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**Mr. Richard Abdo, President
Wisconsin Energy
231 West Michigan Street
Milwaukee, WI 53290-0001**

Dear Mr. Abdo:

Wisconsin Energy's plan to refurbish power plants in Wisconsin is one of great ingenuity. The improvements made on these facilities throughout the state will surely have a great impact on improving Wisconsin's energy needs.

The recent decision by the Public Service Commission to allow WEPCO to proceed with their ambitious plans moves your company one step closer to a more energy efficient Wisconsin. As you move forward, please bear in mind the importance of maintaining a diverse work force during the construction phases of this project. It is of great importance to the future of our region that your firm makes a commitment to minority participation from start to finish.

As you know, recent public and quasi-public construction projects in the area have achieved a level of minority participation of 25 percent. This type of substantial commitment to the minority community is one that we urge you to make during construction of your new power plants as well.

As you proceed with your plans to advance energy efficiency in Wisconsin, please keep in mind that a commitment to minority hiring will benefit not only the minority community, but also every consumer who desires reliable energy service.

We would be honored if you would accept our invitation to appear before the Common Council's Economic Development Committee and discuss Wisconsin Energy's plans for the Oak Creek and Port Washington power facilities.



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By working with the resources that we have here at the City of Milwaukee, we believe that together we will be able to create a model for minority participation in future projects.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL S. D'AMATO
Alderman, 3rd District

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