# NOTICE

There will be a Regular meeting of the <u>City of Stoughton Utilities Committee</u> on <u>Monday, February 15, 2010</u> to be held at <u>5:00 p.m.</u> in the <u>Edmund T. Malinowski Room</u> of the <u>Stoughton Utilities Administration Office</u> in the <u>Stoughton Utilities Building, 600 S. Fourth Street, Stoughton, WI 53589.</u>

## **AGENDA:**

## Call To Order.

Stoughton Utilities Payments Due List. (Action.) (Page Nos.5-15)

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) Draft Minutes of the January 11, 2010 Regular Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting. (Page Nos.16-19)
- b) Stoughton Utilities December 2009 Financial Summary. (Page Nos.20-24)
- c) Stoughton Utilities December 2009 Statistical Information. (Page No.25)
- d) Stoughton Utilities Communications. (Page Nos.26-47)
- e) Stoughton Utilities 12-Month Calendar. (Page Nos.48-50)
- f) Stoughton Utilities December 2009 Activities Report. (Page Nos.51-56)
- g) Status of the Stoughton Utilities Committee January 11, 2010 Recommendations to the Stoughton Common Council. (Page No.57)

Stoughton Utilities Management Team Verbal Reports.

## **BUSINESS:**

- 1. Stoughton Utilities RoundUp Program. (Action.) (Page Nos. 58)
- 2. Proposed Rental Of Stoughton Utilities Agricultural Land. (Action.) (Page Nos.59)
- 3. Request To Participate In The WPPI Energy-Stoughton Utilities Shared Savings Program From The St. Vincent DePaul Store Located At 111 W. Jefferson St. (Action.) (Page No.60)
- 4. 2009 Renewable Energy, Alternative Energy, And Energy Conservation Efforts At Stoughton Utilities (SU) And WPPI Energy (WPPI) Report. (Discussion.) (Page Nos.61-64)
- 5. Stoughton Utilities Ad Hoc Governance Committee. (Discussion.) (Page No.65)
- 6. Stoughton Utilities 2009 Accomplishments. (Discussion.) (Page No.66-68)
- 7. Stoughton Utilities Employee Information. (Discussion.) (Page No.69)
- 8. Stoughton Utilities Committee Future Meeting Agenda Item(s). (Discussion.) (Page No70.)

### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jim Griffin

Stoughton Utilities Committee Chairperson

February 15, 2010

### Notices Sent To:

Mayor Jim Griffin, Chairperson

Alderperson Carl T. Chenoweth, P.E.

Alderperson Paul Lawrence, Vice Chairperson

Alderperson Steve Tone

Stoughton Utilities Committee Citizen Member David Erdman

Stoughton Utilities Committee Citizen Member Jonathan Hainv

Stoughton Utilities Committee Citizen Member Norval Morgan

Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent Sean Grady

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

cc: Alderperson Ross Scovotti

Common Council Members

Mark A. Fisher, P.E. - Strand Associates, Inc.

City Clerk/Personnel Director Luann J. Alme

Stoughton Utilities/MEUW Southeastern Regional Safety Coordinator Christopher A. Belz

Stoughton Utilities Billing and Consumer Services Technician Erin N. Bothum

City Media Services Director William H. Brehm

City Attorney Matthew P. Dregne

Stoughton Utilities Wastewater System Supervisor Brian G. Erickson

Stoughton Utilities Office and Information Systems Supervisor Brian R. Hoops

Deputy City Clerk/Confidential Secretary Phili Hougan

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

Stoughton Library Administrative Assistant Debbie Myren

Stoughton Utilities/WPPI Energy Services Representative Alicia Rankin

City Finance Director and Treasurer Laurie Sullivan

Stoughton Utilities Water System Supervisor Roger M. Thorson

Stoughton Utilities Electric System Supervisor Craig A. Wood

City Department Heads

Stoughton Newspapers

Wisconsin State Journal

Note: If you are physically challenged and in need of assistance, please call 873-3379 during office hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., prior to this meeting.

If you encounter a situation that may affect your scheduled participation, please contact Robert Kardasz or Sean Grady at 877-7423 or 877-7416 respectively prior to 5:00 p.m.

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



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Date:

February 11, 2010

To:

Stoughton Utilities Committee

From:

Robert P. Kardasz, P.E.

Stoughton Utilities Director

Subject:

Requested Actions At The February 15, 2010 Regular Stoughton Utilities Committee

Meeting.

### AGENDA:

- Stoughton Utilities Payments Due List. (Review, approve, and recommend the approval of the Stoughton Utilities Payments Due List to the Stoughton Common Council on February 23, 2010.)
- Stoughton Utilities Committee Consent Agenda.
  - a) Draft Minutes of the January 11, 2009 Regular Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting. (Approve the Draft Minutes of the January 11, 2010 Regular Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting via the consent agenda approval.)
  - b) Stoughton Utilities December 2009 Financial Summary. (Discuss and accept the Stoughton Utilities December 2009 Financial Summary via the consent agenda approval.)
  - c) Stoughton Utilities December 2009 Statistical Information. (Discuss and accept the December 2009 Stoughton Utilities Statistical Information via the consent agenda approval.)
  - d) Stoughton Utilities Communications. (Discuss and accept the Stoughton Utilities Communications via the consent agenda approval.)
  - e) Stoughton Utilities Committee 12-Month Calendar. (Discuss and accept the Stoughton Utilities Committee 12-Month Calendar via the consent agenda approval.)



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- f) Stoughton Utilities January 2010 Activities Report. (Discuss and accept the Stoughton Utilities January 2010 Stoughton Utilities Activities Report via the consent agenda approval.)
- g) Status of the Stoughton Utilities Committee January 11, 2010 recommendation to the Stoughton Common Council. (Discuss and accept the status of the January 11, 2010 recommendation to the Stoughton Common Council via the consent agenda approval.)

Stoughton Utilities Management Team Verbal Reports. (Discuss the Stoughton Utilities Management Team verbal reports.)

## **BUSINESS:**

- 1. Stoughton Utilities RoundUp Program. Review, discuss and approve the donation of \$1,100 to qualifying applicant(s). (Donate \$1,100 to the applicant(s).)
- 2. Proposed Rental Of Stoughton Utilities Agricultural Land. (Review, discuss and approve the rental of Stoughton Utilities agricultural land to Stanley A. Mabie for \$600 per year.)
- Request To Participate In The WPPI Energy/Stoughton Utilities Shared Savings Program From The St. Vincent DePaul Store Located At 111 W. Jefferson St. (Review, discuss and approve the \$8,189 advance payment from the WPPI Energy/Stoughton Utilities Shared Savings Program to the St. Vincent DePaul Store energy efficiency project.)
- 4. 2009 Renewable Energy, Alternative Energy, And Energy Conservation Efforts At Stoughton Utilities (SU) and WPPI Energy (WPPI) Report. **Discussion**)
- 5. Stoughton Utilities Ad Hoc Governance Committee. (Discussion.)
- 6. Stoughton Utilities Significant Accomplishments in 2009. (Discussion.)
- 7. Stoughton Utilities Employees Information. (Discussion.)
- 8. Stoughton Utilities Committee Future Meeting Agenda Item(s). (Discuss future Stoughton Utilities Committee agenda items.)

cc: Sean O Grady - Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent

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DRAFT STOUGHTON UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 11, 2010 – 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 Jonathan

Hajny, Mayor Jim Griffin, Alderperson Paul Lawrence, Citizen Member Norval Morgan, and Alderperson Steve

Tone.

Absent and Excused:

None.

Absent:

Alderperson Carl Chenoweth.

Others Present:

Stoughton Utilities Billing and Consumer Services Technician Erin Bothum, Stoughton Utilities Office and Information Systems Supervisor Brian Hoops, Stoughton Utilities Finance and Administrative Manager Kim Jennings, CPA, and Stoughton Utilities Director Robert Kardasz, P.E.

<u>Call To Order:</u> Mayor Jim Griffin 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. Motion by Alderperson Paul Lawrence, seconded by Citizen Member David Erdman, to approve the Stoughton Utilities Payments Due List as presented and recommend its approval to the Stoughton Common Council on January 26, 2010. Carried unanimously.

Citizen Member Jonathan Hajny arrived at 5:02 p.m.

<u>Stoughton Utilities Committee Consent Agenda:</u> Utilities Director Robert Kardasz presented and discussed the Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting Consent Agenda Items. Discussion Followed. Motion by Citizen Member David Erdman, seconded by Alderperson Paul Lawrence, to approve the following consent agenda items as

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presented: Draft Minutes of the December 14, 2009 Regular Meetings of the Stoughton Utilities Committee, Stoughton Utilities November 2009 Financial Summary, Stoughton Utilities November 2009 Statistical Information, Stoughton Utilities Communications, Stoughton Utilities Committee 12-Month Calendar, Stoughton Utilities December 2009 Activities Report, and the Status of the December 14, 2009 Recommendations to the Stoughton Common Council. Carried unanimously.

# Stoughton Utilities Management Team Verbal Reports:

Stoughton Utilities Finance and Administrative Manager Kim Jennings explained the following:

• The 2009 Fiscal Year field audit starts tomorrow.

Stoughton Utilities Office and Information Systems Supervisor Brian Hoops stated the following:

- 2010 IT purchases are occurring.
- Office staff is involved with pursuing residential customer deposits.

Resolution Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of Up To \$613,751 Waterworks System Revenue Bonds, Series 2010, And Providing For Other Details And Covenants With Respect Thereto, And Approval Of Related \$1,227,502 Financial Assistance Agreement, And Consideration And Acceptance Of The Engagement Letter With Quarles And Brady: Stoughton Utilities Director Robert Kardasz and Stoughton Finance and Administrative Manager Kim Jennings presented and discussed the East Water Tower Funding Requirements. Discussion followed. Motion by Citizen Member David Erdman, seconded by Alderperson Paul Lawrence, to approve and recommend the approval of the following:

- Waterworks System Revenue Bonds, Series 2010, and providing for other\_details and the adoption of the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$613,751 covenants with respect thereto.
- The approval of the \$1,227,502 Financial Assistance Agreement between the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Department of Administration

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and the City of Stoughton to award financial assistance from the Safe Drinking Water Fund Program.

 The acceptance of the Engagement Letter with Quarles and Brady, LLP for the proposed issuance of \$613,751 City of Stoughton Waterworks System Revenue Bonds, Series 2010.

to the Stoughton Finance Committee and the Stoughton Common Council on January 12, 2010. Carried Unanimously.

Stoughton Utilities Ad Hoc Governance Committee: Stoughton Utilities Director Robert Kardasz presented and discussed an Ad Hoc Committee proposed by Mayor Jim Griffin to address Stoughton Utilities Governance. Members include Mayor Jim Griffin, Alderperson Paul Lawrence, Citizen Member Jonathan Hajny and Utilities Director Robert Kardasz. Discussion Followed. Motion by Alderperson Paul Lawrence, seconded by Citizen Member David Erdman, to approve the Stoughton Utilities Ad Hoc Governance Committee and recommend its approval to the Stoughton Common Council on January 26, 2010. Carried unanimously. Carried unanimously.

