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Oak Creek City Council Unanimously Approves Conditional Use Permit for Proposed Expansion

Oak Creek - The Oak Creek City Council on Tuesday night approved We Energies' Conditional Use Permit (CUP) governing issues related to the construction and operation of the three new proposed units at the current plant site.

The main provisions of the document include:

- Construction of earthen berms to help alleviate noise and dust;
- Established construction hours;
- Traffic procedures for both construction and operations;
- Established noise limits.

"We Energies and Oak Creek have been good neighbors for many years, and we want to continue this positive relationship," Larry Salustro, Vice President for We Energies said. "That's why We Energies and the City agreed to work cooperatively through the Conditional Use Permit process as part of the agreement we signed in March."

"Throughout this process, We Energies and the City of Oak Creek worked together to help minimize the impact on the surrounding community as a result of this large construction project," Salustro said. "We appreciate the hard work that the City of Oak Creek staff put into the agreement and the opportunities that were presented to the community for public comment. We are gratified that the Oak Creek City Council recognized the positive efforts that went into this agreement with their unanimous approval."

The vote by the Oak Creek City Council on the CUP Tuesday night was unanimous, 6-0. The City now plans to submit the details of the CUP to the Public Service Commission (PSC) in their testimony in support of the upcoming technical hearings in August.

"We Energies is pleased that we were able to work with the City of Oak Creek to come to this mutual agreement," Salustro said. "This represents another significant step in moving We Energies' Power the Future plan forward."

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The expansion at Oak Creek is part of We Energies' Power the Future plan to meet the state's growing energy needs with improved environmental performance and reasonably priced electricity. The \$7 billion plan proposes investments in additional power generation, improvements to existing power plants and distribution system upgrades, building more renewable energy generation and improving Wisconsin's energy independence.

The plan is subject to a continued review and regulatory process with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. The commission is expected to deliver its decision on the proposed expansion in November of this year.

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