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## STOUGHTON UTILITIES RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING SAFETY RECORD

Stoughton Utilities recently received a 2011 MEUW Safety Achievement Award. Sponsored by the Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW), the state association representing Wisconsin's 82 public power communities, Stoughton Utilities received the 2011 award along with 40 other community owned electric utilities in the state. The selection criteria for the award is a weighted formula that considers a utility's safety record for the past year, as well as its pro-active safety activities, such as having utility employees regularly attend safety training sessions, developing and maintaining written safety procedures, and implementing workplace injury prevention measures.

"The MEUW Safety Achievement Award emphasizes the importance of safe work habits and regular safety training, recognizing those utilities who offer regular safety training for their employees and whose employees achieve particular safe operations," said MEUW Executive Director David J. Benforado. This is the fifth year Stoughton Utilities has received this award.

"On behalf of the employees of Stoughton Utilities, we are proud to receive this safety award", said Robert Kardasz, Stoughton Utilities Director. "The employees earned this award and should be commended for their consistent dedication to safety. Our utility is dedicated to safety – it's job number one, because it's the right thing to do."

Also in April 2012, Stoughton Utilities earned the American Public Power Association's national Electric Utility Safety Award, receiving a first place award for safe operating practices in 2011.