<u>Stoughton Utilities Declarations Of Official Intent Nos. 2010-1 Through 2010-4:</u> Stoughton Utilities Director Robert Kardasz presented and discussed the Stoughton Utilities Declarations of Official Intent Nos. 2010-1 through 2010-4:

Declaration No. 2010-1	Stoughton Utilities Electric Transruptor Project for \$502,000.
Declaration No. 2010-2	Stoughton Utilities Wastewater and Wastewater SCADA Enhancements Project for \$92,500.
Declaration No. 2009-3	Stoughton Utilities 2010 Sanitary Sewer Slip Lining Project for \$135,000.
Declaration No. 2010-4	Stoughton Utilities Electric Vegetative Management Project for \$41,000.

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Discussion followed: Motion by Alderperson Steve Tone, seconded by Citizen Member David Erdman, to approve Stoughton Utilities Declarations of Official Intent Nos. 2010-1 through 2010-4. Carried unanimously.

Stoughton Utilities Commitment To Community/Low Income Programs: Stoughton Utilities Director Robert Kardasz and Stoughton Utilities Office and Information Systems Supervisor Brian Hoops presented and discussed the Stoughton Utilities Commitment To Community/Low Income Programs. Discussion followed. It was requested that this information be forwarded to the Stoughton Courier Hub, and the results of this effort be reported back to the Stoughton Utilities Committee on February 15, 2010.

<u>Stoughton Utilities Automatic Payment Program:</u> Stoughton Utilities Director Robert Kardasz and Stoughton Utilities Office and Information Systems Supervisor presented and discussed the Stoughton Utilities Automatic Payment Program. Discussion followed.

<u>Stoughton Utilities Committee Future Meeting Agenda Item(s):</u> Stoughton Utilities and WPPI Energy green update.

Adjournment: Motion by Alderperson Paul Lawrence, seconded by Citizen Member Jonathan Hajny, to adjourn the Regular Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting at 5:20 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Erin N. Bothum Stoughton Utilities Billing and Consumer Services Technician

# **Stoughton Utilities**

# Financial Summary December 2009-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.

The electric utility earned a 5.19% rate of return which is below the authorized rate of 6.50%. Staff will evaluate options and prepare a cost of service and rate analysis in 2010. We will inform the committee if adjustments are needed to maintain equitability among customer classes.

The water utility has seen an increase in rate of return to 2.02% in the last few months of 2010. We should continue to see an increase in ROR as a result of the rate increase, effective on October 1, 2009. A second (phase II) adjustment will become effective upon completion of the East Elevated Tank.

Wastewater rates continue to be appropriate for current operations. No changes are expected for 2010.

Submitted by: Kim M. Jennings, CPA

# Stoughton Utilities Income Statement

December 2009-YTD

	Electric	Water	V	/astewater	Total
Operating Revenue:					
Sales	\$ 12,420,214	\$ 1,298,450	\$	2,110,492	\$ 15,829,156
Other	127,468	4,380		88,074	219,922
Total Operating Revenue:	\$ 12,547,681	\$ 1,302,831	\$	2,198,566	\$ 16,049,078
Operating Expense:					
Purchased Power	\$ 9,377,438	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 9,377,438
Expenses	1,400,516	713,759		881,455	2,995,730
Taxes	407,930	242,381		25,249	675,559
Depreciation	706,372	232,637		636,277	1,575,286
Total Operating Expense:	\$ 11,892,256	\$ 1,188,776	\$	1,542,981	\$ 14,624,013
Operating Income	\$ 655,426	\$ 114,054	\$	655,585	\$ 1,425,065
Non-Operating Income	325,838	154,194		23,852	503,885
Non-Operating Expense	(415,664)	(245,158)		(160,784)	(821,606)
Net Income	\$ 565,599	\$ 23,091	\$	518,654	\$ 1,107,344

# Stoughton Utilities Rate of Return

Rate of Return
December 2009-YTD

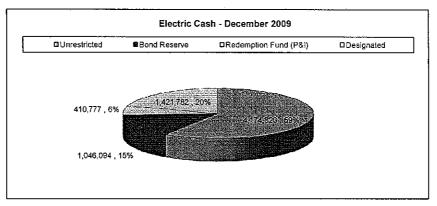
	Electric	Water
Operating Income (Regulatory)	\$ 655,426	\$ 114,054
Average Utility Plant in Service Average Accumulated Depreciation Average Materials and Supplies Average Regulatory Liability	20,605,236 (7,800,807) 135,578 (321,324)	9,257,195 (3,139,852) 34,559 (496,310)
Average Net Rate Base	\$ 12,618,683	\$ 5,655,592
Actual Rate of Return	5.19%	2.02%
Authorized Rate of Return	6.50%	6.50%

### Stoughton Utilities

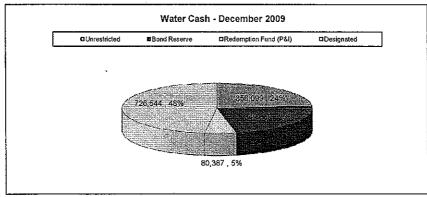
Cash & Investments

Electric Dec-09

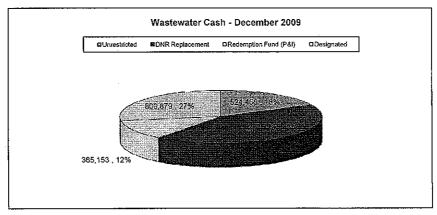
Unrestricted 4,174,820
Bond Reserve 1,046,094
Redemption Fund (P&I) 410,777
Designated 1,421,782
Total 7,053,473



Water	Dec-09
Unrestricted	358,099
Bond Reserve	349,660
Redemption Fund (P&I)	80,387
Designated	726,544
Total	1,514,690



# Wastewater Dec-09 Unrestricted 524,466 DNR Replacement 1,277,729 Redemption Fund (P&I) 365,153 Designated 809,879 Total 2,977,227



# Stoughton Utilities Balance Sheet

December 2009-YTD

Assets	Electric	Water	ww	Total
Cash & Investments Customer A/R Other A/R Other Current Assets Plant in Service Accumulated Depreciation Plant in Service - CIAC Accumulated Depreciation-CIAC Construction Work in Progress	\$ 7,053,473 1,527,901 69,805 359,115 21,430,057 (8,211,200) 2,298,029 (521,624) 50,405	1,514,690 170,209 4,454 179,324 9,609,320 (2,949,207) 5,406,105 (1,267,111) 240,812	\$ 2,977,227 (6,577) 278,606 2,400 21,646,280 (6,605,232) - - 2,408	\$ 11,545,390 1,691,533 352,866 540,839 52,685,657 (17,765,639) 7,704,134 (1,788,736) 293,624
Total Assets	\$ 24,055,962	\$ 12,908,595	\$ 18,295,111	\$ 55,259,668
Liabilities + Net Assets				
A/P Taxes Accrued Interest Accrued Other Current Liabilities Long-Term Debt Net Assets	\$ 1,071,813 258,797 85,131 204,651 7,318,539 15,117,031	\$ 9,563 228,514 15,794 125,236 2,223,672 10,305,816	\$ 40 - 25,766 117,545 5,389,112 12,762,649	\$ 1,081,415 487,311 126,691 447,432 14,931,323 38,185,496
Total Liabilities + Net Assets	\$ 24,055,962	\$ 12,908,595	\$ 18,295,111	\$ 55,259,668

# STOUGHTON UTILITIES 2009 Statistical Worksheet

Electic	Total Sales 2008 KwH	Total KwH Purchased 2008	Total Sales 2009 KwH	Total KwH Purchased 2009	Demand Peak 2008	Demand Peak 2009
January	12,814,174	12,877,726	12,528,674	12,758,970	24,290	23,808
February	11,830,563	11,874,353	10,571,338	10,791,222	23,339	22,476
March	10,497,385	11,598,139	10,411,495	10,924,959	21,724	20,628
April	10,368,260	10,558,531	9,495,456	9,712,939	20,329	18,831
May	10,367,375	10,292,490	9,562,688	9,566,446	19,182	19,032
June	11,436,709	11,946,296	10,864,926	11,370,009	26,831	31,849
July	13,582,833	13,947,963	11,178,668	11,039,571	30,650	22,759
August	12,650,529	12,672,459	10,995,140	11,799,669	27,669	25,591
September	10,561,417	11,181,395	10,105,696	10,462,828	29,139	21,873
October	10,719,301	10,620,156	10,349,669	10,361,961	19,637	18,958
November	10,195,545	10,894,393	9,899,463	10,319,121	21,497	20,903
December	12,653,674	12,743,025	13,051,859	12,327,456	24,162	23,588
TOTAL	137,677,765	141,206,926	129,015,072	131,435,151		

Water	Total Sales 2008 Gallons	Total Gallons Pumped 2008	Total Sales 2009 Gallons	Total Gallons Pumped 2009	Max Daily High 2008	Max Daily Highs 2009
January	34,438,000	40,449,000	35,308,000	38,020,000	1,622,000	1,412,000
February	33,172,000	37,487,000	32,547,000	35,089,000	1,467,000	1,514,000
March	32,675,000	40,071,000	35,418,000	38,686,000	1,487,000	1,448,000
April	33,928,000	39,643,000	35,288,000	36,844,000	1,492,000	1,401,000
May	41,380,000	45,678,000	38,050,000	37,591,000	1,760,000	1,484,000
June	33,761,000	46,730,000	34,117,000	39,112,000	2,064,000	1,538,000
July	41,201,000	49,518,000	38,823,000	39,259,000	1,902,000	1,479,000
August	40,883,000	47,515,000	33,093,000	37,175,000	1,934,000	1,470,000
September	36,283,000	53,365,000	35,868,000	39,017,000	2,163,000	1,471,000
October	39,844,000	55,010,000	35,655,000	38,448,000	2,125,000	1,537,000
November	32,318,000	50,528,000	32,526,000	36,098,000	1,902,000	1,373,000
December	35,048,000	46,902,000	37,725,000	37,796,000	1,842,000	1,558,000
TOTAL	434,931,000	552,896,000	424,418,000	453,135,000		

Wastewater	Total Sales 2008 Gallons	Total Treated Gallons 2008	Total Sales 2009 Gallons	Total Treated Gallons 2009	Precipitation 2008	Precipitation 2009
January	27,441,000	44,790,000	31,580,000	40,200,000	1.79	0.87
February	26,715,000	40,004,000	26,896,000	38,307,000	3.22	1.77
March	26,903,000	50,539,000	28,348,000	53,160,000	1.90	6.91
April	27,760,000	56,925,000	29,403,000	49,536,000	7.00	4.93
May	31,013,000	50,727,000	33,157,000	48,610,000	2.81	2.61
June	28,661,000	63,984,000	28,747,000	41,693,000	9.57	4.30
July	33,629,000	52,606,000	32,569,000	39,092,000	4.42	2.06
August	33,431,000	45,810,000	27,463,000	37,546,000	1.86	3.64
September	28,519,000	44,902,000	29,235,000	36,851,000	3.89	2.84
October	33,508,000	44,012,000	29,897,000	40,200,000	2.19	4.36
November	27,437,000	41,076,000	27,249,000	38,816,000	1.58	1.73
December	31,551,000	41,834,000	31,862,000	40,300,000	2.91	3.89
TOTAL	356,568,000	577,209,000	356,406,000	504,311,000	43.14	39.91



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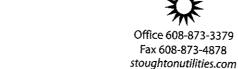
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- cc: Sean O Grady Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent







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# **News Release Stoughton Utilities**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE January 15, 2010

Contact:

Alicia Rankin, Energy Services Representative

(608) 873-3379

# Stoughton recognized for participation milestone

Residents of Stoughton were recently rewarded for their dedication to leading by example and working together to preserve the environment. WPPI Energy, the nonprofit power supplier for Stoughton Utilities, recently donated \$1,000 to the Stoughton Area School District for environmental education activities in recognition of Stoughton reaching a milestone of customer participation in its Renewable Energy Program. Pictured is Kim Jennings, Stoughton Utilities, presenting the check to Dennis Barkenhagen of SASD.

