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PSC Commissioner Meyer Celebrates Earth Day by Presenting the City of Antigo with Excellence in Energy Efficiency Award

ANTIGO, Wis. - In celebration of Earth Day, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) Commissioner Mark Meyer presented the City of Antigo with the state's Award for Excellence in Energy Efficiency. The award is in recognition of Antigo's implementation of numerous energy efficiency and environmentally friendly projects throughout the city.

Over the past several years, the city of Antigo has worked with Focus on Energy, Wisconsin's energy efficiency and renewable energy initiative, to find ways to improve the operation and efficiency of government facilities and public areas. Making such improvements reduces the city's energy consumption, improves the economy and creates a healthier environment. With these benefits in mind, city officials began the process of working with Focus to determine areas of opportunity to improve efficiency.

"Antigo has proven to be a shining example of a city that is committed to energy efficiency and the environment," said Commissioner Mark Meyer. "They have evaluated their existing operations and made every effort to identify areas of opportunity and act on them. We hope other cities and villages throughout Wisconsin will follow their lead."

Most recently, Antigo has worked with Focus on Energy to install energy efficiency modifications at the Springbrook Wastewater Treatment Facility. With the help of more than \$50,000 in financial incentives from Focus and Wisconsin Public Service, the city installed a flexible membrane fine bubble aeration system in the aerobic digester at Springbrook. This upgrade is expected to save about 350,000 kilowatt-hours and reduce demand by an estimated 40 kilowatts. In addition, the city worked with Focus to install variable speed drive applications on two of its wells, which will reduce each well's energy consumption by one-third.

The City of Antigo has also looked beyond water treatment and wastewater facilities for projects that will reduce consumption. Countless hours have been spent implementing projects such as: lighting upgrades throughout city buildings, upgrading traffic and holiday lights with light emitting diodes because they use up to 99 percent less energy, heating upgrades at city hall and the fire department, as well as countless projects throughout the school district.

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