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ALLIANT ENERGY NAMES NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF WISCONSIN OPERATIONS

Patricia Kampling, Alliant Energy Corporation Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, has announced that David de Leon has been named Vice President of Wisconsin Operations. In his role, de Leon will lead the company's Wisconsin energy delivery and generation operations. He will report directly to Doug Kopp, Senior Vice President of Operations.

De Leon has extensive experience in the implementation and integration of large capital projects at Alliant Energy's generating stations. He most recently served as Director of Construction and oversaw numerous Wisconsin facility performance improvements and air quality control projects.

He has been with Alliant Energy for thirty years and previously managed several generation facilities and served in numerous project engineering positions. He holds an MBA from Edgewood College in Madison, Wisconsin, and a Bachelor's Degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Wisconsin – Platteville.

De Leon is a Wisconsin Registered Professional Engineer. He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, a member of the Leadership Greater Madison Alumni Association and is involved in initiatives with the United Way of Dane County.

ALLIANT ENERGY PLANT IN NEED OF REPAIRS

One of Alliant Energy company's key power plants has been out of service since September and is in need of \$25 million in repairs. The Riverside plant outage came to light when the agenda for the state Public Service Commission meeting was recently released.

The company says the thirteen-year-old plant near the Town of Beloit isn't expected to restart until July. The natural gas-fueled facility shut down in September for regular maintenance. Alliant spokesman Scott Reigstad says the generating station wouldn't restart properly when the utility tried to restart it in November. When operating, the plant produces enough electricity to power 450,000 homes.

SOME INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS CRITICAL OF ELECTRIC RATES

A group of southeast Wisconsin businesses that includes MillerCoors has launched an organization to seek lower electric rates and has retained a Milwaukee consultant who has been criticized by the state Public Service Commission Chair for making "unfounded" criticisms about the commission's commitment to ensuring reasonable electric prices. The new group is called the Initiative for Competitive Energy (ICE). Besides MillerCoors, it includes Milwaukee-area commercial real estate firms Neumann Properties and Westbrook Management, an arm of Burke Properties. The other member of the new organization is Neenah Foundry.

The organization has retained the owners of Milwaukee consultancy Titus Energy, which consists of Dan Eastman and Steve Vock. Eastman was a member of the Public Service Commission in the 1990s, appointed by then-Governor Tommy Thompson, and is now serving as Executive Director of ICE.

Eastman, an attorney, and Vock, have criticized the PSC for failing to block rate increases sought by various Wisconsin public utility companies. They have pointed out that industrial electric rates in Wisconsin were lower than the Midwest average in the early 2000's, but since 2009 have increased at a greater rate than other states.

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WISCONSIN COMMUNITIES SCORE 355 TREES THROUGH ATC, BUCKS PARTNERSHIP

The Milwaukee Bucks welcomed American Transmission Company to center court during its last regular season game. The company is donating 355 trees to Wisconsin communities as part of a partnership called Trees for Threes with the Milwaukee Bucks. The Trees for Threes program sponsors the planting of a new tree in Wisconsin for each three-point shot the Bucks made at the BMO Harris Bradley Center this season. That total was 355 after the Bucks' last regular season game. The team far surpassed its three-point tally from last season, which was 220 three-pointers made at home.

ALLIANT ENERGY DECLARES COMMON STOCK DIVIDEND

Alliant Energy Corporation has announced that quarterly dividends on common stock have been declared by the Board of Directors. The quarterly common stock dividend is \$0.315 per share payable on May 15, 2017, to shareowners of record on close of business April 28, 2017. Dividends on common stock have been paid for 286 consecutive quarters since 1946.

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XCEL ENERGY COMPLETES TEST OF TREGO DAM FAILURE WARNINGS

In early April, residents below Xcel Energy's Trego Hydroelectric Project, about eight miles north of Spooner, heard a distinctive siren and voice message. Xcel Energy, in coordination with Washburn County Emergency Management, the National Park Service and local townships, tested the company's dam failure warning sirens. The test lasted approximately 90 seconds. If there had been a failure at Xcel Energy's Trego hydro dam that caused water to rise rapidly, the sirens would be used to quickly and safely alert people who are downstream of the dam to move to higher ground. Because the Namekagon River is part of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway managed by the National Park Service, Xcel Energy worked closely with the Park Service during the installation of the warning sirens and coordination of the testing schedule.



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