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## News Release Stoughton Utilities

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## **Stoughton Utilities Brings Live Performance to Students**

Stoughton Utilities is working with The National Theatre for Children (NTC) to educate and inspire students and their families in Stoughton. Professional actors from the NTC will visit Fox Prairie elementary school on February 3 to perform "Showdown at Conservation Canyon," sparking conversations in classrooms on electrical safety and conservation. The program will focus on:

- How energy and electricity are made
- The uses of energy
- Ways in which energy is wasted
- How to conserve energy and electricity

"We are looking forward to partnering with NTC and the local school to provide this opportunity to students in the area," said Jill Weiss, Utilities Director. "It is great to give back to the community in a way that helps students understand how they can make a difference in energy conservation."

The live program revolves around Sheriff Carrie Gooper, who learns that the residents of Dodge Ball City have been wasting energy. With the help of student volunteers, as well as colorful characters like notorious outlaw Ron of the Cons, Carrie sets off to learn about energy and electricity and restore peace to Dodge Ball City. In addition to a live performance, the program includes digital games and activities that align with the important concepts outlined in the show. Stoughton Utilities is sponsoring the program, making the performance and materials a cost-free supplement to lessons in science, literacy and the arts.

"Live theatre is a great way to educate," says NTC president and founder Ward Eames. "The show goes beyond reading or other more passive methods of engaging kids. The children get to watch a story unfold right before their very eyes, with the two actors playing all sorts of characters. We don't lose the kids' attention for a minute, because they get to respond and interact with the show. It really sticks with them."

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## **About Stoughton Utilities**

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

## **About National Theatre for Children**

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