associated with comparability, each utility's reliability statistics are weighted based on customer count when aggregated. This means that all utilities are equally weighted, and all individual statistics are developed on a per customer basis.

The aggregate statistics in this report are calculated from the 350 utilities with verified 2024 outage data. Utilities that experienced no outages in 2024, or did not upload any data, will have NULL, None, or "0" values in their report for utility-specific data and were not included in the aggregate analysis. Also note that log-normal data with a z-score^[1] greater than 3.25 may be excluded if it significantly distorts the aggregate statistics.

[1]: A z-score indicates how much a data point differs from the mean. For instance, a z-score of 3.25 indicates that the data point is three and one-quarter standard deviations from the mean. A z-score of 0 indicates that the data point is identical to the mean.

Utility Classifications

This report separates utilities into groups according to geographic region and the number of customers served. Table 1 shows the range of customer counts for utilities that use the eReliability Tracker by five distinct groups of approximately 107 utilities per group.

Your utility is in size class 4 and region 2.

Table 1. Customer count range per size class

	Customer Count Range
Class 1	>0
Class 2	>1,527
Class 3	>3,582
Class 4	>7,526
Class 5	>14,528

Each utility is also grouped with all other participating utilities within their region. Figure 1 shows the number of utilities using the eReliability Tracker in each region and Figure 2 shows the states and territories included in each region.

Figure 1. Number of utilities subscribed to the eReliability Tracker by region

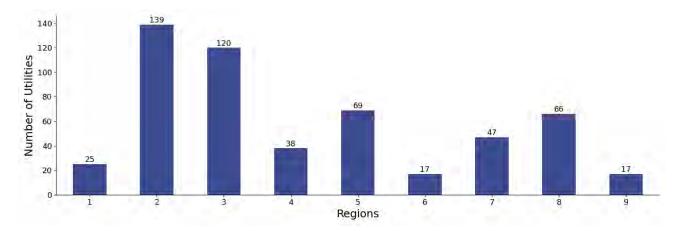
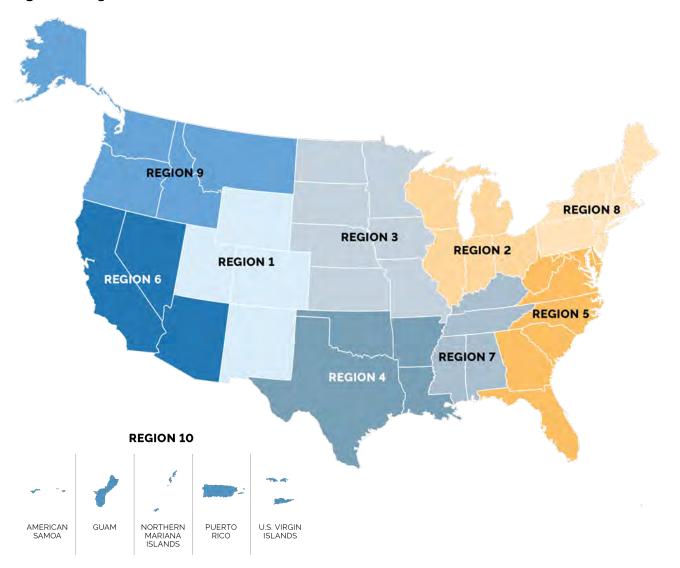


Figure 2. Regions



II. IEEE Statistics

When it comes to reliability, the industry standard metrics are defined in the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers' Guide for Electric Power Distribution Reliability Indices, or IEEE 1366 guidelines. For each utility, the eReliability Tracker performs IEEE 1366 calculations for System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI), System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI), Customer Average Interruption Duration Index (CAIDI), Momentary Average Interruption Frequency Index (MAIFI), and Average Service Availability Index (ASAI).

It is important to note how major events (MEs) are calculated and used in this report. An example of an ME includes severe weather, such as a tornado or hurricane, that leads to unusually long outages in comparison to your distribution system's typical outage. This report uses the **APPA ME threshold**, which is based directly on the SAIDI for specific outage events, rather than a daily SAIDI. The APPA ME threshold allows a utility to remove outages that exceed the IEEE 2.5 beta threshold for outage events, which considers up to 10 years of the utility's outage history. In the eReliability Tracker, if a utility does not have at least 36 outage events prior to the year being analyzed, then no threshold is calculated. If this is the case for your utility, then you will have a NULL value in the following field and the calculations without MEs in the SAIDI, SAIFI, CAIDI, and ASAI sections of this report will be the same as the calculations with MEs for your utility. More outage history will provide a better threshold for your utility.

