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## **News Release**

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## **Stoughton Utilities and Mayor Donna Olson celebrate the value of public power**

Mayor Donna Olson recently met with Stoughton Utilities employees to proclaim July 22-28, 2012 as the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Public Power Week in Stoughton, and urged all citizens to recognize the contributions of our Stoughton Utilities employees for their dedicated electric service. Stoughton Utilities joins more than 2,000 other electric utilities nationwide, and 82 within Wisconsin, in celebrating the value of public power.

“Being a locally-owned electric utility is a valuable community asset, because unlike a privately-owned utility, our customers are our owners and have the opportunity to help influence decisions made at the local level,” said Stoughton Utilities Director Robert Kardasz. “This in turn helps ensure the utility is providing services and programs that are most important to our customers, as well as returning annual dividends to the community rather than distant stakeholders.”

To commemorate Public Power Week, Stoughton Utilities recently hosted a Public Power pool party on Thursday, July 26 at the Troll Beach swimming facility located in Mandt Park. Bucket truck rides were given to participating children at the event, customers received several free giveaways, and a drawing was held for a \$1,000 gift certificate to Quam’s Appliance & TV to be used towards the purchase of an Energy Star rated appliance. In addition, customers could register for one of Stoughton Utilities billing programs for a chance to win a \$50 bill credit.

The winner of the \$1,000 grand prize was Karen Wendt, and the three \$50 bill credits were won by Angela Lawrence, Tim Lawlor, and Peter Roy.

