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**ALLIANCE FOR POWER AND JOBS  
APPLAUDS THE CITY OF OAK CREEK**

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**Labor and Business Leaders support City's tentative agreement  
with We Energies**

**Racine** – The Alliance for Power and Jobs, made up of business and labor leaders from Southeastern Wisconsin, publicly recognizes and supports the City of Oak Creek's announcement of a tentative agreement with We Energies regarding Power the Future, the company's plan to provide Wisconsin with the energy it needs for the future.

Both parties reached the agreement, which calls for a reduction of power plant emissions and economic development assistance for the City of Oak Creek, after months of negotiations.

"The Alliance for Power and Jobs applauds the City of Oak Creek for recognizing the needs of citizens and business owners in Southeastern Wisconsin and keeping them at the forefront of their decision to come to this agreement," said Marc De Jarlais, co-founder of the Alliance for Power and Jobs and president of the Racine County Labor Council.

The tentative plan, which will be voted on by the Oak Creek city council tomorrow, states that We Energies will reduce emissions from the plant to 2000 levels, build two air quality monitoring stations and help the city of Oak Creek plan and redevelop brownfield sites.

"In addition to the economic development assistance to be provided by the utility as part of the agreement, the economic impact and jobs created by the Power the Future project will have a positive impact on Oak Creek and the greater Southeastern Wisconsin community," said De Jarlais.

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The tentative agreement reached by We Energies and the City of Oak Creek is an essential first step in creating a sound energy policy for the state of Wisconsin. The Alliance for Power and Jobs urges the Oak Creek city council and ultimately the PSC to approve the Power the Future plan.

Power the Future will reduce our state's dependence on foreign sources of fuel by using clean-coal technology to produce reliable and affordable electricity for Wisconsin's homes and businesses.

Power the Future is Wisconsin Energy's plan to ensure ready, reliable power to satisfy Wisconsin's energy needs. The plan consists of two natural gas-based units in Port Washington and three units in Oak Creek that will generate 2,800 new megawatts of power. The Alliance for Power and Jobs firmly supports this plan that will address Wisconsin's growing energy needs. This balanced approach will keep Wisconsin's energy costs affordable, while reducing net emissions by 50 percent to improve the environment. It will also create 1,200 family-sustaining jobs in a community plagued with the state's highest unemployment rate.

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