Your utility's APPA major event threshold is 11.06 minutes.

For each of the reliability indices, this report displays your utility's metrics alongside the mean values for all utilities using the eReliability Tracker and within the same class and region as your utility. The first table within each of the following subsections allows you to better understand the performance of your electric system relative to other utilities nationwide and to those within your same region or size class. The second table breaks down the national data into quartile ranges, a minimum value, and a maximum value.

All indices, except MAIFI, are calculated for outages with and without MEs. Furthermore, the tables show indices for scheduled and unscheduled outages. Note that scheduled and unscheduled calculations include MEs. Also note that wherever MEs are excluded, the exclusion is based on the APPA ME threshold for your system.

II.1. System Average Interruption Duration Index

SAIDI is the average duration (in minutes) of an interruption per customer served by the utility during a specific time frame.

Since SAIDI is a sustained interruption index, only outages lasting longer than five minutes are included in the calculations. SAIDI is calculated by dividing the sum of all customer minutes of interruption^[2] within the specified time frame by the average number of customers served during that period. For example, a utility with 100 customer minutes of interruption and 100 customers would have a SAIDI of 1.

Note that in the tables below, scheduled and unscheduled calculations include MEs. Also note that wherever MEs are excluded, the exclusion is based on the APPA ME threshold for your system.

Table 2. Average SAIDI with and without MEs *In minutes*

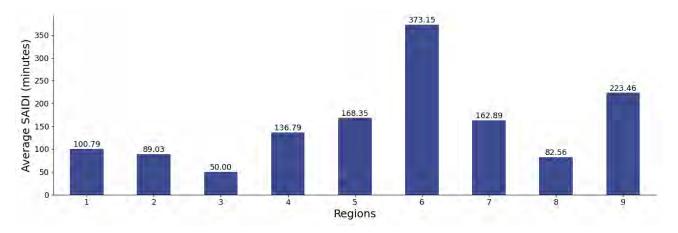
	All	No MEs	Unscheduled	Scheduled
Your utility	56.26	37.14	56.26	NULL
Utilities that use the eReliability Tracker	120.3	54.49	113.49	13.19
Utilities in your region	89.03	34.97	87.84	2.47
Utilities in your size class	96.25	39.74	93.5	4.31

Table 3. Summary SAIDI data from the eReliability Tracker *In minutes*

	All	No MEs	Unscheduled	Scheduled
Minimum	0.08	0.08	0.08	<0.01
First Quartile	19.39	11.07	18.77	0.19
Median	44.37	26.79	40.95	1.24
Third Quartile	131.4	55.66	127.24	5.03
Maximum	1,639.92	776.98	1,634.25	629.54

[2]: Customer minutes of interruption is calculated by multiplying total customers interrupted and total minutes of interruption.

Figure 3. Average SAIDI by region



II.2. System Average Interruption Frequency Index

SAIFI is the average instances a customer on the utility system will experience a sustained interruption during a specific time frame.

Since SAIFI is a sustained interruption index, only outages lasting longer than five minutes are included in the calculations. SAIFI is calculated by dividing the total number of customers that experienced sustained interruptions by the average number of customers served during that period. For example, a utility with 150 customer interruptions and 200 customers would have a SAIFI of 0.75.

Note that in the tables below, scheduled and unscheduled calculations include MEs. Also note that wherever MEs are excluded, the exclusion is based on the APPA ME threshold for your system.