More than five percent of Stoughton Utilities' residential customers now purchase renewable energy through the program. Stoughton Utilities was recognized at WPPI Energy's annual Building Community Connections workshop in November, where WPPI Energy presented a check Stoughton Utilities staff to be used in Stoughton.

"Through the voluntary use of renewable energy, everyone can contribute to a better energy future," said Robert Kardasz, Utilities Director. "As a community, our contribution is only as strong as we make it. I commend the citizens of Stoughton for working together to support the use of cleaner energy sources," said Kardasz.





Community members in Stoughton voluntarily purchase electricity from clean, green sources through the utility's Renewable Energy Program. Customers pay \$3.00 per month for blocks of renewable energy equal to some or all of their monthly electric usage. A block is the equivalent of 300 kilowatt-hours of electricity. The electricity generated for Stoughton Utilities' Renewable Energy Program is provided by WPPI Energy and comes from a combination of wind, biogas and solar.

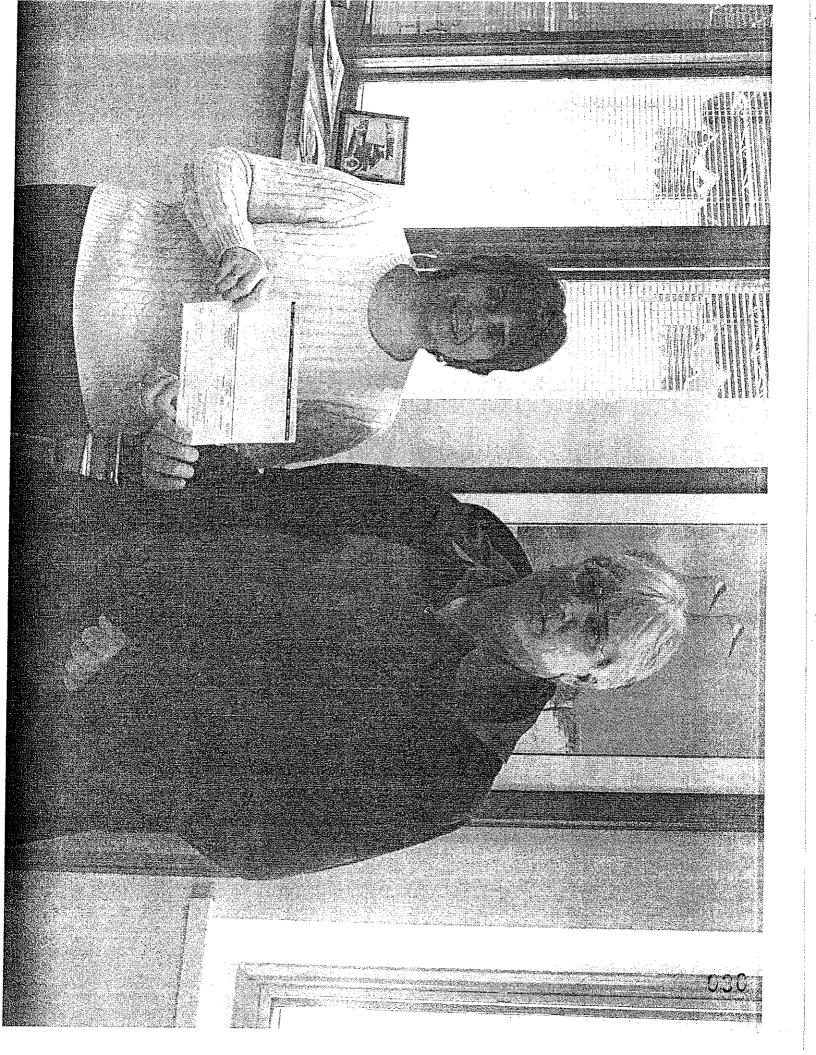
Renewable energy sold through Stoughton Utilities' program is Green-e Energy certified. Established by the nonprofit Center for Resource Solutions to provide an objective standard for consumers to compare renewable energy options, Green-e Energy guarantees the quality of the renewable energy used in certified products.

Three WPPI Energy member communities, including Lake Mills, Stoughton and Waunakee, were recognized for participation levels exceeding five percent.

"Our customers continue to understand the importance of taking action now for the benefit of our children and grandchildren," said Kardasz. "We all share a responsibility for the long-term economic and environmental health of our community, and we will continue to do our part."

The community's exemplary participation level is due, in large part, to an impressive response by local citizens to a recent challenge from Mayor Jim Griffin encouraging residents to subscribe to the program. During the course of the challenge, citizens increased their Renewable Energy Program purchases by 12 percent.

Customers seeking more information about the Renewable Energy Program can call the utility at (608) 873-3379 or visit <a href="www.stoughtonutilities.com">www.stoughtonutilities.com</a>.



# **News Release**

# **Stoughton Utilities**

January 22, 2010

Contact:

Alicia Rankin, Energy Services Representative

(608) 877-7420

# Stoughton Utilities sponsors educational performances on energy efficiency

Stoughton Utilities is sponsoring a touring theater show designed to educate young students about the concepts of energy conservation and efficiency, renewable energy and electrical safety.

The fast-paced, educational show called "Mission It's Possible" is presented by the National Theatre for Children (NTC) - the largest in-school educational touring theater company in the world. The program uses colorful sets and engaging characters to teach students about the importance of conserving energy and playing it safe around electricity.

The interactive program encourages audience participation and presents lessons in a manner that children enjoy. In the program "Mission It's Possible," Professor Dabney Wambley seeks to discover who has been wasting energy in the city. Professor Wambley works with an old colleague to pinpoint how electricity and energy is made while enlisting the help of a student volunteer to conserve energy.

The NTC tours the United States presenting educational theater in schools on behalf of sponsoring organizations. The NTC is based in Minneapolis and uses live theater, printed curriculum materials and teacher guides to educate children, teachers, adults and parents about energy conservation and electrical safety.

Local performances are scheduled for:

- February 15th at 1:00 and 1:45 at Fox Prairie Elementary.
- February 16th at 1:00 and 1:45 at Kegonsa Elementary.
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:45 and 1:30 at Sandill Elementary.
- March 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:45 and 1:20 at St. Ann School.

The performances are coordinated by Stoughton's power supplier, WPPI Energy, a regional power company serving 51 customer-owned electric utilities. In 2009, WPPI Energy members sponsored 149 shows at 98 schools, reaching more than 28,000 students.

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[NOTE TO EDITOR: This live show provides numerous photo opportunities as the performers interact with the students.]



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January 25, 2010

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### Dear Editor:

For many Stoughton families, winter can be a financially challenging time as they struggle to pay their monthly heating and electric bills. Simply by being a Stoughton Utilities electric customer, you help these families by making a small monthly contribution of \$1.33 to the Stoughton Utilities Commitment to Community Program. Although it may seem insignificant on your monthly statement, the combined total received from all customers has a significant positive impact for hundreds of Stoughton families.

- In 2008, \$66,589 was collected from Stoughton Utilities customers.
  - o \$65,725 was spent on bill payment assistance for Stoughton families.
  - o \$11,726 was spent on low-income weatherization for Stoughton homes.
- In 2009, \$65,971 was collected from Stoughton Utilities customers.
  - o \$44,992 was spent on bill payment assistance for Stoughton families.
  - o \$14,612 was spent on low-income weatherization for Stoughton homes.
- During the 2008/09 heating season, 263 Stoughton households were provided with assistance totaling \$47,138 with an average benefit of \$179. The minimum benefit was \$100.
- Thus far during the 2009/10 heating season, 141 Stoughton households have been provided with assistance totaling \$18,337 with an average benefit of \$130. The minimum benefit was \$100.

Stoughton Utilities customers with household incomes at or below 60% of the Wisconsin state median income may be eligible for electric payment assistance and basic weatherization services.

Electric payment assistance is a one-time benefit payment during the heating season (October 1-May 15) that is not intended to cover the entire cost of the seasonal electric costs, but rather to provide a little needed assistance. The goal of the weatherization program is to save energy by targeting households with an excessive energy burden and that are made up of elderly, handicapped and/or children less than 6 years of age.



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If you are aware of a family in need of financial assistance for their energy bills or basic weatherization services, you can encourage them to apply for Commitment to Community funds by contacting Energy Services, Inc. at (608) 283-7650. For more information, you can also contact Stoughton Utilities at (608) 873-3379 or at www.stoughtonutilities.com.

Sincerely,

STOUGHTON UTILITIES

Brian R. Hoops

Utilities Office & Information Systems Supervisor



KATHLEEN FALK DANE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 25, 2010

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Mr. Robert Kardasz Stoughton Utilities 600 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street Stoughton, WI 53589

Dear Mr. Kardasz.

Thank you so much for your quick reply of 1/07/010 regarding the letter you sent to me responding to the various questions on the procedures/policies and information from Stoughton Utilities. I appreciate your interest for this information being reviewed on the agenda for the 1/11/01 meeting for the Stoughton Utilities' meeting; I had another commitment at that time and date.

If I have further questions, I will contact you in the future. Thank you again for your time and effort made on this matter.

Sincerely.

Sharon Mason-Bauma

Sharon Mason-Boersma, MSSW Senior Social Worker Joining Forces for Families

Cc: Mayor Jim Griffin Stoughton Utilities Committee Chair Lu Ann Alme, City Clerk of Stoughton



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Robert Kardasz Utility Director Stoughton Director 600 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street PO Box 383 Stoughton, WI 53589-0383

Dear Bob:

I am writing to let you know that at its January 15, 2010 meeting, the Executive Committee elected to renew your three-year term on the Rates & Delivery Services Advisory Group (RDSAG). Tim Ament will contact you with additional details on upcoming meetings.

We are pleased that you have continued to volunteer for this advisory group position.

Sincerely,

Dale Lythjohan

Chair, Executive Committee

cc: Tim Ament



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# News Release Stoughton Utilities

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February 2, 2010

Contact:

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

608.877.7423

# Stoughton Utilities Donated \$3,540 In 2009

In a look back at contributions and donations made last year, Stoughton Utilities is pleased to report that, with support from power supplier WPPI Energy, it provided financial support totaling \$3,540 for community causes in 2009.

Since the inception of the community contributions program in 1998, community contributions by WPPI Energy's member utilities totals more than one million dollars, with more than \$248,000 contributed in 2009.

