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Dairyland leads in progress on WI Renewable Portfolio Standard

LA CROSSE, WI— Dairyland Power Cooperative has been identified as having made the most progress in meeting its 2015 Wisconsin Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) among utilities in the state, according to a report recently prepared for and accepted by the Public Service Commission (PSC). Dairyland topped the list of Wisconsin electric providers by meeting 165 percent of its 2015 RPS requirements.

The PSC's 2013 RPS Compliance Report tracks compliance and action towards each Wisconsin electric provider's RPS requirement. Each Wisconsin electric provider's RPS in 2015 is 6 percentage points above the average renewable percentage for the years 2001-2003. The RPS requires Dairyland to source 8.44 percent of our total retail load from renewable forms of energy by 2015.

In 2013, 13.93 percent of Dairyland's total sales for resale in Wisconsin (member cooperatives and municipals) came from renewable energy resources. Dairyland owns or purchases a variety of renewable generation including hydroelectric, solar, wind, landfill gas, biomass and animal waste. Renewable generation owned by Dairyland or under contract will be used to meet current and potential future renewable requirements in all the states it serves.

"Dairyland's commitment to thoughtful, strategic power supply planning includes a variety of renewable resources as demonstrated by our leading position. Dairyland is well positioned to satisfy the renewable 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 17 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, solar, 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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