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# News Release

## Stoughton Utilities

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### **Stoughton Utilities Director Robert Kardasz Receives Donald L. Smith Distinguished Service Award**

MADISON, Wis. – Robert Kardasz, Utilities Director of Stoughton Utilities (SU), received the Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin’s (MEUW) Donald L. Smith Distinguished Service Award at the organization’s annual meeting June 29. This award is MEUW’s highest honor, and is bestowed in recognition of exceptional leadership in, and dedication to Public Power.

Recipients of this award are nominated by their peers. The selection criteria for the award include exceptional leadership and contributions toward attaining the goals of MEUW, enhancing the prestige of public power, exemplification of the highest ideals and finest traditions in the management of publicly owned electric utility systems, and contributions to the betterment of the community, the state, and the nation.

Kardasz was selected to receive the award for the progressive leadership he has shown throughout his 37-year career at the utility, and his continued involvement in the Public Power utility industry. His service to utility groups such as MEUW, Municipal Environmental Group (MEG), WI Rural Water Association (WRWA), WI Wastewater Operators Association (WWOA), ATC, and WPPI Energy have made him widely recognized among utilities in Wisconsin and the Midwest region.

Kardasz has been active in MEUW throughout his career in Public Power, including serving as MEUW President, serving on the Board of Directors, and participating in various committees. He has also

assisted MEUW staff and other member communities in evaluating, developing, and maintaining programs and services that are accessible to all members. Kardasz recognizes that a commitment to shaping legislation and improving operations at each utility makes the Public Power membership collectively stronger, and he remains steadfastly committed to participating in any way possible.

Stoughton Utilities has benefited in many ways from Kardasz' involvement in the electric industry. He has created a working environment that encourages safety, progress, technological advances, and efficiency. Under his direction, Stoughton has implemented numerous programs to make significant improvements in these areas, and Stoughton Utilities continues to thrive as a valuable community asset.

Kardasz displays the true spirit of the Donald L. Smith Distinguished Service Award.

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***About Stoughton Utilities***

*Founded in 1886, Stoughton Utilities is the city's locally owned, not-for-profit electric, water and wastewater utility. Utility staff strive to provide their 8,500+ customers with low-cost, reliable electric service; clean, high-quality water that meets or exceeds all state and federal standards; and state-of-the-art wastewater treatment services.*

*Stoughton Utilities has been a community Public Power provider for 126 years.*

***About Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW)***

*MEUW is the state association representing the interests of Wisconsin's 82 locally owned, locally controlled municipal electric utilities. The association has been providing service, advocacy and safety initiatives to municipal electric utilities in Wisconsin since 1928.*