"Stoughton Utilities is pleased to be able to contribute to worthy local causes through our community contributions program," said Robert Kardasz, Utilities Director. "Our membership in WPPI Energy brings several benefits to local residents and businesses, making Stoughton a great place in which to live and work."

Stoughton Utilities' 2009 community contributions included:

 A \$500 Public Power Scholarship to local Stoughton High School student Lisamarie Salvitti. Ms. Salvitti is attending Viterbo University in LaCrosse.



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- A \$500 Public Power Scholarship to local Stoughton High School student Hallie
   LeMoine. Ms. LeMoine is attending the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point.
- A \$250 donation to the Stoughton Fair Association.
- A \$290 donation to the Stoughton Senior Expo.
- A \$1,000 donation to the Stoughton Area EMS for a carbon monoxide detector.
- A \$1,000 donation to the City of Stoughton economic development efforts.

Stoughton Utilities' community contributions fund was established to promote awareness of Stoughton's community-owned utility. Stoughton Utilities is a member of WPPI Energy, a regional power company serving 51 customer-owned electric utilities.

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Stoughton Utilities is a community-owned utility supplying power to 8,400 homes and businesses in Stoughton and five surrounding Townships.

#### Robert Kardasz

From: Sent:

Mike Stuart [MStuart@wppienergy.org] Tuesday, February 02, 2010 9:50 AM

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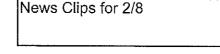
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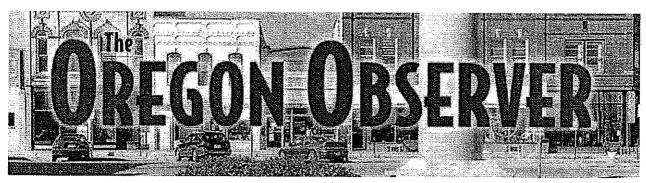
ERGS Unit 1 Milestone-

To All- After many years of work and a number of obstacles overcome, we reached a long awaited milestone this morning. Bechtel formally turned Unit 1 over to the owners. It is our unit now and WEPCO has assumed its role as the operating agent for the owners. The performance and environmental testing of the unit were completed as required by the construction contract. The results have been characterized by the WE Energies employees supervising the testing as "world class". Our power supply staff reviewed the results and agrees. This culminates very substantial amount of work over a number of years by our power supply staff and a number of other WPPI staff. The successful construction of a major baseload is a major achievement. Unit 2 is next. Construction on that unit continues. Mike

Mike Stuart Executive Vice President WPPI Energy 608.834.4556 www.wppienergy.org PRINT







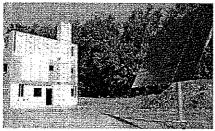
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### Rutland home has 'net zero impact' on energy resources

Thursday, February 04, 2010



At left, Stoughton Utilities director Bob Kardazs (left) presents homeowners John and Rebecca Scheller with an \$18,000 grant payment for completing their GreenMax Home. They will receive another check for \$6,000 after they have been in the home for a year. Aaron Swanum photo



under construction this summer.

Town of Rutland homeowners John and Rebecca Scheller recently completed a net zero energy home (NZEH) that combines state of the art, energy efficient construction and appliances with renewable energy systems through WPPI Energy's GreenMax Home initiative.

A NZEH is one that produces as much energy as it consumes, yielding a net zero impact on the nation's energy supply.

Through the GreenMax Home initiative, the Schellers built their home in the WPPI Energy member service territory of Stoughton Utilities and encourage others interested in reducing their carbon footprint to apply for funding under a new round of bidding,

"We're excited about our new home, and we're looking forward to achieving net zero efficiency," said Rebecca Scheller. "Our family and friends are amazed by all of the 'green' features in our house, but they're especially impressed by how the classic design of the house would allow it to easily fit into any of their own neighborhoods."

To date, two GreenMax Homes have been completed in the WPPI Energy member municipal utility service territories of Black River Falls, and Stoughton. The Schellers worked with Shaw Building & Design, Inc. and WPPI Energy to construct their NZEH, which was finished in November 2009.

Their Town of Rutland home receives electric service from Stoughton Utilities. The couple will collaborate with power supplier WPPI Energy and Stoughton Utilities to share their experiences and monitor their energy use.

In Black River Falls, after five months of recorded energy use, Tom and Verona Chambers' home continues to produce more energy than the homeowners consume, putting them on track to reach their 12-month net zero energy goal.

The Schellers used readily available building materials to demonstrate the ease of building a cost effective, highly energy efficient home. They paid careful attention to Photo shows the net zero energy home details, such as insulation and air sealing, while using standard building practices and materials comparable to most average homes today.

"The Schellers' home emphasizes one of the most important goals of the GreenMax Home initiative, which is to demonstrate practical ways that anyone can save energy at home," said Stoughton Utilities Director Robert Kardasz. "We're pleased to welcome the second GreenMax Home in the Stoughton Utilities service area and work with the Schellers to meet their net zero energy goal,"

The couple's attention to details will deliver energy savings for years to come. Among 11,000 homes tested through Wisconsin Energy Star® Home testing, the Schellers' home places in the top one percentile for air tightness.

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The Schellers' home also incorporates innovative and sustainable features, including LED lights with diming technology, two geothermal heat pumps to provide space conditioning and domestic hot water, and an onsite solar photovoltaic system.

"WPPI Energy is committed to helping customers save energy and be more efficient in their use of energy," said Senior Vice President of Customer Services and Administration Tom Paque. "We are very pleased with the proactive approach our member utilities, like Stoughton Utilities, continue to take when it comes to promoting and incorporating energy efficiency and renewable energy within their programs and services for customers."

Kardasz presented the Schellers with an \$18,000 grant payment for completing their GreenMax Home. An initial \$18,000 payment was also provided at the beginning of the project and a final \$6,000 will be awarded after the Schellers have demonstrated net zero energy use for one year. WPPI Energy will provide a total of \$42,000 in GreenMax Home funding for the Schellers' project.

The Schellers, WPPI Energy and Stoughton Utilities anticipate holding an April 2010 open house celebration in conjunction with Earth Week. In the meantime, as a new round of GreenMax Home funding is now available in WPPI Energy member communities, the couple hopes to encourage others to consider building or renovating a NZEH.

"We look forward to continuing to be responsible stewards of our Earth's resources and educating others to consider clean energy alternatives," said Scheller.

The GreenMax Home initiative encourages residents, like the Schellers and Chambers, to incorporate energy efficient and renewable energy technologies in the design and construction of their new and existing homes. To assist with such projects, WPPI Energy is now accepting competitive proposals from energy conscious homeowners and builders in WPPI Energy member service territories to help fund up to three NZEHs. Proposals for the GreenMax Home initiative are due by 4 p.m. on Feb. 26.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

WPPI Energy Directors, Alternates, Representatives and Managers

CC:

All WPPI Energy Staff

FROM:

Roy Thilly

DATE:

February 11, 2010

SUBJECT:

**Developments** 

1. <u>WPPI Renewable Energy Sale to State</u>. Recently, I sent members a special developments memo on assertions by a few legislators about WPPI making a significant "bonus premium" on the sales of renewable being made to six of our members to the state of Wisconsin. These claims are wrong and based on a misunderstanding of the WPPI/member contracts with the state, which simply passes through a portion of the output of the Forward Wind project to the state with a small mark-up.

We have met with several of the Wisconsin legislators who have raised the issue, including Representatives Huebsch, Davis and Senator Cowles, and walked through the contract. We've also have met with the State Journal reporter who wrote the initial story on the sale. We believe the issue is dead and people realize that the WPPI and its members proceeded appropriately in response to the state's RFP and that the contract pricing is reasonable. We expect that some legislators will continue to criticize the state over its renewable energy purchases, but we do not expect WPPI to be a continuing target. We have worked hard to not overreact to the initial attacks in order to avoid keeping the story alive in the media. That strategy appears to have worked.

2. <u>Conservation and Efficiency Marketing Initiative</u>. As discussed in my December Developments Memo, we are in the process of launching a major marketing initiative, in partnership with members, for our conservation and efficiency programs. We have developed great programs that should really benefit our power costs over the long term. It is essential we increase customer knowledge and use of those programs. Marketing, which is not something municipal utilities have done much of, will be key. Over the next month, staff members will be meeting with each WPPI member to help come up with a plan that fits the local community.

To give an example, last year we paid \$860,000 for the Focus on Energy programs for members and member customers took more than \$2 million out of the Focus programs. This is a great success. I believe we should seek to double this net benefit through good and conscientious local marketing. It will bring more dollars to our community, lower bills for customers and lower our long term power costs.

Our marketing effort also will focus on the commercial and industrial programs where we get the best bang for the buck in terms of kilowatt hours savings per dollar spent.

- 3. <u>Leading by Example</u>. A key element of member marketing must be showing the public that we practice what we preach. It will be very important for members to demonstrate their commitment to save energy in its municipal operations. In March, we will be getting members a document outlining best practices and key steps to demonstrate leadership by example. These steps should be simple and effective.
- 4. <u>Menasha Steam System</u>. WPPI's proposal to purchase the Menasha electric distribution system and lease it back to the City is moving forward very smoothly. The Department of Revenue has issued a requested tax ruling that WPPI will not be required to pay an in-lieu-of property tax to the state on the Menasha facilities and Menasha will be able to collect a payment in-lieu-of-tax as lessee to help pay its GO debt. The PSC has been very helpful in expediting its proceeding to approve the proposed transaction, as well as new rates for Menasha. The PSC hearing has concluded and a decision is expected shortly. The PSC staff supports the application.

Menasha has now settled its outstanding disputes with its steam customers. What remains is the important step of reaching a settlement with steam revenue bondholders. Menasha is working hard to accomplish that end.

In the meantime, we have talked with each of the rating agencies in New York about the transaction from a WPPI perspective. Moodys has affirmed our A+ rating. We will be visiting with the rating agencies in late April, as we do each year, to update them on WPPI's financial strength.

- 5. <u>New Building</u>. Please mark May 21 on your calendars for our May Board meeting. There will be an open house at our new facility on the afternoon of May 20 following our EC meeting and tours after the Board meeting for those who can't make the open house. The building project has turned out very well. We have a great working environment for WPPI for the long term.
- 6. Member Rates. Staff is working with the Executive Committee on analyzing a proposal to help moderate volatility in WPPI's wholesale rates as a result of adjustment clause swings. This issue will be in front of our Rates & Delivery Service Advisory Group later this year for a possible action for next year's rates. However, moderating swings in WPPI's adjustment clauses will not by itself provide protection against volatility in member retail rates. That volatility is tied more to changes in member load factors than it is to the adjustment clause charges that come from WPPI. There is very little that we or members can do about the load factor swings that occur due to weather and other causes.

Truing up base rates regularly and having both demand and energy adjustment clauses, rather than just an energy clause, will help members significantly on competitiveness issues for large industrial customers. Most member PCACs pass through cost increases based on energy use, but most of the cost increases that have been experienced by WPPI and other utilities over the last several years have been on the demand or fixed cost side. To the extent member base rates have not been updated, this means high load factor customers have been absorbing a disproportionate share of the fixed cost increases because of their high energy consumption. Staff will be working with members to help correct this situation. The problem hurts competitiveness comparisons for members unnecessarily.

