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Dairyland Power leads WI utilities in renewables

LA CROSSE, WI— Dairyland Power has been identified as having made the most progress in meeting the Wisconsin Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) among utilities in the state, according to a report prepared for and accepted by the Public Service Commission (PSC).

The PSC's 2012 RPS Compliance Report tracks utility compliance and action towards Wisconsin's RPS. Each Wisconsin electric provider's RPS in 2015 is 6 percent above the average renewable percentage for the years 2001-2003. The RPS requires Dairyland to source 8.44 percent of its total member retail load from renewable forms of energy by 2015.

In 2012, almost 12.5 percent of Dairyland's total Class A member sales came from renewable energy resources, which will help Dairyland meet current and potential future renewable requirements in all the states we serve. Dairyland owns or purchases a variety of renewable generation including hydroelectric, wind, landfill gas, biomass, animal waste and solar.

“We are proud of our leading position, as it clearly demonstrates Dairyland's commitment to evaluate and use renewable energy resources to serve our members' needs. Dairyland is well positioned to satisfy the current RPS and any future requirements while maintaining a reliable, cost-effective supply of energy for the cooperative membership,” said John Carr, Vice President, Strategic Planning.

With headquarters in La Crosse, Wis., Dairyland provides wholesale electricity to 25 member distribution cooperatives and 16 municipal utilities. A Touchstone Energy Cooperative, Dairyland's service area encompasses 62 counties in four states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois). Dairyland's generation resources include coal, natural gas, hydro, wind, biomass, landfill gas and animal waste. For more information, please visit www.dairynet.com. Dairyland is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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