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MMWEC general manager accepts position with California utility

LUDLOW, Mass. – January 17, 2008 – MMWEC General Manager Glenn O. Steiger yesterday informed MMWEC officials that he has accepted a position as director of Glendale Water & Power, a consumer-owned utility in California, effective Feb. 22. Steiger's appointment was confirmed by a vote of the Glendale City Council on Jan. 15.

The MMWEC Board of Directors will be meeting in the near future to discuss Steiger's resignation and the general manager's position.

MMWEC Chairman Michael J. Flynn announced today that Chief Operating Officer Ronald C. DeCurzio will be assuming the general manager's responsibilities during the interim period. Flynn said that MMWEC will take whatever actions are appropriate to ensure a smooth management transition.

"As MMWEC's Chief Operating Officer, Ron is responsible on a daily basis for MMWEC's business affairs, and the board is confident in his ability to keep MMWEC moving forward," Flynn said.

Flynn said that progress will continue on MMWEC's various projects and initiatives, including the organization's plans to build a 280-megawatt power plant at its Stony Brook site in Ludlow. MMWEC also is pursuing ownership of the 15-megawatt Berkshire Wind project in Hancock and is working with its Member utilities to develop additional renewable, demand management and energy conservation resources.

During Steiger's two-year tenure as general manager, MMWEC has undergone a fundamental restructuring of its core services, including the risk-focused realignment of the organization's power supply services. MMWEC also has integrated the functional areas responsible for delivering core services to its Member and Project Participant utilities. The organization's core services include power supply management and planning; financial and risk management; commodity management; accounting and budgeting; and new generation services.

MMWEC, established in 1969 as the joint action agency for Massachusetts municipal utilities, became a non-profit, public corporation and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1976 through an act of the state's legislature.