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- 7. <u>CEO Succession Plan</u>. The Executive Committee remains on track to provide all members and staff at the end of this month with the detailed plan and procedure that will be used by the Executive Committee to select a new CEO later this year.
- 8. Federal and State Legislation. The APPA's Annual Legislative Rally in Washington will be held at the end of this month. This is a very important event. We are very pleased that a number of mayors and village board presidents, as well as commissioners and utility managers, will be attending. Congress continues to consider climate change legislation, including a cap and trade program. While we do not expect a climate change bill to move this year, we do expect there to be continuing debate and development of legislative proposals. Some form of greenhouse gas regulation is likely to be imposed in the future. It is very important that we influence the structure of any such regulation. WPPI is promoting a resolution that will put APPA firmly in support of protecting utilities that are dependent on fossil fuels in any such legislation. This is very important.

On the state front, the Global Warming Task Force bill continues to be debated. It is called the Clean Energy Jobs Act. We continue to work with moderates on both sides of the debate to fashion legislation consistent with WPPI's strategic plan.

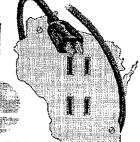
9. New Employee. Charles Cooper will join WPPI on March 8 as a new system operator.

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# State utilities meeting renewable goals

Back in December we noted that many states are missing or on course to fall short of their mandated renewable energy standards, and some have written their laws so goals can be met without really adding renewable capacity. But Wisconsin's Public Service Commission (PSC) now says this state's electricity providers are performing as well or better than they're required to in fulfilling their renewable obligations.

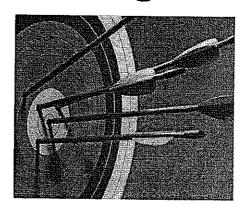
Our December item—based on a survey conducted last fall by USA Today—reported that of the 35 states that have adopted some version of a renewable portfolio standard (RPS), nine weren't making the grade.

A little more than two weeks later, the PSC came out with its own report, painting a much

different picture here in Wisconsin.

Reviewing utility performance through the end of 2008, the commission found all 118 electricity providers in Wisconsin meeting their RPS requirement and 112 exceeding it. That creates excess renewable resource credits that can be banked and used to ensure compliance in future years, the commission explained.

Current Wisconsin law requires Wisconsin retail electricity providers to obtain 10 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2015. In 2008, the commission said, they increased the amount of renewable electricity by nearly 1 percent. The state's utilities are now about halfway to meeting the 2015 requirement, with nearly 5 percent of the state's electricity being renewably sourced.



PSC Chairman Eric Callisto hailed the findings, stating, "Not only are Wisconsin's electric providers producing cleaner energy using more homegrown sources, they have a head start if new renewable energy requirements become law."

They will find that head start useful if recommendations from Governor Doyle's Task Force on Global Warming are enacted. (They were in the midst of public hearings at press time and could reach the state Senate and Assembly floors this month.)

The pending proposals would accelerate the 10-percent target to 2013, and set a more ambitious goal of 25-percent renewable by 2025.

In addition to the 90-turbine, 207-megawatt Glacier Hills Wind Park just approved by the PSC and noted elsewhere in this edition, recent additions to renewable capacity now on line or soon to come include:

- Wisconsin Public Service Corporation's 99-megawatt Crane Creek Wind Farm;
- Wisconsin Power and Light's 200megawatt Bent Tree Wind Farm, expected on line this year; and
- The Bay Front Biomass Gasifier, owned by Xcel Energy's Northern States Power Wisconsin affiliate and expected on line in 2012.

# New wind farm okayed

The Public Service Commission (PSC) said yes last month to a WE Energies request to build a 90-turbine wind farm covering some 27 square miles in the Columbia County Towns of Randolph and Scott. The facility, estimated to cost from \$335 million to \$435 million, is expected to produce a maximum of 207 megawatts of power.

Not made a part of the decision was an earlier request from Chicagobased wind developer Invenergy, which had asked the commission to make approval of the Glacier Hills Wind Park contingent on WE Energies providing up-front financing for Invenergy's pending Ledge wind project in Brown County.



Invenergy cited uncertainties about developers being able to follow through with projects when they lack the continuous revenue stream available to public utilities like the Milwaukee-based WE Energies that are able to build projects on their own.

Invenergy has been involved in several Wisconsin wind projects now feeding power into the grid. Upon completion, Glacier Hills will be Wisconsin's biggest wind farm according to PSC Chairman Eric Callisto, who added that the approval "will not only provide the state with a facility that will increase the capacity of generation from wind by 30 to 46 percent, but will also allow the utility to provide needed renewable and low-carbon energy to meet future [renewable energy] requirements."

Construction at the Columbia County site is expected to begin this spring with completion late next year.

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First! Coalition—a broad-based alliance of local governments, small businesses and farmers, environmental groups, labor and consumer groups, retirees and low-income families, municipal electric utilities, rural electric cooperatives, wholesale suppliers, and an investor-owned utility. Customers First! is a coalition dedicated to preserving Wisconsin's reliable and affordable electricity.

If you have questions or comments about THE WIRE or the Customers First! Coalition, please call 608/286-0784.



### **KEEPING CURRENT**

With CFC Executive Director Matt Bromley



It only took three decades, but significant reform of the nation's freight rail policy is finally gaining ground in Congress. In December, Senator Jay Rockefeller (D-West Virginia), chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation and four of his committee members—two Republicans and two Democrats—unveiled legislation that they said will "address longstanding competitive imbalances for shippers by increasing rail competition, strengthening federal oversight, and improving shippers' access to regulatory relief." The package of reforms, negotiated between Rockefeller and his colleagues over the last several months and introduced as the Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization Act of 2009 (S. 2889), was quickly and unanimously approved by Rockefeller's committee on December 17.

For many Wisconsin rail shippers and consumers, this couldn't some soon enough. Deregulation of the railroad industry in 1980 led to massive consolidation of rail carriers that resulted in fewer



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competitive transportation options available to shippers. In many parts of the country, including Wisconsin, there is only one railroad that a utility, paper manufacturer, agricultural producer, or other business that relies on rail can "choose." And without effective oversight and regulation, the railroads have been able to exercise their market power over these captive shippers—charging excessive rates and providing inadequate service. In fact, a study released in 2009 by the Consumer Federation of America claims railroads overcharge consumers \$3 billion a year as a result of monopoly pricing power.

S. 2889 is a good first step toward improving the rail-shipper imbalance. It expands and strengthens the federal Surface Transportation Board (STB) to ensure that the board will become more pro-active and

responsive to captive rail customer problems. It also improves customer access to competing rail systems through reciprocal switching, mandatory quoting of bottleneck rates to captive rail customers, and establishing a process at the STB for removing existing paper barriers and a ban on future paper barriers. (Paper barriers are "tying" agreements between a major railroad and a short-line railroad requiring all traffic on the short line to use the major railroad even if the short line has access to a competing major railroad.)

As of this writing, the legislation does not include a repeal of the railroads' antitrust exemptions, a major objective for rail customers that's being pushed in Congress by Senator Herb Kohl and Representative Tammy Baldwin. Rockefeller vowed to work with Kohl to see what antitrust language can be added to S. 2889 before it is considered by the full Senate. That's good news because the reforms put forth by the Commerce Committee will be stronger if backed by the full force of the nation's antitrust laws—laws that are fundamental to consumer protection.

# Gas demand to grow—maybe

An international energy market monitoring agency sees factors that could put an end to slack demand and comparatively low prices for natural gas—unless those factors end up prompting temporary overproduction.

The International Energy Agency (IEA) predicted near the end of 2009 that demand will begin growing again this year, but the prediction is based on an assumption that worldwide economic growth will resume. There are signs of that happening but the situation remains fluid. A second unknown in the forecast is the intensity of climate policy initiatives by worldwide

governments, the IEA said.

Climate policies that prompt an accelerated shift away from other fuels and meeting a bigger share of electric generation fuel requirements with natural gas would be expected to drive up demand. However, the IEA said such moves could prompt increased development of unconventional gas resources in North America and contribute to a "glut" over the near term.

Bottom line: Natural gas prices may be going up—unless they don't. The forecast was contained in the IEA's "World Energy Outlook 2009."

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# Senators want market scrutiny

Pennsylvania's two U.S. Senators, seeing electricity rates spiking with the expiration of legislated price caps, have asked federal regulators to examine whether deregulated wholesale power markets are performing in the best interest of consumers.

The theme here is not especially new. A number of stakeholders, the American Public Power Association prominent among them, have repeatedly questioned whether wholesale power markets operated by regional transmission organizations (RTOs) have been performing in the best interest of end-use electricity customers.

What <u>is</u> new is that both senators from Pennsylvania are now telling the head of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission they want his agency to do more than it's done so far to assert the consumer's interest.

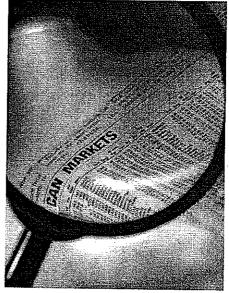
Specifically, Sens. Robert Casey, Jr. and

Arlen Specter have asked FERC Chairman Jon Wellinghoff to "undertake a substantive and comprehensive investigation... to determine whether PJM [Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Maryland] Interconnection and the other RTO-run markets are producing just and reasonable rates, and if not, to take the steps necessary to protect consumers."

"In the decade since electricity markets have been deregulated," the senators wrote, "rates have increased substantially compared to regions that did not deregulate and have posed greater hardships on consumers."

Wholesale power costs are passed directly on to end-use consumers, the senators note, citing a recent Penn State study warning, "Tens of thousands of jobs could be lost as businesses trim costs or shut down altogether to move to states with cheaper power."

Casey and Specter said the wholesale



markets "do not appear to be sufficiently competitive and thus have resulted in excessively high electricity rates for consumers and insufficient infrastructure investments to support future reliability."

They cited data analysis by the federal Energy Information Administration showing electricity rates "remain higher in deregulated states than in regulated states, and that this price disparity is increasing every year."

The Federal Power Act declares the intent to ensure a "complete, effective, and permanent bond of protection" from wholesale electric rates that go beyond what is "just and reasonable," they said.

# Texas regulators penalize suppliers

Fast exits from the Texas market in 2008 are proving to be a costly move for a pair of former retail electricity providers. The state's Public Utility Commission has announced it's fining them a total of almost \$4 million.

The Texas PUC announced the penalties in mid-January, faulting National Power Company, Inc., of Houston and Pre-Buy Electric, LLC, of Grapevine for multiple failures, including failure to refund customer deposits and failure to furnish information needed to transfer customers to other service providers.

Several retail power providers bailed out of



Texas markets over the course of a few weeks during the summer of 2008 when sharply rising wholesale electricity prices made it impossible for them to honor customer contracts without losing money.

The PUC was in the preliminary stages of

similar proceedings against a third provider that quit the market.

The Texas commission has been faulted for the low percentage of customer complaints resulting in disciplinary action against power providers. A mid-January PUC statement announcing the actions against National Power and Pre-Buy said these were the first enforcement orders for 2010 and that 16 such orders, including more than \$4.3 million in penalties, were issued last year.