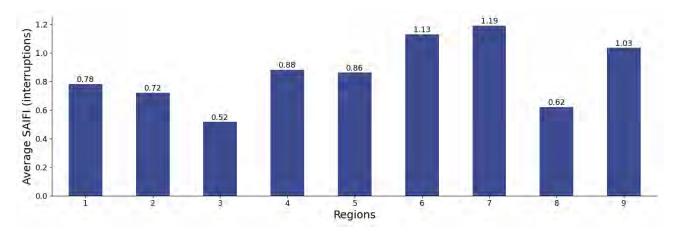
Table 4. Average SAIFI with and without MEs *In interruptions*

	All	No MEs	Unscheduled	Scheduled
Your utility	0.57	0.44	0.57	NULL
Utilities that use the eReliability Tracker	0.78	0.54	0.75	0.06
Utilities in your region	0.72	0.48	0.71	0.03
Utilities in your size class	0.65	0.43	0.63	0.03

Table 5. Summary SAIFI data from the eReliability Tracker *In interruptions*

	All	No MEs	Unscheduled	Scheduled
Minimum	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
First Quartile	0.21	0.14	0.19	<0.01
Median	0.54	0.36	0.53	0.01
Third Quartile	1.16	0.77	1.1	0.04
Maximum	3.63	2.43	3.63	2.32

Figure 4. Average SAIFI by region



II.3. Customer Average Interruption Duration Index

CAIDI is the average duration (in minutes) of an interruption experienced by customers during a specific time frame.

Since CAIDI is a sustained interruption index, only outages lasting longer than five minutes are included in the calculations. CAIDI is calculated by dividing the sum of all customer minutes of interruption by the number of customers that experienced one or more interruptions during that period. This metric reflects the average customer experience (minutes of duration) during an outage.

Note that in the tables below, scheduled and unscheduled calculations include MEs. Also note that wherever MEs are excluded, the exclusion is based on the APPA ME threshold for your system.

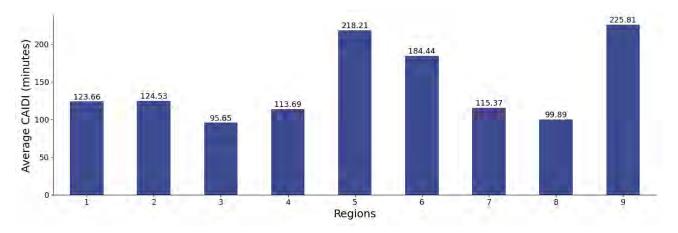
Table 6. Average CAIDI with and without MEs *In minutes*

	All	No MEs	Unscheduled	Scheduled
Your utility	99.1	84.36	99.1	NULL
Utilities that use the eReliability Tracker	135.22	92.4	138.62	153.96
Utilities in your region	124.53	81.53	128.62	121.52
Utilities in your size class	143.62	86.47	143.61	157.41

Table 7. Summary CAIDI data from the eReliability Tracker *In minutes*

	All	No MEs	Unscheduled	Scheduled
Minimum	11.21	11.21	10.52	7.82
First Quartile	62.85	51.38	62.41	61.8
Median	93.56	81.55	93.94	95.16
Third Quartile	143.73	110.8	144.19	162.66
Maximum	1,923.68	402.94	2,012.24	1,899.69

Figure 5. Average CAIDI by region



II.4. Momentary Average Interruption Frequency Index

MAIFI is the average number of momentary interruptions a utility customer will experience during a specific time frame.

In this report, an outage with a duration of five minutes or less is classified as momentary. MAIFI is calculated by dividing the total number of customers that experienced momentary interruptions by the total number of customers served by the utility. For example, a utility with 20 momentary customer interruptions and 100 customers would have a MAIFI of 0.20.

Momentary interruptions can be more difficult to track and utilities without an automated outage management system might not log these interruptions; therefore, some utilities have a MAIFI of zero.

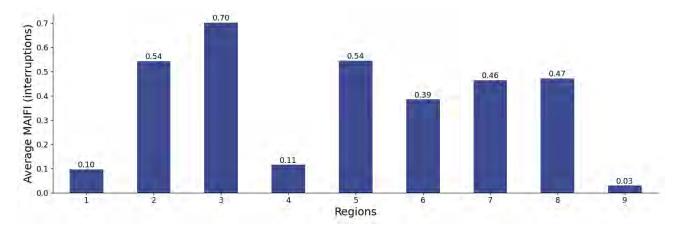
Table 8. Average MAIFI *In interruptions*

	All
Your utility	NULL
Utilities that use the eReliability Tracker	0.45
Utilities in your region	0.54
Utilities in your size class	0.66

Table 9. Summary MAIFI data from the eReliability Tracker *In interruptions*

	All
Minimum	<0.01
First Quartile	<0.01
Median	0.06
Third Quartile	0.53
Maximum	5.0

Figure 6. Average MAIFI by region



II.5. Average Service Availability Index

ASAI is the percentage of time the sub-transmission and distribution systems are available to serve customers during a specific time frame.

