

Statement by the League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County**Milwaukee County CEED meeting May 18, 2026****Candice Owley, Vice President of LWVMC**

The League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County continues its support of Milwaukee County's efforts to bring its operations to net zero carbon emissions by 2050. The League supports the substitute resolution before you today and finds File No. 26-419 reassuring. It promises serious, coordinated local efforts to prevent an impending climate crisis and ensures no person or group ... suffer legal, economic, or administrative discrimination.

Our member-adopted League positions support multiple aspects of the Resolution including the following.

- Accountability – Several provisions of this Resolution point to Wisconsin's Public Service Commission (PSC) responsibility to be accountable to ratepayers: residents, businesses and local governments. Accountability itself depends on full transparency of all applications that come before the PSC.
- Transparency - As it "ensures safe, reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible utility services...", Wisconsin's Public Service Commission is responsible to Wisconsin ratepayers for assuring transparency of its processes and decisions. We find this provision of File 419 with its resolve that review of proposed rate increases are thorough, critical, and detailed so local stakeholders are informed. Transparent, reliable data are necessary for energy planning, affordable rates and for wise investment in climate resilient infrastructure.
- Cooperation among units of government – The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors strong encouragement that all 19 municipalities within Milwaukee County act similarly is consistent with the necessity for a holistic approach to addressing regional energy planning and consumer energy rates. An all-municipalities approach, all-regions, all-states and all-nations approach is necessary to stabilize Earth's climate and meet our local climate goals.

Thank you for this opportunity to support the County Board's climate, infrastructure and energy planning.