# More cow power on the grid

Dairyland Power Cooperative has inked an agreement with a Clark County dairy farm to provide more manure-based electricity—the fifth such project on the La Crosse-based generation and transmission cooperative's system.

The co-op announced last month it had signed an agreement with Bach Digester LLC to purchase the energy and capacity from a new anaerobic digester at Dorchester, in Clark County. Owner Steven Bach's dairy operation is on the distribution lines of Taylor Electric Cooperative.

The digester breaks down cow manure, yielding methane gas that is then used to fuel an on-site generator. The facility at the 1,200-cow dairy farm is expected to generate about 300 kilowatts, enough to power more than 200 average homes.

"We continue to seek opportunities to

expand our renewable resources and appreciate working with Steven Bach and Taylor Electric to bring this environmentally friendly energy resource to our members," said Bill Berg, Dairyland president and CEO.

Dairyland owns three digester facilities, at Elk Mound, La Farge and Rice Lake.

## Energy saver tip

Efficient air circulation is a key to coldweather comfort. A quick check of hot air registers and cold air returns to make sure they're clear and not blocked by drapes or furniture will help your furnace do its job more easily and might even allow you to be comfortable at a lower thermostat setting.

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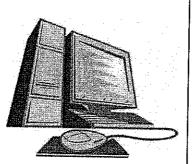
### **Customers First!**

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# **Quotable Quotes**

"However, our home state is just one example of how wholesale markets have not produced the benefits of competition promised at the inception of their deregulation plans and instead have hurt consumers and the economy."

—U.S. Senators Robert Casey, Jr. and Arlen Specter (both D-PA), in a letter asking the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and Chairman Jon Wellinghoff to scrutinize the performance of regional wholesale electricity markets, dated December 18, 2009

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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Date:

February 11, 2010

To:

Stoughton Utilities Committee

From:

Robert P. Kardasz, P.E.

Stoughton Utilities Director

Subject:

Stoughton Utilities Committee 12-Month Calendar.

The following calendar is provided for information and discussion.

February 15, 2010

Regular Meeting - Discuss Stoughton Utilities 2009

Accomplishments

February 22-24, 2010

American Public Power Association Legislative Rally in

Washington, D.C.

March 15, 2010

Regular Meeting at the wastewater treatment facility -

Stoughton Utilities Tax Stabilization Dividends Discussion

and Approval

March 23, 2010

Common Council - Accept Stoughton Utilities Tax

Stabilization Dividends Recommendation

March 24-26, 2010

Wisconsin Rural Water Association Annual Conference in

Green Bay

April 19, 2010

Regular Meeting - Stoughton Utilities 2009 Annual Audit and Management Letter Presentation - Review Drinking

Water Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) - Annual Stoughton Utilities Goals Discussion and Approval - Review Wisconsin Public Service Commission Annual

Electric and Water Reports

April 29, 2010

GreenMax Home Open House

April 27, 2010

Common Council Meeting - Stoughton Utilities 2010

Annual Audit Presentation and approval





May 2-8, 2010	Drinking Water Week	
May 5, 2010	WPPI Energy Orientation Meeting	
May 17, 2010	Regular Meeting - First Regular Meeting after the Common Council Reorganization Meeting - Elect Committee Chair and Vice Chair - Annual Studies Discussion and Presentation - Tour Stoughton Utilities Building	
June 9-11, 2010	Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW) Annual Conference in Green Bay	
June 15, 2010	Regular Meeting - Discussion Approve and recommend the proposed non-represented employee compensation adjustments to the Personnel Committee and the Common Council - Approve and recommend the Wastewater Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) and Resolution to the Common Council - Stoughton Utilities Green Energy Discussion	
June 22, 2010	Common Council Meeting - Approve Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) and adopt corresponding resolution	
July 19, 2010	Regular Meeting	
August 16, 2010	Regular Meeting - Tour East Electric Substation	
September 8-9, 2010	Municipal Electric Utilities Of Wisconsin (MEUW) Fifth Annual Lineman's Rodéo in Kaukauna	
September 13, 2010	Regular Meeting - Approve and Recommend the Proposed Stoughton Utilities 2011 Budget to the Common Council - Approve and recommend the Twenty-Year (2011-2030) Stoughton Utilities Capital Projects Program to the Common Council - Tour Well No. 5 and Reservoir	
September 16-17, 2010	WPPI Energy (WPPI) Annual Conference in Green Bay	
October 5, 2010	WPPI Orientation	
October 6-8, 2010	Wisconsin Wastewater Operators Association (WWOA) Annual Conference in Wisconsin Dells	
October 17, 2010	Special Meeting - Conduct Hearings for the 2009 Tax Roll Nomination	0.40
October 17, 2010	Regular Meeting	049

Regular Meeting

October 17, 2010

November 9, 2010

Common Council Meeting - Approve 2011 Budget and Twenty-Year (2011-2030) Capital Projects Program

November 15, 2010

Regular Meeting

December 17, 2010

Stoughton Utilities Holiday Open House

December 20, 2010

Regular Meeting

January 17, 2011

Regular Meeting - Approve Declarations of Official

Intent(s)

cc: Sean O Grady

Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent



# Stoughton Utilities Activities Reports

### January 2010

### ADMINISTRATION - Utilities Director Robert P. Kardasz, P.E.

Seasonal activities continued on the electric and water distribution systems, the sanitary sewer collection system, and in the office where your staff continues to work with customers fulfilling their financial obligations. Electric system vegetative management, sanitary sewer televising, water main corrective work, and cold weather maintenance continued as scheduled. It is of interest to note that electric consumption was down only 6% in 2009 from 2008: water consumption was down only 2%, and wastewater discharge was the same from our customers. Sales trended higher in December boding well for a stronger local economy.

### ACCOUNTING - Kim M. Jennings, CPA

### Accomplishments:

- Work order processing and closing.
- Provide data for Safe Drinking Water Loan Program for closing on Jan. 27, 2010.
- Completed year end audit schedules and hosted audit fieldwork Jan. 12 Jan.
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- Completed year end financial statements and submitted to Baker Tilly for review and opinion.
- · Investment sales/purchases and income tracking.
- Monthly account reconciliation, reporting and billing statistics for December 2009.

### In Progress:

- Reviewing procedures for work order estimates.
- Reviewing reporting requirements for ARRA funding recipients.
- Reviewing internal control procedures for billing, accounting, information systems and customer service.
- Preparing state and federal reports (PSC Annual Report, Gross License Fees Report, EIA-861, part of Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (wastewater)).
- Monthly account reconciliation and reporting for January 2010.

### <u>CUSTOMER SERVICES AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES DIVISION – Utilities</u> <u>Office and Information Systems Supervisor Brian R. Hoops</u>

### **Activities & Accomplishments:**

- Brian Hoops attended a WPPI Energy information technology advisory group meeting. The next meeting has been scheduled for early March.
- Brian Hoops has begun the 2010 information technology system upgrades. Our Barracuda web filter was recently configured and placed in service and is currently running in 'Audit' mode to gather user data. Once enough data has been gathered, user policies will be configured to further protect our internal network against viruses and malware. The Barracuda appliance replaces the Websense software we had been using since 2003.
- Brian Hoops and Enecia Sabroff completed work on a new brochure that details our payment and collection policies and procedures. This brochure will be printed and distributed to customers and assistance agencies prior to the end of the winter moratorium.
- Enecia Sabroff continues to pursue residential payment deposits from customers
  who have shown their payments to be unreliable. To date, we have collected
  approximately 20% of the requested deposits. Additional requests will be mailed
  in February for customers who have not paid since the beginning of the winter
  moratorium.
- Enecia Sabroff issued 10-day disconnect notices on delinquent commercial accounts. New deposits will be required for all commercial customers that are continuously delinquent.
- Enecia Sabroff has been submitting delinquent final-billed customer accounts to our collection agency, Professional Placement Services, LLC (PPS). PPS will continue to attempt to collect the balances owed on these accounts, and will submit the customers to the Wisconsin D.O.R. TRIP program as necessary.
- Erin Bothum completed the monthly utility billing, as well as issued 74 finalbillings for customers who have moved from their current account
- Erin Bothum assumed responsibility for loading the automated meter reading system prior to reading, as well as unloading and reviewing the data once reading is complete.
- Shannon Gunsolus completed all the necessary year-end tasks and worked diligently to achieve a smooth annual January audit.
- Numerous requests have been received for electric and water disconnections at foreclosed and vacant properties. Several reconnections have been completed due to sales of vacant properties.
- Staff processed 7,690 payments totaling \$1.48 million, including 4,749 checks, 765 credit cards, 1,711 ACH payments, and \$12,300 in cash.
- Staff processed utility billing and collections, accounts payable, payroll, and daily cash deposits.

 The division's 2010 calendar has been created and contains all billing, collections, and accounting scheduled tasks. All summer disconnect activity will follow this schedule barring any heat-related delays.

### <u>LINE DIVISION AND PLANNING DIVISION – Utilities Operations Superintendent Sean O Grady</u>

**East Side Elevated Tank Project:** All underground and concrete work has been completed and is ready for the tank installation latter this year.

<u>Substation Maintenance</u>: AC Engineering has completed our Substation Equipment Preventative Maintenance work. A report will be filed in February. Due to inclement weather, we have delayed the capacitor maintenance schedule until March.

<u>West Substation Property</u>: Staff has been exploring options to rent, subdivide the property or demolish the farm house. If we demolish, we would like to work with the local Fire Department with a controlled burn/training exercise.

<u>Strand and Associates</u>: Staff continues to work with Strand's office developing plans and specifications for two water main projects. One is a new addition on the East side of Town and the other is a joint replacement project with the City located along South Van Buren Street. A bid opening for the East Side Project is scheduled for February 4, 2010.

**North American Fur Auction:** With the recent refrigeration addition to the facility, this customer has joined the ranks of our industrial accounts. With the new designation, this customer will receive additional support and incentives from funding through Stoughton Utilities Commitment to Community, Focus on Energy, and WPPI Energy.

<u>CTH N Bridge Replacement Project:</u> Our overhead electric distribution system was recently placed back in service. This distribution line was re-routed and de-energized over the river to facilitate a safe deck replacement by the County.

**RP3:** For a third time, the American Public Power Association has awarded Stoughton Utilities with the RP3 Platinum designation. Congratulation to everyone for another successful application and continued dedication to the quality of services our customers have been accustom to.

Black Hawk Credit Union: Staff continues to work with the developer on design and costs for extending electrical service.

441 Business Park Circle: Permanent electric service was placed on top of the ground temporarily and will be trenched in sometime this spring. This is our first new customer in 2010.

<u>Stellar Services:</u> Utilities staff worked with the general contractor to install the underground three-phase primary cable located in a conduit. The general contractor battled with over three feet of frost digging our trench route. Temporary electric service was provided off the three-phase transformer for construction.

**Faith Technologies:** Contractors continue to collect data for our Arc Flash policy for all three utility divisions. When complete, staff will receive training on whose qualified and what PPE is required to work on energized equipment. This policy is not only for our staff, it also protects contractors working on our system.

<u>Sun Dance Cleaning Services LLC.</u> Restroom cleaning along with our lobby will be maintained by Sun Dance Cleaning Services LLC twice weekly. The first two weeks are provided at no cost and no contractual obligation is required.

