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VanderMeer and Testin Support Local Electric Co-ops via Superior Project

Madison – Today Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) and State Senator Patrick Testin (R-Stevens Point), sent a letter of support to the state’s Public Service Commission to show their support for the proposed Nemadji Trail Energy Center in Superior, Wisconsin.

The project will be an important generation resource for Dairyland Power Cooperative and Minnesota Power/ALLETE (South Shore Energy, LLC) and will help support the expansion of renewable energy, reduce dependency on higher emitting facilities, and provide much needed economic investment in Northwest Wisconsin. Dairyland Power serves as a wholesale energy provider to local cooperatives, such as Jackson Electric Cooperative, Oakdale Electric Cooperative, and Vernon Electric Cooperative, who provide service to several residents of Monroe, Jackson and Wood Counties.

Representative VanderMeer released the following statement:

“Jackson Electric, Oakdale Electric, and Vernon Electric Cooperatives routinely provide essential services to our local communities. Outside of the service aspect, our local cooperatives are job providers whose philanthropic and community building efforts are visibly interwoven into the fabric our local cities, villages and towns. This project will provide a benefit to our local co-ops, and as a result will positively impact their members/customers and our local communities.

“Of note, numerous opportunities for public input have been provided and community outreach has taken place in the Superior area where the project would take place. I think that’s important. In addition, it’s encouraging that the proposed project will allow for increasing renewable energy initiatives into the grid and will have minimal direct environmental impact.”

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The 70th Assembly District includes portions of Monroe, Jackson, Portage and Wood counties.