

June 11, 2007

To: Natural Resources Board Members  
DNR Secretary Scott Hassett

The undersigned utilities respectfully submit the enclosed Utilities' Response to the "Citizens' Petition for the Revision and Adoption of Rules to Govern the Release of Mercury Emissions to the Air" submitted to the Natural Resources Board and the Department of Natural Resources on January 22, 2007. To inform the discussion of the appropriate course of action for Wisconsin, the utilities have prepared this Response to the Citizens' Petition to:

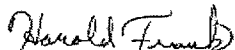
- present information about the Wisconsin electricity generating fleet;
- discuss the interaction of the applicable federal air quality regulations (the Clean Air Mercury Rule and the Clean Air Interstate Rule) and the anticipated emission reductions they will achieve in Wisconsin;
- discuss the status of mercury control technologies, their applicability and costs to Wisconsin's coal-fired power plants;
- provide more information about the status of mercury regulations in surrounding states; and
- provide a summary of the science which supports US EPA's assessment that minimal changes in mercury loading to Wisconsin's environment would likely result from more aggressive mercury regulations in Wisconsin.

At the Board's direction, the Department has proposed draft rules for public comment. Under separate cover, the individual utilities will be submitting comments on those proposed rules.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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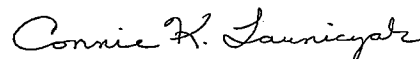
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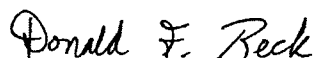
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