### <u>WASTEWATER DIVISION – Utilities Wastewater System Supervisor Brian G.</u> <u>Erickson</u>

Staff continues to work on miscellaneous projects throughout the plant. Painting, rebuilding equipment and preventive maintenance.

2010 Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project: The bidding documents have been completed. I anticipate advertising for this project in February and awarding the contract in March.

Air Compressor modification: We have completed the modification to the compressor and piping. The data retrieved from the voltage recorder estimates a yearly saving of \$400.00 this project cost roughly \$900 to complete.

Working with a local Industry on there discharge loadings from their facility to the Wastewater Plant.

Yearly Confined Space Rescue Training: The training and requirements for our rescue team are very extensive. Each person on the team must pass a yearly respiratory physical, get fit tested with a (SCBA) Self contained breathing apparatus, trained in CPR and First Aid, yearly review of our current written program and perform a mock rescue wearing the required SCBA equipment. The equipment used in the rescue must be inspected monthly and sent in yearly to the manufacture for inspections. This is required by law for everyone who enters a confined space.

The precipitation for the month was 0.84 inches. Total snow fall for the month was 6.3 inches

The wastewater treatment facility processed an average flow of 1.3 million gallons per day with a monthly total of 39 million gallons.

### WATER DIVISION - Utilities Water System Supervisor Roger M. Thorson

Staff is busy working with our Utilities Accountant on figures for our year-end reports for the Public Service Commission and yearly audit.

Staff is also busy working on changing out and testing our larger water meters, working on interior maintenance at our well houses and pumping equipment.

We repaired only one water main break in January, which is not bad for this time of year. There were no really long cold stretches in January. Weather was good to us last month.

Water staff participated in a classroom safety session on Confined Space Entry procedures.

We continue working on water system map upgrades and additions.

### <u>ENERGY SERVICES SECTION OF THE PLANNING DIVISION - Stoughton</u> Utilities/WPPI Energy Energy Services Representative Alicia Rankin

### **January Activities**

- Stoughton Trailers has been approved for an energy efficiency incentive from WPPI Energy for a compressed air upgrade project. The project is expected to reduce the facility's on-peak demand and energy usage by 40 kW and 502,000 kWh/yr respectively.
- The Energy Center of Wisconsin (ECW) is working with reps from Movin' Out on the City's housing development project under WPPI Energy's New Construction Design Assistance Program. The ECW will likely do full energy modeling for this project.
- SU donated \$1,000 to the school district to be used for occupancy sensors in one of the gyms. The money was awarded to Stoughton Utilities by WPPI Energy for exceeding 5% participation in the Renewable Energy Program. A news release was sent to the Courier Hub.
- Met with Dennis Barkenhagen from the school district to discuss new programs and potential projects. The district is considering several energy-related projects for 2010 and 2011. Will pursue energy efficiency for those projects that may qualify under SU's programs. Dennis also expressed interest in an alternative energy project at one of the schools.
- A news release was sent to the Courier Hub listing dates and times for the National Theatre for Children shows scheduled at Stoughton elementary schools in February and March.

### **February Objectives**

 Meet with the rest of the large power customers to distribute new program marketing materials and identify possible energy efficiency projects.

Dates at Stoughton Utilities in January: 7, 15, 20

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

### **Accomplishments**

### Training

- Prepared training for the topic of Confined Space Entry
- Prepared for Confined Space Entry Rescue Training
- Completed training on the topic of Confined Space Entry

### Audits/Inspections

Audited safety training records, written programs and inspection data

### Compliance/Risk Management

- Reviewed Tailboard forms
- Reviewed/filed Excavation/Trenching Forms
- Enter CE's into database
- Provided assistance setting up First Aid/CPR training
- Reviewed Hearing Audiograms
- Continued revisions on Confined Space Written Program
- Completed incident investigations
- Completed Incident log for 2009
- Completed APPA Safety Award Entry
- Updated Material Safety Data Sheet Book

### Goals & Objectives

#### Training

- Complete all DCOMM regulated training topics
- Train on the topic of Confined Space Entry Rescue

### Audits/Inspections

- Inspect all Crews periodically to ensure safety compliance
- Perform facility inspections in all Stoughton Utilities facilities

### Compliance/Risk Management

- Audit Energy Control Procedures in the Control of Hazardous Energy Procedure
- Review and update Stoughton Utilities Written Safety Programs

Scheduled dates MEUW SCRSC Safety Coordinator, Chris Belz, was at Stoughton Utilities: January 4 and 25

Please visit us on our website at <u>www.stoughtonutilities.com</u> 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:

February 11, 2010

To:

Stoughton Utilities Committee

From:

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

Subject:

Status Of Stoughton Utilities Committee December 14, 2009 and January

11, 2009 Recommendations To The Stoughton Common Council.

• Approved the Stoughton Utilities Committee recommendation to approve the Payments Due List.

- Approved the Stoughton Utilities Committee recommendation to approve and adopt the resolution and sale of Waterworks System Revenue Bonds for the East Water tower Project.
- Approved the Stoughton Utilities Committee to create a Stoughton Utilities governance ad hoc committee.
- Denied the Stoughton Utilities Committee and Stoughton Personnel Committee recommendations to increase the compensation of the Utilities Office and Information Systems Supervisor.

cc: Sean O Grady Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent





Date:

February 11, 2010

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To:

Stoughton Utilities Committee

From:

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

Subject:

Stoughton Utilities RoundUp Program.

On February 20, 2006, the Stoughton Utilities Committee approved the RoundUp Program for our customers. Under this program, when a Stoughton Utilities customer voluntarily enrolls, they agree to "roundUp" their utilities bill to the next highest dollar amount. A summary of the tax-deductible contribution is provided on the customer bill each January. Each of the current 428 program participants will contribute about \$6.00 per year, and funds will be raised each year to be awarded by the Stoughton Utilities Committee bi-annually to qualifying applicants that register with us to allow our customers to support local charities, and individuals. On July 14, 2008, the Stoughton Utilities Committee established the following additional qualifying criteria:

- Qualifying applicants include individuals providing community service, community service organizations, organizations providing disaster relief, educational organizations, organizations providing service to youth, and advocates for the environment.
- Applicants must apply or reapply annually in writing.
- Applicants may only be eligible as a recipient once each calendar year.

### Past recipients of funds include:

- Friends of the Stoughton Area Youth Center \$1,000 June 18, 2007
- Friends of the Stoughton Area Youth Center \$550 January 14, 2008
- Shalom Holistic Health Services \$550 January 14, 2008
- American Legion Post 59 \$1,100 June 16, 2008
- Stoughton Wellness Coalition \$1,100 December 15, 2008
- Martin Luther Christian School \$1,100 July 20, 2009

Qualifying applications for 2009 are enclosed from the following candidates:

- American Legion Post 59
- Friends of the Stoughton Area Youth Center
- Preserve America
- Shalom Holistic Health Services
- Stoughton Wellness Coalition

It is requested that the Stoughton Utilities Committee donate \$1,100.00 to the applicant(s) of your choice at the February 15, 2010 Meeting.





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Date:

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To:

Stoughton Utilities Committee

From:

Robert P. Kardasz, P.E.

Stoughton Utilities Director

Subject:

Proposed Rental Of Stoughton Utilities Agricultural Land.

Stoughton Utilities owns agricultural land along McComb Road and STH 138. Mr. Stanley A. Mabie of 3234 STH 138 has been renting the 12.2 acres of agricultural land for cropping for \$600 per year. Mr. Mabie has requested to rent the land from 2010 through 2013 for \$600 per year.

It is recommended that the Stoughton Utilities Committee approve the rental of the 12.2 acres of agricultural land for cropping to Mr. Stanley A. Mabie for 2010 for \$600, and that subsequent negotiations occur annually until such time that the land is to be used for other purposes.

cc:

Stanley A. Mabie

Sean O Grady Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent





Date:

February 11, 2010

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To:

Stoughton Utilities Committee

From:

Robert P. Kardasz, P.E.

Stoughton Utilities Director

Subject:

Request To Participate In The WPPI Energy/Stoughton Utilities Shared Savings

Program From The St. Vincent DePaul Store Located At 111 W. Jefferson St.

The Shared Savings Program provides for Stoughton Utilities to offer an advance payment for energy cost savings related to an energy efficiency project to eligible retail customers. The advance payment is based on energy savings achieved over a 60 month period.

The referenced project consists of the installation of 90 fixtures of HPT8 lighting upgraded fixtures. The project cost is \$9,400, minus a customer \$675 contribution and a \$536 Focus and Energy Rebate; yielding an advance payment of \$8,189. The retail customer will repay the advance payment in installments on the customer's retail electric bill over 60 months at a 2% annual interest rate. WPPI Energy and Stoughton Utilities will equally share the risk, and if the customer defaults, Stoughton Utilities' risk would be up to \$4,095.

It is requested that the Stoughton Utilities Committee approve the \$8,189 advance payment from Stoughton Utilities for the St. Vincent DePaul Store energy efficiency project.

cc:

Sean O Grady

Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent

Brian R. Hoops

Stoughton Utilities Office and Information Systems Supervisor

Kim M. Jennings, CPA

Stoughton Utilities Finance and Administrative Manager

Alicia Rankin

Stoughton Utilities and WPPI Energy Services Representative





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Date:

February 11, 2010

To:

Stoughton Utilities Committee

From:

Robert P. Kardasz, P.E.

Stoughton Utilities Director

Subject:

2009 Renewable Energy, Alternative Energy And Energy Conservation Efforts At

Stoughton Utilities (SU) And WPPI Energy (WPPI) Report.

At the January 11, 2010 Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting, Mayor Jim Griffin inquired as to the renewable/alternative energy efforts at SU and WPPI. The following information is provided for consideration:

- SU was generating hydroelectric power from three facilities along the Yahara River at Dunkirk, Stebbensville and Stoughton, and has been more recently purchasing hydroelectric power from the Yahara River Power Company at their Dunkirk Generating Station prior to SU joining WPPI. This facility generates approximately 125,473kilowatt-hours (kWhs) per month at a cost of approximately \$3,831.51. The other two facilities are shut down. The fate of the Stoughton facility is influenced by the Fourth Street Dam.
- SU has a full electric requirements contract with WPPI. WPPI has approved our purchase of electricity from the Yahara River Water Company at Dunkirk and has approved the future purchase of electricity from the Stoughton generating station if it materializes.
- SU operates a Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) and a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV).
- SU operates a solar photovoltaic (SP) awning at our administration building. This facility generates approximately 1,000 kWhs per month.
- SU customers on Nora Street and Danks Road operate SP units and sell power back to SU at the approval of WPPI and the Wisconsin Public Service Commission.
- The GreenMax Home located on Lake Kegonsa Road, one of the first net-zero energy homes in the Midwest, has two SP units and is connected to the electric distribution system. An open house will be conducted on April 29, 2010.
- One SU commercial customer on Main Street also operates a solar hot water heating system.



