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Stoughton Leaders Tour New Renewable Energy Facility

Robert Kardasz and Sean Grady from Stoughton Utilities toured a new wastewater treatment facility and biogas digester in Richland Center, Wis., that will serve as a new resource for Stoughton's energy future.

WPPI Energy's 51 locally owned utility members jointly own generation facilities and transmission assets to ensure a reliable and affordable power supply; implement new technologies more cost effectively; and provide customers access to technical expertise and energy-efficiency programs.

Richland Center Renewable Energy, LLC (RCRE) will provide 1.7 megawatts of capacity to the WPPI Energy system. Privately owned by two major dairy processors – Foremost Farms LLC and Schreiber Foods – the facility efficiently treats wastewater from three cheese-processing plants, which reduces the pollution that would occur if waste were spread on agricultural fields. In the process, the digester captures methane that fuels two generators to produce a renewable form of energy.

The new resource adds diversity to the power supply for Stoughton and other WPPI Energy members. Nearly 14% of the community's power supply is comprised of renewable energy from

wind, solar, hydro and biogas resources. Customers may opt to purchase additional renewable energy through the utility's Renewable Energy and Green Power for Business programs.

“The tour gave us an opportunity to take a firsthand look at one of the renewable energy resources that will help provide a better energy future for our children and grandchildren in Stoughton,” said Kardasz, Utilities Director. “As part of a joint action agency, we can combine our power supply needs with those of other communities to achieve flexibility, sustainability and diversity in a way that we couldn't on our own.”

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Founded in 1886, Stoughton Utilities serves electric customers in Stoughton and the surrounding area; and wastewater and water customers in Stoughton.



Stoughton Utilities Operations Superintendent Sean Grady and Director Robert Kardasz toured the new Richland Center Renewable Energy facility in Richland Center, Wis., on June 11. The biogas digester generates renewable energy for Stoughton and other WPPI Energy member communities.