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Stoughton Utilities Takes Part in Public Power Celebration at State Capitol

On Wednesday, Oct. 18, representatives from Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW) met at the State Capitol with 108 legislators to talk about issues important to the 81 public power communities in Wisconsin, including Stoughton. The meetings took place just before a parade of more than 80+ utility vehicles and bucket trucks from utility companies across the state arrived at the Capitol Square in celebration of MEUW's 95th anniversary. The truck drivers assembled at Waunakee Utilities and traveled in a caravan to downtown Madison.

"We are proud to be owned by the community and operating to serve the residents of Stoughton," said Jill Weiss, Utilities Director at Stoughton Utilities. "We rely on MEUW to train our lineworkers and be our voice with lawmakers on issues that matter to our utility and customers. This event was a fitting way to celebrate public power."

Utilities Director Jill Weiss participated in discussions with State legislators during the event, and Stoughton Utilities lineworkers participated in the parade around the State Capitol with one of the utility's bucket trucks.

In addition to the one-on-one meetings with community leaders and the parade, state lawmakers were given the opportunity to take a lift in a bucket truck, so they could get a better idea of what it is like to do work on power lines. Other events of the day included a trade show of utility suppliers and safety demonstrations by and for MEUW members in Waunakee.

Wisconsin's 81 public power utilities, including Stoughton Utilities are locally owned, locally controlled and locally operated, enabling them to quickly respond to the needs of their communities. They operate as not-for-profits without the use of tax dollars. Municipal electric utilities are among the most affordable and reliable power providers in the state.



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

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