- SU purchases 100 blocks of renewable energy, which equates to 30,000 kWhs each month.
- At least five SU residential customers operate geothermal systems.
- 427 SU customers are purchasing 870 blocks of renewable energy, which equates to 261,000 kWhs each month. Approximately 5.7% of our residential customers participate. The national participation average is 1.5%.
- SU is under contract with WPPI to operate our standby diesel generator at our Wastewater Treatment Facility when needed. SU receives a premium payment for this commitment.
- SU installed energy-saving variable speed drives on two booster pumps at Well No. 5.
- SU operates natural gas generators at our administration building, the Autumn Crest wastewater lift station, Well Nos. 5 and 7, and the West Water Tower.
- SU has actively pursued and installed energy efficient lighting and equipment throughout our electric, wastewater and water Divisions through our Commitment to Community Program and the assistance of Focus On Energy and WPPI. Preliminary information from the installation of a state-of-the-art blower at the wastewater treatment facility indicates a 500 kWh (50% to 60%) reduction in electric usage per day. The City Hall, Fire Station, Library, Senior Center and the Streets Department have also benefited from the program. The Stoughton Area School District and numerous residential, commercial and industrial customers of SU have benefited as well. Our contribution over the last five years was \$547,740. WPPI's contributions equal \$22,902 and have resulted in 1,017,500 kWhs savings for SU customers.
- In 2008, WPPI and members achieved a system-wide energy savings of more than 34,618 megawatt-hours (MWhs) of electricity and 173,300 therms of natural gas. These programs also resulted in an overall demand reduction of 6.2 megawatts (MW).
- WPPI's preliminary projected 2010 energy portfolio consists of:

Purchased Power Contracts (69%)

WE Energies (42%)

Alliant Energy (31%)

Wisconsin Public Service (27%)

WPPI Owned Coal Generation (17%)

Market Purchases (2%)

WPPI Owned/Purchased Natural Gas (5%)

### WPPI Owned/Purchased Renewable/Alternative Energy (7%)

Renewable / alternative energy consists of purchases from the Outagamie County Landfill, wind farms in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin (Northern Iowa Wind, Forward Energy Wind, Barton Wind, and Butler Ridge Wind), and a hydroelectric generating station (Hatfield Hydroelectric) near Black River Falls.

- WPPI will loan up to \$500,000 at an interest rate of 0% to each of its members for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.
- Stoughton Utilities is seeking approval from the Wisconsin Public Service Commission to be able to loan up to \$50,000 at an interest rate of 1.99% to any SU customer qualifying with an efficiency or renewable energy project.
- The Wisconsin State Legislature has promulgated rules that establish that electric utilities must purchase 4% of their energy from renewable sources at this time and 6% by 2010 and 10% by 2015.
  - The City of Stoughton Police Department operates a NEV.
  - With the coordination of WPPI, and at the recommendation of the Stoughton Utilities, the City of Stoughton has joined the State of Wisconsin Energy Independent Community Partnership Program, which will bring renewable and alternative energy education to our area.
  - With the coordination of WPPI, and the recommendation of SU, the City of Stoughton has been recognized as a leading Green Power Community by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).
  - Stoughton Utilities launched an online Home Energy Suite on <u>www.stoughtonutilities.com</u> for residential customers to manage their home energy costs.
  - In addition to the Focus on Energy and other incentive programs Stoughton Utilities has been administering, we have added a savings challenge to the program portfolio. This program challenges participants to reduce their electricity usage in August by 15% compared to their consumption for the same month the year before. In 2009, we had 1,221 customers sign up to participate.
  - The GreenMax home on Lake Kegonsa Road is the first net-zero energy residence in the area and one of the first in the Midwest.
  - The appliance recycling program has been recognized by the USEPA as a Responsible Appliance Disposal (RAD) Program.

SU and its partners have been and continue to lead the promotion and utilization of renewable/alternative energy use in our service territory throughout Wisconsin and the nation. The development costs of renewable/alternative energy sources remains high but is anticipated to decline as

more interest unfolds. Accordingly, joint action involvement is the alternative pursued both by SU and WPPI Energy.

cc: Sean O Grady - Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent

Alicia Rankin - Stoughton Utilities/WPPI Energy Services Representative



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Date:

February 11, 2010

To:

Stoughton Utilities Committee

From:

Robert P. Kardasz, P.E.

Stoughton Utilities Director

Subject:

Stoughton Utilities Committee Ad Hoc Governance Committee.

At the November 16, 2009 Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting, City Attorney Matthew Dregne was requested to prepare a draft ordinance to be recommended to the Stoughton Common Council, consisting of the following:

- The Stoughton Utilities Committee be renamed the Stoughton Utilities Commission.
- The Citizen Members be appointed Officers of the City of Stoughton.

At the December 14, 2009 Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting, the creation of an Ad Hoc Governance Committee was placed on the agenda of the January 19, 2010 Stoughton Utilities Committee Meeting. The Stoughton Common Council subsequently approved the Stoughton Utilities Committee Ad Hoc Governance Committee on January 26, 2010.

Mayor Griffin has received commitments from Citizen Member Jonathan Hajny, Alderperson Paul Lawrence, and me to join him on the Ad Hoc Committee.

cc:

Matthew P. Dregne

City Attorney

Sean O Grady

Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent





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Date:

February 11, 2010

To:

Stoughton Utilities Committee

From:

Robert P. Kardasz, P.E.

Stoughton Utilities Director

Subject:

Stoughton Utilities Significant Accomplishments In 2009.

- Completion of Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Infrastructure Replacement Projects on Main Street, Seventh Street and Page Street. Corrected water and wastewater capacity issues associated with aging infrastructure.
- Completion of Overhead and Underground Electric Infrastructure Replacement Projects in Kegonsa Manor, Riverwood Estates and Rolling Acres Subdivisions, and installed lightning protection throughout the distribution system. Corrected problems associated with aging electric infrastructure.
- Acquisition of the future West Electric Substation Property. This property is the optimum site for a future electric substation and may serve the needs of other City Departments.
- Initiated the North Electric Substation Loop Through Project with ATC. This project is scheduled for completion in 2010 and will offer additional service opportunities when necessary.
- Completion of the East, North and South Electric Substation Rehabilitation Project. AC Engineering completed this preventative maintenance project.
- Completion of the Electric Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA)
   Upgrade Project. This project provided required improvements to both SCADA operations and communications.
- Completion of the Wastewater Treatment Facility Air Blower Project. Reduced energy costs associated with aeration tank operations.



- Completion of the Well No. 5 Variable Speed Booster Pump Project. Reduced energy costs associated with pumping water at the Well No. 5 and Reservoir Facility.
- Completion of the Well No. 5 and Reservoir Rehabilitation Project. All well pump equipment was removed from the hole and refurbished or replaced, and the reservoir was drained and rehabilitated.
- Completed Five-Year Studies for the Electric, Wastewater and Water Divisions. These studies provide an independent review of our Twenty-Year Capital Projects Program.
- Applied for three stimulus projects grants. Received a grant for the East Water Tower Project.
- Receipt of a \$631,751 grant for the East Water Tower Project. The grant covered 50% of the project and the remainder will be funded through a Safe Drinking Water Act Loan.
- Completed construction of the Stoughton Utilities Administrative Office. The project includes a number of emerging technologies.
- Deferred the replacement of a number of vehicles with at least 10-years of useful life. A review of operation and maintenance records substantiated the replacement deferrals.
- Stoughton Utilities' Commitment to Leadership By Example In The Use Of Renewable Energy. A milestone of 870 blocks of green power is purchased by our customers monthly.
- Conversion of the Electric, Wastewater and Water Infrastructure Maps to the ESRI System and the insertion of the electric continuing property records. Staff and contracted support refined this effort.
- Insertion the Electric Continuing Property Records on the Infrastructure Maps. Staff refined this effort.
- Filling of the Office Accounts Receivable Technician Position with Enecia Sabroff, the Journeyman Lineman Position with John Leigh, and the Water Operator I Position with Lawrence Scheel. All employees are receiving training and performing their responsibilities.
- Stoughton Utilities hosted approximately 400 visitors to its National Public Power Week Open House Celebration. Employees were involved with a number of safety presentations, new program explanations, and bucket truck rides.
- Applied to the American Public Power Association for the RP3 (Reliable Public Power Provider) certification for the 2010-2011 service period. This application is our staff's third application for this prestigious award. Our previous two certifications were from 2006 when the program started through 2009.

- Stoughton Utilities was recognized As a Tree Line USA Utility by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the Eighth Consecutive Year. All employees participated in achieving this honor.
- Stoughton Utilities was recognized by the American Public Power Association, the Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin, and the American Water Works Association for safe practices. All employees participated in achieving these honors.
- A net-zero energy (GreenMax) home was constructed on our electric distribution system. This home was sponsored by WPPI Energy, Wisconsin Focus on Energy, and Stoughton Utilities.
- Stoughton Utilities electric customers donated \$1,100 to the Martin Luther Christian School through the RoundUp Program. Electric customers have been making contributions to local qualifying recipients since 2007.
- In 2009, the City of Stoughton received a contribution of \$486,882 from Stoughton Utilities via Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) and Tax Stabilization Dividends. Considering that a number of electric and water infrastructure projects occurred within the City and the West Electric Substation property was annexed to the City in 2009, it is assumed that this contribution will increase to over \$500,000 in 2010.

cc: Sean O Grady Utilities Operations Superintendent



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Stoughton Utilities Committee

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

Subject:

Stoughton Utilities Employees Information.

The average length of service for the 25 Stoughton Utilities employee is 15 years. The average Stoughton Utilities Supervisor's length of service is 21 years, including serving an average of 14 years in their current supervisory position. The noted employee experience is unusually high for the utilities industry.

Don Hanson	Journeyman Electric Lineman	33 Years
Dave Zweep	Journeyman Electric Lineman	33 Years
Roger Thorson	Water System Supervisor	32 Years *
Craig Wood	Electric System Supervisor	32 Years *
Bob Kardasz	Utilities Director	30 Years *
Sean Grady	Utilities Operations Superintendent	24 Years *
Scott Grady	Utilities Engineering Technician	22 Years
Phil Linnerud	Wastewater System Operator II/Lab Tech.	21 Years
Charles Vike	Water System Operator	19 Years
Brian Erickson	Wastewater System Supervisor	16 Years *
Brian Scheel	Journeyman Electric Lineman	16 Years
Shannon Gunsolus	Utilities Account Specialist	12 Years
Bryce Sime	Journeyman Electric Lineman	11 Years
Scott Gunsolus	Wastewater System Operator II	10 Years
Larry Donaldson	Journeyman Electric Lineman	9 Years
Brian Hoops	Utilities Office/IT Supervisor	9 Years*
Marty Seffens	Utilities Water/Wastewater Operator	8 Years
Lawrence Scheel	Water Operator I	6 Years
John McLain	Journeyman Electric Lineman	5 Years
Lisa Halverson	Utilities Consumer Service Specialist	4 Years
Paul Johnson	Wastewater System Operator I	4 Years
Kim Jennings	Utilities Finance/Administrative Manager	3 Years*
Erin Bothum	Utilities Billing/Cons. Services Technician	2 Years
John Leigh	Journeyman Electric Lineman	1 Year
Enecia Sabroff	Utilities Accounts Receivable Technician	1 Year 1 Year
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 <sup>\*</sup> Supervisor







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Stoughton Utilities Committee Future Agenda Item(s).

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Sean O Grady

Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent

