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Wakefield Utility Manager, MMWEC President Named to National Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council

LUDLOW, Mass. – July 3, 2024 – Wakefield Municipal Gas and Light Department (WMGLD) General Manager Peter Dion has been named to the national Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council (ESCC).

Dion is one of four public power representatives on the Council, chosen by the American Public Power Association. Other Council members represent the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). He was appointed to a three-year term.

The ESCC serves as the principal liaison between the federal government and the electric power industry on efforts to prepare for, and respond to, national-level disasters or threats to critical infrastructure. The ESCC works across the sector, and with the Electricity Information Sharing and Analysis Center (E-ISAC) to develop actions and strategies that help protect the North American energy grid and prevent a spectrum of threats from disrupting service. The Council includes CEOs and executives from electric companies, public power utilities, and rural cooperatives, as well as their trade association leaders, representing all segments of the industry.

Through the ESCC, the industry works closely with government, including senior administration officials from the White House, cabinet agencies such as the Department of Energy, federal law enforcement and national security organizations.

“I look forward to serving on the ESCC with my public power colleagues while we work to solve some of the biggest challenges in our industry,” Dion said. “As we move to electrify and decarbonize our grid, utilities across the country are facing threats to reliability and long-term grid resilience such as extreme weather and cyber incidents.”

Dion has been general manager at WMGLD for 17 years. He has served as the President of the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC), the Commonwealth’s designated joint action agency for municipal utilities, since 2009.

WMGLD, established in 1894, serves over 13,000 electric and gas customers in the Wakefield, Mass., community.

MMWEC is a not-for-profit, public corporation and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts created by an Act of the General Court in 1975 and authorized to issue tax-exempt debt to finance a wide range of energy facilities. MMWEC provides a variety of power supply, financial, risk management and other services to the state’s consumer-owned, municipal utilities. It is the largest provider of asset-owned generation for municipal light departments in New England.

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