

# Currents & Waves

Fall 2020



## Wholesale Power Rate Reductions

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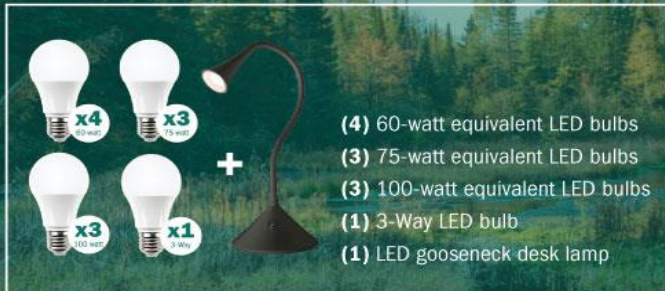
WW&LC is a founding member of Great Lakes Utilities (GLU), which is a joint action agency company created to deliver power supply services to its members. GLU was developed to enable member communities to bulk their power supply needs together, in order to secure better pricing in wholesale power markets. The following communities are members of GLU: Bangor, Clintonville, Cornell, Escanaba, Kiel, Manitowoc, Marshfield, Medford, Shawano, Stratford, Trempealeau, and Wisconsin Rapids.

As the General Manager of WW&LC, I have served as the GLU Chair of the Board for the past eight years. WW&LC has worked very diligently with GLU over the last 12 years on power supply related business practices to restructure their power supply portfolio and contracts. These changes have enabled GLU to take advantage of mid-term and short term power supply markets through bi-lateral contracts with suppliers. The restructured power supply contracts have significantly reduced GLU's power supply expenses to its member's communities, which has allowed them to reduce wholesale power rates over the past seven years. The wholesale rate reductions flowed directly to you through the power cost adjustment on your utility bill, saving the average residential customer approximately \$286 over the past six years. The total power supply savings to our customers has been over \$7.5 million dollars. Below is a table showing the wholesale power rate decreases authorized by the GLU Board of Directors.

Date	Rate Change
January 2013	3.6% decrease
January 2015	3% increase*
September 2016	5% decrease
August 2018	4.5% decrease
September 2019	4% decrease
3.5% decrease	3.5% decrease

\*The January 2015 increase was due to the increased energy prices during the polar vortex in early 2014.

Water Works & Lighting Commission is offering our customers one of the favorite promotions presented at the 2019 Public Power Week open house event last fall. Considering the severity of the pandemic that has hit our country, we have decided to cancel our annual open house event this year. As a substitute and to promote Focus on Energy, our State Wide Energy Efficiency Program, we encourage all of our customers to take advantage of the kits you see below.



## FOCUS ON ENERGY LIMITED TIME OFFER!

Water Works & Lighting Commission has partnered with Focus on Energy to bring our customers a limited time offer. For the month of October, customers of WWLC can visit [focusonenergymarketplace.com/wwlc](http://focusonenergymarketplace.com/wwlc) to purchase up to two bundles of energy efficient products. Or you may call **888.925.7009** to place an order. Each bundle costs \$10.00 plus tax. Shipping is free!



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## Home Energy Tips for Fall

- ✓ Get your furnace checked to be sure it is in tip-top condition.
- ✓ Change your return filters.
- ✓ Open curtains and blinds during the day to heat your home and close them at night to retain the heat.
- ✓ Drain and winterize outdoor faucets and irrigation systems.
- ✓ Seal gaps and cracks around windows and doors.
- ✓ Check fireplaces for soot or creosol build-up.

### NEW WEBSITE!!

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