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Wind Power Gaining Support in Dane County

Informational Meeting to be Held on Proposal for County's First Wind Farm

A proposal to construct Dane County's first-ever wind farm is gaining support from area groups and landowners. The plan, known as EcoDane Wind and proposed by EcoEnergy, calls for the construction of six state of the art wind turbines in the Town of Springfield located in northwest Dane County. In recent days the Dane County Farm Bureau and the environmental organization RENEW Wisconsin have announced their support for the plan.

"Dane County, with its great resources and quality of life, is projected to continue increasing in population," wrote Dane County Farm Bureau President Patrick O'Brien, in a letter of support. "This growth will outpace available energy resources. We commend you and your company, EcoEnergy LLC, for bringing this project to Dane County. We, therefore, endorse and support you in your efforts to bring a clean generating energy project to Dane County."

The EcoDane project would produce roughly 22 million kilowatt-hours per year of local renewable energy. This is enough energy to power more than 2,500 homes in Dane County.

There are many benefits to having a wind farm in Dane County. EcoDane will produce a significant amount of renewable energy that can be delivered using MG&E's existing distribution powelines. MG&E currently owns a wind project in Kewaunee County, and has plans for other projects in Wisconsin and Iowa. The EcoDane project fits nicely with MG&E's Power Tomorrow commitment to be more energy efficient today using local renewable energy.

Wind energy has more stable long-term costs than fossil fuels and unlike fossil fuels wind energy produces no harmful emissions. The EcoDane project will also help Wisconsin move toward fulfilling the mandate that 10% of the state's electricity be generated from non-polluting, renewable sources of power by 2015. Additionally, the construction of the turbines adds jobs to the local economy and the shared revenue payments from wind energy projects adds money to the local tax base.

"Wind energy is a safe way to generate clean, renewable energy that can help reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and prevent global warming," said Wes Slaymaker, V.P. of EcoEnergy Wind. "We are excited about the prospect of wind power becoming a reality

in Dane County and the early support of local leaders, environmental and farm organizations is very encouraging.”

EcoEnergy is dedicated to providing information and educational opportunities to local residents about wind power and this project. Meetings with project neighbors and opportunities to visit similar operating wind farms first hand are among the community outreach efforts planned.