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### **Dairyland is Indefinitely Suspending Operations at Two Alma Units**

LA CROSSE, WI— Dairyland Power Cooperative is implementing plans to indefinitely suspend operations at the coal-fired Alma Station (units 4 and 5) by early 2015. The Alma Station is located in Alma, Wis.

“Dairyland is making every effort to minimize impacts on our employees,” said Bill Berg, President and CEO. “We are offering eligible employees an early retirement program and have held several other recent positions open following retirements which will give some employees the opportunity to move into other vacant positions within our cooperative.”

Many factors are considered when making important business decisions regarding the continued operation of a generation facility. “These include age of the facility, system capacity requirements, regulatory requirements, projected maintenance needs and costs, fuel supply, overall cost of power production and regional market prices for energy,” said Berg. “This decision also aligns with Dairyland’s generation resource plans that include the diversification of its resource mix, including the continued addition of renewable resources.”

The Alma Station units #4 and #5 have a combined nameplate capacity of 136 MW. They were brought online in 1957 and 1960, respectively. (The first three units of the Alma Station ceased operations on Dec. 31, 2011.)

Headquartered 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. Please visit [www.dairynet.com](http://www.dairynet.com) for more information. Dairyland is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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