This load-based index represents the percentage availability of electric service to customers within the period analyzed. It is calculated by dividing the total hours in which service is available to customers by the total hours that service is demanded by the customers. For example, an ASAI of 99.99% means that electric service was available for 99.99% of the time during the given period. Note that the higher your ASAI value, the better the performance.

In the tables below, scheduled and unscheduled calculations include MEs. Also note that wherever MEs are excluded, the exclusion is based on the APPA ME threshold for your system.

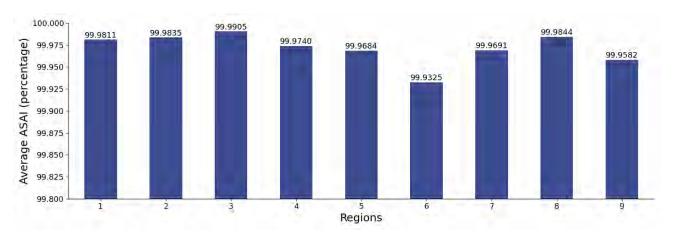
Table 10. Average ASAI with and without MEs *In percentage*

	All	No MEs	Unscheduled	Scheduled
Your utility	99.9893	99.9929	99.9893	NULL
Utilities that use the eReliability Tracker	99.9775	99.9898	99.9787	99.9976
Utilities in your region	99.9835	99.9934	99.9838	99.9995
Utilities in your size class	99.9817	99.9924	99.9823	99.9991

Table 11. Summary ASAI data from the eReliability Tracker *In percentage*

	All	No MEs	Unscheduled	Scheduled
Maximum	99.9999	99.9999	99.9999	99.9999
First Quartile	99.9963	99.9978	99.9964	99.9999
Median	99.9916	99.9949	99.9922	99.9997
Third Quartile	99.9755	99.9894	99.9765	99.999
Minimum	99.6888	99.86	99.6899	99.8856

Figure 7. Average ASAI by region



II.6. Energy Information Administration Form 861 Data

Form EIA-861 collects annual information on electric power industry participants involved in the generation, transmission, distribution, and sale of electric energy in the United States and its territories.

In 2014, Energy Information Administration (EIA) began publishing reliability statistics in Form EIA-861; therefore, APPA included these statistics in this report for informational purposes. Please note that the following data includes 174 investor-owned, 467 rural cooperative, and 327 public power utilities that were large enough to be required to fill out the full EIA-861 form. The statistics do not include data from utilities that complete the EIA 861-S form, which smaller entities complete. Note that the 327 participating public power utilities include entities classified by EIA as municipal, political subdivision, and state. In addition, since the collection and release of EIA form data lags by a year, the data is based on 2023 data that was published October 10, 2024. Therefore, we suggest you only use the aggregate statistics contained herein as an informational tool for further comparison of reliability statistics.

In Form EIA-861, an entity provides SAIDI and SAIFI including and excluding ME days in accordance with the IEEE 1366-2003 or IEEE 1366-2012 standard.

Although EIA collected other reliability-related data, the tables below only include SAIDI and SAIFI data including and excluding ME days. You can download the full set of data at: www.eia.gov/electricity/data/eia861/.

Table 12. Your utility's SAIDI and SAIFI with and without IEEE ME days

SAIDI with IEEE ME	SAIDI without IEEE	SAIFI with IEEE ME days	SAIFI without IEEE ME
days (minutes)	ME days (minutes)	(interruptions)	days (interruptions)
56.26	37.14	0.57	0.44

Table 13. Summary SAIDI data from Form EIA-861, 2023 *In minutes*

	All	No MEs
Average	376.90	149.41
Minimum	0.20	0
First Quartile	80.88	51.59
Median	178.01	101.18
Third Quartile	392.12	175.32
Maximum	10,820.00	2,475.09

Table 14. Summary SAIFI data from Form EIA-861, 2023 *In interruptions*

	All	No MEs
Average	1.71	1.26
Minimum	0.01	0
First Quartile	0.82	0.60
Median	1.30	0.99
Third Quartile	2.14	1.54
Maximum	17.38	16.92

III. Outage Causes

Equipment failure, extreme weather events, wildlife, and vegetation are some of the most common causes of electric system outages. The following pie chart shows the percentages of the primary causes of outages for all utilities using the eReliability Tracker in 2024.

