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Stoughton leads nation in use of renewable energy *Program's success ranks among top ten in U.S.*

Stoughton Utilities recently earned national recognition for its leadership in the use of renewable energy. The utility ranked tenth in the nation on the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) annual list of leading utility green power programs by customer participation rate.

Based on 2016 customer participation, 5.00 percent of utility customers in Stoughton purchased green power equal to all or a portion of their electricity usage. NREL will release the 2017 national average for customer participation later this year.

"We're very grateful to our community for their enthusiastic response to our renewable energy programs," Robert Kardasz, Utilities Director said. "Making the NREL lists shows that even small communities can make a difference when we work together."

Community members in Stoughton purchase electricity from clean, green sources by participating in their utility's Renewable Energy and Green Power for Business Programs. 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. Stoughton Utilities customers can choose to purchase enough blocks to cover some or all of their energy

usage each month. This reduces the amount of energy generated by coal, oil and natural gas. The utility's renewable programs are provided through its nonprofit power supplier, WPPI Energy, and Stoughton Utilities is a member-owner of WPPI Energy.

Using information provided by utilities, NREL develops "Top 10" rankings of utility programs in the following categories: total sales of renewable energy to program participants, total number of customer participants, customer participation rate, and green power sales as a percentage of total utility retail electricity sales. The lists are compiled each year based on United States utilities' green power program performance in the previous year.

NREL is the U.S. Department of Energy's primary national laboratory for renewable energy and energy efficiency research and development. To view NREL's "Top 10" lists for 2016, visit <http://www.nrel.gov/analysis/green-power.html>.

Stoughton Utilities customers can easily enroll or increase their participation in the Renewable Energy Program by logging in to *My Account* online, or can learn more about the program and its benefits to the environment and our community at stoughtonutilities.com/renewable.