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TO: Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations and Public Works and Telecommunications

FROM: Scott J. Meske, Interim Executive Director

DATE: January 24, 2013

RE: MEUW Support for PSC Commissioner Ellen Nowak's Reappointment to the Public Service Commission

The Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin serves all 82 Wisconsin communities that own and operate an electric utility, which are regulated by the PSC. Combined our utilities distribute about 11 percent of Wisconsin's electric load to nearly 280,000 residential, commercial, industrial and farm customers. MEUW offers its unconditional support for Ellen Nowak's reappointment to the Public Service Commission.

We have found Commissioner Nowak's decisions and comments on a wide variety of Commission dockets to be thoughtful and measured. We believe she brings a balanced viewpoint with her legal background, legislative and county government experience; which is necessary for reasonable decision making in the ever-changing utility industry.

For these reasons and others outlined by our utility colleagues, MEUW supports the reappointment of Ellen Nowak to the Public Service Commission for a full six year term.