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**FORMER STOUGHTON MAYOR HONORED BY
MUNICIPAL UTILITY ASSOCIATION**

(Stoughton, Wis.) – Former Stoughton Mayor Helen Johnson was recently honored by the municipal electric industry for her years of support of public power in Wisconsin and the nation.

The Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin presented the mayor with the 2009 MEUW Phillip F. LaFollette Public Official Award, given to elected officials who demonstrate leadership and support of public power.

MEUW Executive Director David Benforado said it has been a true pleasure to have had Mayor Johnson's support and involvement in public power in Wisconsin.

“The key to a successful customer-owned electric system is the support from the local leadership. Mayor Johnson certainly exemplified that leadership over the years, and we are very honored to be able to recognize her tenure as Stoughton Mayor,” said Benforado.

The award is named after Governor Phillip F. LaFollette who served as Wisconsin's 27th and 29th Governor (1931 to 1933 and from 1935 to 1939). During his administration, several significant laws were passed that supported the growth of municipally-owned electric utilities. Governor LaFollette's policies are considered largely responsible for the strength of public power in Wisconsin.

Stoughton Utilities serves approximately 8,500 electric customers, and is also a member-owner of WPPI Energy.