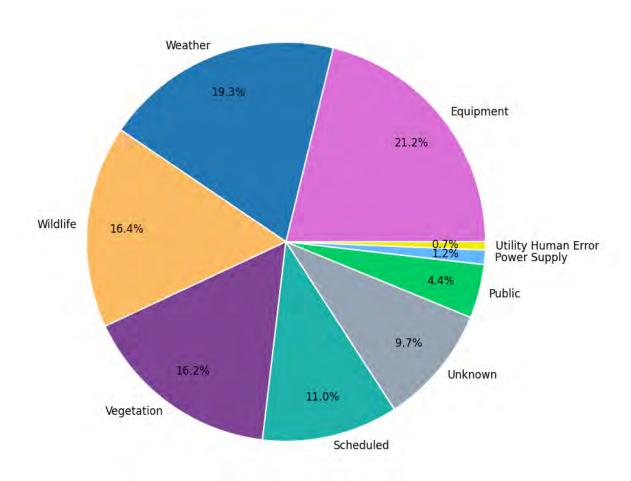


Figure 8. Primary causes of outages in 2024

Certain factors, such as regional weather and animal/vegetation patterns, can make some causes more prevalent for a specific group of utilities. The following section includes graphs depicting common causes of outages for your utility, all utilities in your region, and all utilities using the eReliability Tracker.

Charts containing aggregate information are customer-weighted to account for differences in utility size for a better analytical comparison. For example, a particularly large utility may have a large number of outages compared to a small utility. To avoid skewing the data toward large utilities, the number of cause occurrences is divided by customer size to account for the differences. In Figures 9 to 14, the data represent the number of occurrences for each group

of 1,000 customers. A customer-weighted occurrence rate of "1" means an average of one outage from that cause occurred per 1,000 customers in 2024.

Note that the sustained outage cause analysis is more comprehensive than the momentary outage cause analysis due to a larger and more robust sample size for sustained outages. Regardless, tracking both sustained and momentary outages helps utilities understand and reduce outages. To successfully use the outage information tracked by your utility, it is imperative to classify and record outages in detail. The more information provided per outage, the more conclusive and practical your analyses will be.

III.1. Sustained Outage Causes

In general, sustained outages are the most commonly tracked outage type. In analyses of sustained outages, utilities tend to exclude scheduled outages, partial power, customer-related problems, and qualifying major events from their reliability indices calculations. While this is a valid method for reporting, these outages should be included for internal review to make utility-level decisions. In this section, we evaluate common causes of sustained outages for your utility, corresponding region, and for all utilities that use the eReliability Tracker. It is important to note that sustained outages are classified in this report as outages that last longer than five minutes, as defined by IEEE 1366.

Figure 9. Top five causes of sustained outages for all utilities that use the eReliability Tracker

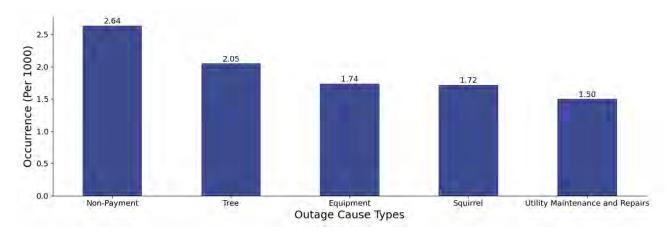
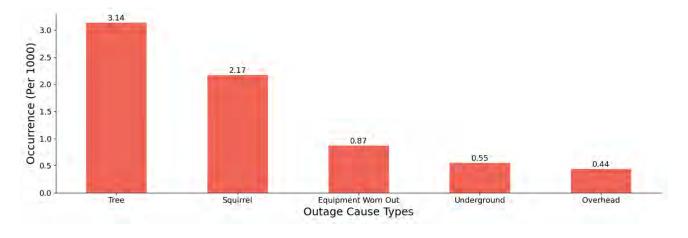
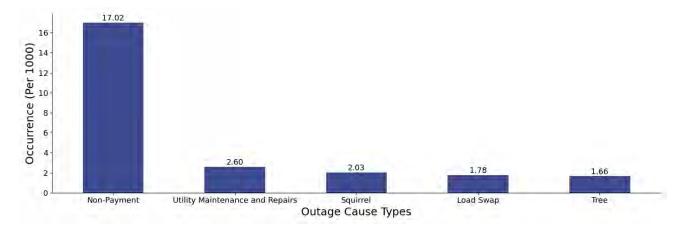


Figure 10. Top five causes of sustained outages for your utility^[3]



[3]: The number of occurrences for each cause is divided by the utility's customer count (in thousands) to create an occurrence rate that can be compared across different utility sizes.

