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# News Release

## Stoughton Utilities

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### **Stoughton Utilities Employee Honored for Exemplary Service**

Andy Ruder was among the individuals recognized by Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW) at the association's 95th Annual Conference in La Crosse on May 15. Ruder was honored with the Excellence in Line Work Award, recognizing individuals who support the efforts of municipal utilities across the state.

"An association is nothing without the people who make it special," said MEUW President and CEO Tim Heinrich. "The individuals who are recognized by MEUW embody the mission to unify and strengthen community-owned utilities in Wisconsin. Honoring the folks who demonstrate a commitment to public power is important to our continued success."

MEUW's Excellence in Line Work Award is given to individuals for consistently demonstrating dedication to their profession as a lineworker in service to MEUW member utilities. It recognizes municipal utility employees who are committed to the trade and possess exceptional technical proficiency.

Ruder currently serves as Journeyman Lineworker at Stoughton Utilities, where he has been employed for 10 years. His commendable character, optimistic attitude and approachable demeanor contribute to a supportive team environment, promoting a culture of safety and a strong commitment to both individual careers and the team's overall success.

He regularly volunteers for activities outside of the normal workday to help support the team and community. He was also among the lineworkers who traveled to Florida in 2024 following Hurricane Milton to provide mutual aid to the Lakeland, Florida area.



*Pictured: Stoughton Utilities Journeyman Lineworker Andy Ruder (right) accepts an award for Excellence in Lineworker at the MEUW 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.*

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