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NEWS

Superior Water, Light and Power returns to normal operations after evacuation, critical infrastructure not affected

Superior, Wisconsin – Superior Water, Light and Power (SWL&P) employees have returned to the Underhill Service Center in Superior today and the company's operations have returned to normal after the Husky Energy refinery fire evacuation order was lifted.

The company's primary consideration during the evacuation was the safety of employees, customers, residents and emergency responders. SWL&P relocated critical personnel to Minnesota Power facilities and worked closely with emergency management officials to continue safe delivery of electric, water and natural gas service to customers during the Husky refinery situation.

"Our employees never lost their focus on safely serving our customers despite working remotely during a stressful time for everyone in Superior," said Deb Amberg, president of SWL&P. "I'm proud of how they stepped up during this emergency, and thank our partners at Minnesota Power for their support and quickly arranging the space and infrastructure for us to continue to serve our customers. Our thoughts continue to be with the people injured in the event, and also with Husky Energy as the recovery begins."

SWL&P also coordinated with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to monitor and ensure the safety and quality of SWL&P's drinking water, work that occurs as part of normal operations. SWL&P's water quality was not affected and the water is safe for all customers to use, and there is no longer a need for customers to conserve water.

Initial assessments indicate no damage to SWL&P's water and natural gas infrastructure during the incident. Minor damage to the electric system near the Husky refinery has been repaired. SWL&P is working with Husky Energy and Enbridge Energy to ensure they have the electric, water and natural gas services needed in the aftermath of the refinery situation.

Superior Water, Light and Power provides electricity, water and natural gas in the city of Superior and adjacent areas in northwestern Wisconsin. The company has served the area since 1889 and provides services to approximately 14,000 electric customers, 12,000 natural gas customers and 10,000 water customers. More information can be found at www.swlp.com.

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