Figure 11. Top five causes of sustained outages in your region



III.2. Momentary Outage Causes

The ability to track momentary outages can be difficult or unavailable on some systems, but due to the hazard they pose for electronic equipment, it is important to track and analyze the causes of momentary outages. This section evaluates the common causes of momentary outages for your utility, region, and size class as well as common causes for all utilities that use the eReliability Tracker. Please note that only outages lasting less than five minutes are classified as momentary, as defined by IEEE 1366. In Figures 12–14, for each utility, the number of occurrences for each cause is divided by that utility's customer count (in thousands) to create an occurrence rate that can be compared across different utility sizes.

Figure 12. Top five causes of momentary outages for all utilities that use the eReliability Tracker

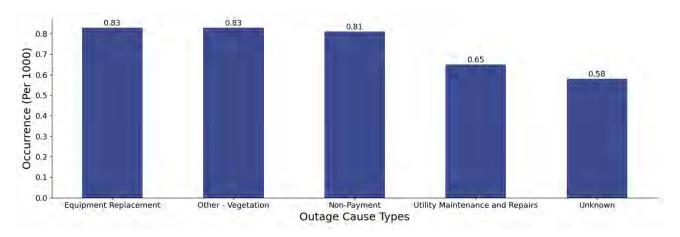


Figure 13. Top five causes of momentary outages for your utility

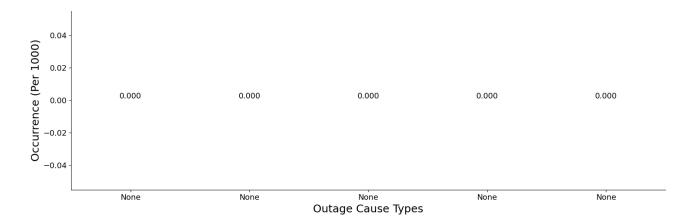
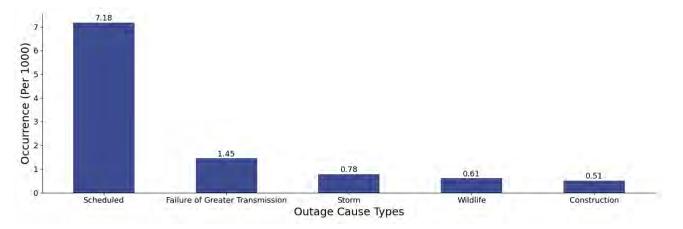


Figure 14. Top five causes of momentary outages in your region



Thank you for your active participation in the eReliability Tracker service. We hope this report is useful to your utility in analyzing your system. If you have any questions regarding the material provided in this report, please contact:

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Date: March 13, 2025

To: Stoughton Utilities Committee

From: Jill M. Weiss, P.E.

Stoughton Utilities Director

Subject: Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2026 Project Updates

Staff will provide an update on the status of street and utility reconstruction projects being led by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, including Stoughton Utilities' preparations and project involvement, bid opening results, and tentative schedules.



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Subject: Utilities Committee Future Agenda Item(s)

This item appears on all agendas of Committees of the City of Stoughton.



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Date: March 13, 2025

To: Stoughton Utilities Committee

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Subject: Tour of the Stoughton Utilities Administration Building

A tour of the Stoughton Utilities Administration Building located at 600 South Fourth Street, Stoughton is scheduled to take place immediately following the adjournment of the regular meeting of the Stoughton Utilities Committee on March 17, 2025. Members of the Stoughton Utilities Committee and Stoughton Common Council are invited to attend.

A possible quorum of the City of Stoughton Common Council, its Committees, Boards and Commissions may occur during the tour. The tour will be an informational presentation, and no business of the Stoughton Utilities Committee or Common Council will be conducted.