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Dear Neighbor,

We'd like to provide you with an update since our last letter in July and also let you know how our system performed during the extreme weather conditions last week.

Keeping customers warm and the lights on

Although there were isolated outages and system constraints, overall our system performed incredibly well and new record peaks were set for natural gas use.

Our power generating facilities faced some challenges due to natural gas pipeline constraints, wind turbine operating limits (they must stop operating at -22 degrees), and constraints from Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), the organization that ensures reliable and least-cost delivery of electricity for our region. We met the challenges and were able to supply customer energy needs because of our diverse fuel mix and strategic planning.

We work year-round to make system improvements and ensure our customers have the energy needed during extreme weather conditions. As we reshape our generation fleet, we will continue to use a diverse fuel mix, which is imperative in providing reliable energy in our region while maintaining our commitment to the environment.

Berms, trees and the wind barrier

Last year, 200 trees were added along with berms on the northwest corner of the property. Please see the enclosed photo.

As we've mentioned before, our long-term strategy includes constructing a wind barrier to reduce wind velocity over the coal piles. We now have a design for the wind barrier to share with you.

The wind barrier will be made of green fence material and have a porous design that redirects and slows wind up to 95 percent. It will be 2,000 feet long and positioned along the coal pile closest to our neighbors to protect against winds coming out of the east, north and south. Its positioning also will reduce wind velocities to the other piles when winds are out of the east and north.

Our engineering studies show that the 100-foot-high wind barrier will not have much visibility from Haas Park because of the topography and new berm. The wind barrier will be most

visible to the public from Fishing Pier Road as visitors travel to our fishing pier. Please see the enclosed renderings.

We are working with the City of Oak Creek to obtain the necessary permits. We anticipate starting construction this spring with completion by early fall.

We understand that as our neighbor, you may have questions about the wind barrier. We invite you to stop by the Oak Creek Community Center, 8580 S. Howell Ave., on Wednesday, Feb. 27, anytime between 3 and 7 p.m. to learn more.

Environmental

Results from the air monitor that began operation last summer show that the site continues to meet the Environmental Protection Agency's ambient air quality standards. Data from the monitor is publicly available through our website – as is the data from the air monitor operating south of the site.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) is reviewing the proposed reissuance of our Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit. This permit sets limits for the site's discharge cooling water and treated wastewater. The WDNR will conduct a public hearing on Monday, Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. at the Oak Creek Community Center. Written comments may be submitted to the WDNR through Feb. 18.

We will continue to keep you updated. If you have any questions or concerns about our operations at the Oak Creek site, please call us at 877-380-0522 during normal business hours or our 24-hour customer care line at 800-242-9137.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Stiff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pat Stiff
Vice President



This photo rendering shows what we expect to see from Haas Park once the wind barrier is complete. Also, the constructed berm and planted trees completed in 2018 are seen in this photo.



This photo rendering shows what we expect to see looking south from Fishing Pier Road.