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Municipally-owned utilities can lead Wisconsin communities toward a cleaner energy future; Clean Energy Jobs Act introduced

The Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW) announced today that it will support the recently introduced Clean Energy Jobs Act and will work to inform its 82 municipally-owned electric utility members about the goals and policies set out by the landmark legislation.

“Public power communities are uniquely positioned to be leaders in Wisconsin as we move toward a cleaner energy future,” said David J. Benforado, MEUW Executive Director. “We applaud Governor Doyle, the Task Force and the legislative leaders on the Clean Energy Jobs Act for their vision and leadership on this important issue.”

Benforado said the work of the Governor’s Global Warming Task Force, coupled with the nearly 12 months of legislative effort to produce the bill is a tremendous accomplishment in the Wisconsin energy industry.

“There hasn’t been legislation on the energy front this significant and wide-reaching since 2000,” said Benforado. “This bill truly sets the standard for future generations in terms of energy mix, energy consumption, and energy conservation.”

For more than 80 years, MEUW has represented all of Wisconsin’s community owned electric utilities on legislative and regulatory matters, in addition to providing safety training services for lineworkers and communities.

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