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July 10th is Lineworker Appreciation Day #Thank ALineworker

Madison, WI – July 10, 2019 - Governor Tony Evers has proclaimed July 10th as <u>Lineworker Appreciation Day in Wisconsin</u> to coincide with National Lineworker Appreciation Day.

While it may take a weather-related power outage to remind people of their dependence on electricity and the importance of lineworkers, each and every day lineworkers are building, strengthening and maintaining Wisconsin's electrical infrastructure to keep the Badger State's electric grid reliable and safe.

Fair Rates for Wisconsin's Dairyland (FRWD) joins utilities across Wisconsin and the nation to honor the highly-trained men and women who work in dangerous and difficult conditions to provide reliable and safe power to customers.

"Whether it was during the Arctic cold of the January Polar Vortex or the hot and humid aftermath of severe thunderstorms in June, Wisconsin's lineworkers are among our first responders," stated Kathi Kilgore, Executive Director of FRWD. "Today, we salute these individuals who risk their lives day and night to keep electricity flowing to our homes and businesses."

The lineworker profession requires exceptional skill, knowledge, passion and dedication. Electric utilities work closely with organized labor to offer training, continuing education, and apprenticeship opportunities.

About Fair Rates for Wisconsin's Dairyland (FRWD)

Fair Rates for Wisconsin's Dairyland (FRWD) brings together representatives of organized labor with large and small energy providers and consumers to promote the significant value that the state's electric system delivers. The organization also champions equitable funding and leads the discussion on integrating distributed generation into Wisconsin's electric infrastructure system. For more information about FRWD, please visit www.fairwisconsinrates.com, call (608) 721-3247 or follow the organization on Facebook or Twitter.

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